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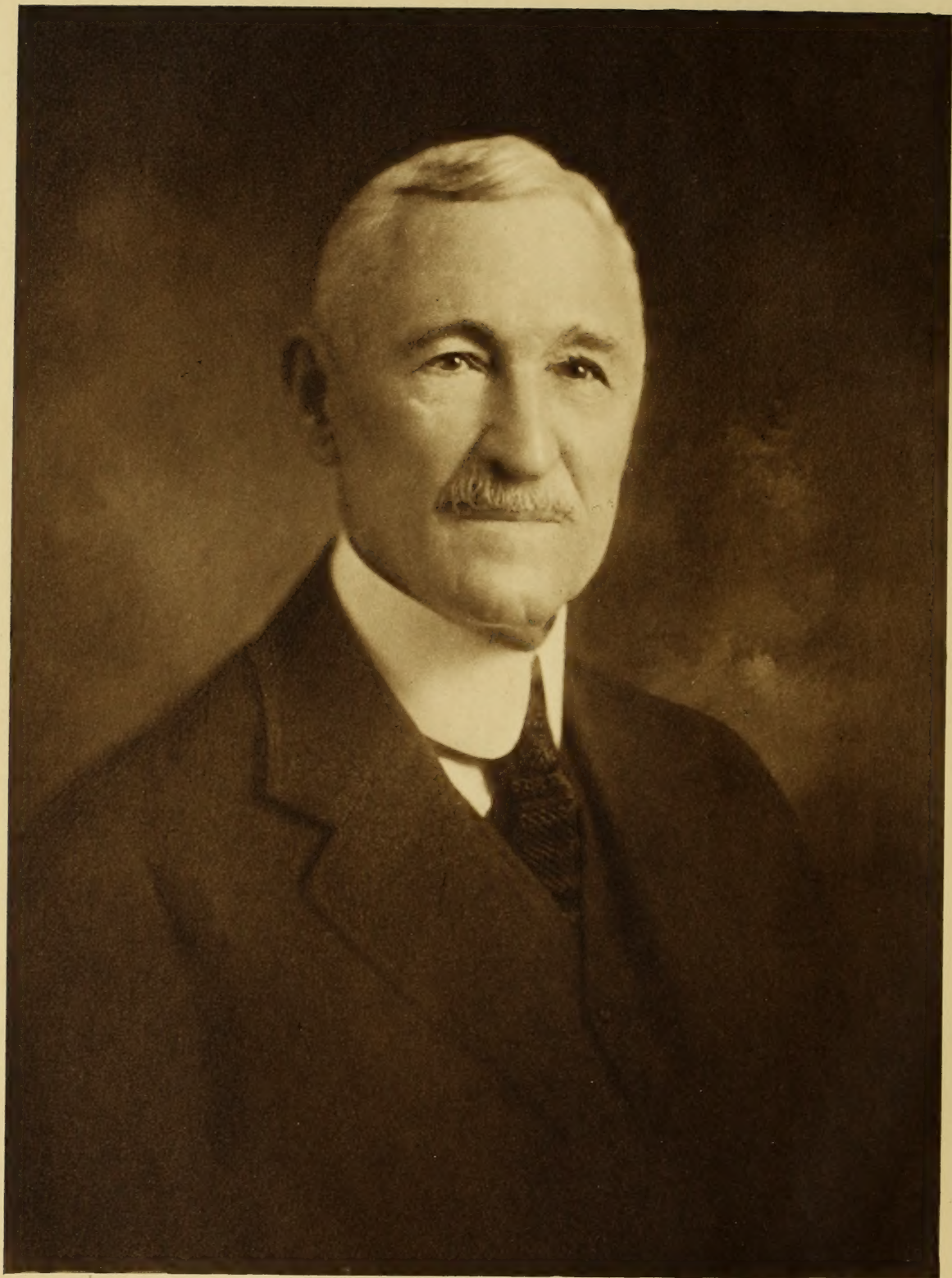
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Attractions and People*

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# ENCYCLOPEDIA OF BIOGRAPHY

**GOVERNOR JOHN ELIAKIM WEEKS**—The first man in seventy-five years to be elected for two consecutive terms as Governor of Vermont, John Eliakim Weeks has efficiently managed the governmental machinery of the State since 1926, but for many years he has been prominent in public affairs and he has held numerous offices of honor and trust. Himself a farmer, banker, and business man, Governor Weeks is intimately acquainted with the varied aspects of the State's economic and social life, while long periods of service in connection with a number of Vermont's public institutions give him the understanding, only to be derived from dealing first hand with the problems involved, of the work assigned to his subordinates. It is not to be wondered at that a man with such comprehensive experience should be able to discharge the duties of Governor with intelligence and efficiency.

Governor Weeks is of an old New England family and represents the fourth generation to live at Salisbury, whence he removed in 1896 to Middlebury where he still makes his home. The immigrating ancestor, Joseph Weeks, came from England. His son, Ebenezer Weeks, became the father of Holland Weeks who, born in Pomfret, Connecticut, in 1744, was a pioneer settler of Salisbury. His son, Eliakim, was a mechanic who did considerable work as a joiner, but his chief occupation was farming. After buying and selling several farms, he came into possession of a tract of about three hundred acres in Salisbury village on which was a dilapidated sawmill. He rebuilt and operated the mill to his profit and erected a large home in the village. The eighth of his twelve children was Ebenezer Holland Weeks, born September 14, 1812, farmer throughout his life who owned a large tract of valuable land. Prominent in village affairs, he served as town clerk for twenty-five years, was a selectman and lister and for two terms represented his town in the State Legislature. He was made an associate judge of the Addison County courts. He married Elizabeth Dyer, daughter of Gideon Dyer of Leicester, Addison County, and they became the parents of eight children, among them the subject of this sketch.

Born June 14, 1854, at Salisbury, John E. Weeks received his elementary education there, studying later at the Middlebury High School. He was chiefly engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1898. However, for many years before he ceased active connection with farming, Governor Weeks had become a significant figure in affairs of State as well as in local public activities, and had attained success in a variety of business connections. Since 1872 he has been identified with banking, and is now president of the Addison County Trust Company and the Columbus Smith Trust Company, while he is among the directors of the Brandon National Bank and the National Bank of Middlebury. For many years he devoted much of his time to the settlement of estates, an activity in which his father also was well known. In 1892 he embarked in the business of pressing and shipping hay, and the firm of Thomas and Weeks became recognized as a leader in its line.

In public life Governor Weeks' connections have been so many as to make enumeration difficult. He served in all the usual town offices in his earlier years and in 1888 was elected on the Republican ticket to represent his town in the State Legislature. He was again in the House in 1912, being made its Speaker in 1915, while

he had served a term as State Senator in 1896. During his first term in the Legislature he served as a member of the committee on manufacturing, and in the Senate was on the committee on railroads and claims. From 1892 to 1894 he served as associate judge of the Addison County courts. For twenty-eight years he served as a member of the State Institutions Commission for Public Welfare and from 1906 to 1917 he was chairman of the State Penal Board. He was made director of State Institutions March 31, 1917, an office in which he continued until February 20, 1923, when he was appointed Commissioner of Public Welfare. He resigned this place July 15, 1926, upon his decision to enter the gubernatorial race. Elected that year, Governor Weeks vindicated himself so well in office that he was returned by the electorate in 1928. Governor Weeks has been a trustee of Middlebury College for the past fifteen years and, not to be deterred from community duties by his activities of larger scope, serves as president of the Middlebury Grammar School Board. He belongs to the Middlebury Rotary Club and is a Mason with membership in the Knights Templar.

Governor Weeks married, on October 14, 1879, Hattie J. Dyer, daughter of Frank L. Dyer, for many years a prominent farmer of Salisbury.

**FRANK L. SMALL**—As mayor of Barre during the terrible floods in Vermont, in 1927, Frank L. Small demonstrated his remarkable ability in time of emergency and was responsible for the heroic measures taken to save the lives and property of this vicinity. Mr. Small, who served as this city's chief executive for two years, is one of the leading factors in the granite industry of Vermont as manager of the firm of Smith, Whitcomb and Cook Company, manufacturers of granite-working machinery. He is a leader in the public affairs of this community and in fraternal circles has achieved a place of distinction through the many honored posts he now holds or has previously filled.

Mr. Small was born in Vinal Haven, Maine, September 1, 1873, son of Gilbert and Clara E. (Ludwig) Small, both of whom were born in Maine and came of old, prominent families in that State. Gilbert Small was occupied for many years in the tool sharpening business.

Frank L. Small was educated in the public and high schools of Vinal Haven, Maine, and came to Barre with his family in 1889, at which time he entered Goddard Seminary. Completing his formal education, he then learned the trade of stone-cutting and was active in this line of endeavor for six years. He next entered the world of commerce and accepted a position with Israel Wood, being connected with the mercantile business for four years, after which he resigned to become bookkeeper for Smith, Whitcomb and Cook Company. In this organization, in which he is still active, Mr. Small proceeded to familiarize himself with all the details of the plant, and was later enabled to be half owner of the concern, in partnership with Frank F. Cave. Together they operated the business for ten years with steadily increasing success until they sold out the entire enterprise to the Granite Manufacturers. At the present time, the president of the company is Fred A. Gearson; treasurer, George Straiton, and Mr. Small is assistant treasurer and manager. At the time of dispos-



ing of the concern in 1920, Mr. Small agreed to remain with the new owners as manager for five months, but he has proved to be such a vital factor to the efficient operation of the plant that he has never been able to retire, and still continues to direct the activities of the organization, which under his supervision, has greatly increased its capacity and production. In civic matters Mr. Small has been extremely prominent, being a stalwart member of the Republican party, and alderman for two years. During the disastrous floods which imperiled Vermont, he was mayor of this city, and accomplished wonders in the way of flood relief and rehabilitation of the devastated regions.

His fraternal affiliations are with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree, having joined both the Scottish and York rites, and been through all the chairs in Granite Lodge, No. 35, Free and Accepted Masons. He has also been through the chairs of Granite Chapter, No. 26, Royal Arch Masons, and through the chairs of St. Aldemar Commandery, No. 11, Knights Templar, in which organization he is Past Grand Commander of the State of Vermont. Mr. Small is also past president of the Vincitia Club. His religious adherence is given to the Congregational Church. His hobby is fishing, and he is a great lover of the outdoors.

**WILLIAM H. DYER**—As State Commissioner of Public Welfare, William H. Dyer performs an important service in the life and affairs of Vermont, his native State, where for many years he has held a position of leadership and esteem in his relationships with his fellowmen. There is almost no phase of the life of his State in which he is not interested and active, with the result that he has a host of friends and acquaintances in Montpelier, Salisbury and all the communities in which he has lived and worked.

Mr. Dyer was born in Salisbury, Vermont, August 15, 1871, son of John M. and Sarah E. (Curtis) Dyer, both natives of Vermont. His father, born in Clarendon, Vermont, removed later to Salisbury, settling there at the age of six years and remaining there for the rest of his life; he was a farmer and stock dealer, operating on a large scale, and also dealt in real estate to a considerable extent. William H. Dyer, the son, of whom this is a record, received his early education in the common schools, and subsequently attended Beeman Academy, at New Haven, Vermont. He worked on the family farm until 1900, when he removed to Middletown Springs, and there he conducted for sixteen years a general mercantile business. At the end of that time he returned to Salisbury, where he became engaged in the mercantile business with his brother, Frank C. Dyer, under the firm name of F. C. Dyer Company, Inc., which still continues. Mr. Dyer was then appointed by Governor Proctor to the office of State purchasing agent. That was in August, 1923. He continued in that position until, on September 28, 1926, he was appointed by Governor Billings to his present post of State commissioner of public welfare. Since that time he has had two reappointments by Governor Weeks. His period of service to his State has been a long and useful one; for, even after he assumed his present position, he continued as State purchasing agent until the appointment of a successor in 1927, filling both positions with honor and distinction. At the same time and previously he held practically every town office in both Salisbury and Middletown Springs, holding both constitutional and statute offices, although he never would accept that of lister. He was elected a selectman at the first town meeting held after he was twenty-one years old, and since that time has figured prominently in politics.

A Republican in his political views, he represented the town of Middletown in the Vermont State House of Representatives in 1904; while Rutland sent him to the State Senate in 1912 as the representative of Rutland County. In 1919, and again in 1921, he was the representative of Salisbury in the lower house of the Legislature, while in the 1921 term of that body he served as chairman of the ways and means committee, and a member of the budget committee. Mr. Dyer was also active from early life in the Free and Accepted Masons, and is now a member of the Blue Lodge, the Royal Arch Masons, the Knights Templar and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is president of the Montpelier Rotary Club, and a member of the Apollo Club. He and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Dyer married Lizzie B. Whitney, a native of Salisbury, Vermont, daughter of James W. and Emma (Wheeler) Whitney. By this marriage there were two children: Gladys E., and Marion S., who is the wife of Hugh G. Leonard, and lives at Salisbury. They are the parents of Patricia Caroline, and (twins) William Dyer and Elizabeth.

**PROCTOR**—The family of Proctor is distinguished both in its ancestry and for services to the State and Nation. It has given to the State three Governors; to the country a Colonel of Volunteers in the Civil War; a Secretary of War in the Federal Government, and a United States Senator. It has given to the marble manufacturing world an unbroken line of men of superior business ability. An account of the rise and progress of the Vermont Marble Company, which is essentially the Proctor family industry, appears elsewhere in this work.

The Proctor family, originally settled in Yorkshire, England, was established at Shawdon, in the beginning of the sixteenth century, through the marriage of William Proctor, of Nether Bordley, to Isabel, daughter of John Lilburn, of Shawdon. The family was entitled to bear arms. There is evidence to support the belief that John, Richard, George and Robert Proctor came to Massachusetts between 1636 and 1643. While it is uncertain that any of the four was related to any one of the others, there is good reason for the supposition that some, if not all, of them were brothers, or that there at least was relationship existing among them.

(1) Robert Proctor, the founder of the family of that name in America, was born probably in England, and died in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, April 28, 1697. The first record of his appearance in this country is at Concord, Massachusetts, where he was made a freeman in 1643. It is supposed that he came from England with the three other Proctors, above named. There is, however, another tradition relative to his ancestry. Under the date of July 26, 1897, Mrs. Lucretia H. Lawrence, of Leominster, Massachusetts, a daughter of Jacob Proctor, wrote as follows: "My father in his last days dwelt much upon the history of his family and events of his early life. He said his grandfather," who was Nathaniel Proctor, a great-grandson of Robert, of Concord, "told him that three brothers from a wealthy family in Scotland came to this country in a ship of their own. One of the brothers settled in or near Chelmsford. The Littleton branch descended from this brother. My father remembered visits back and forth with the Chelmsford relations." Until the arrival of additional evidence, the conflict of these traditions must remain unsettled.

Robert Proctor, in association with Richard Hildreth and twenty-seven others, petitioned the General Court, in 1653, for a grant of land six miles square "to begin at Merrimack River at a neck of land next to Concord River, and so run up Concord River south and west into the country to make up the circumference or quant-



ity of land as above expressed." The petition was granted. In 1654, Robert Proctor removed to the new plantation, which was organized, November 22, 1654, as a town under the name of Chelmsford. The first four or five of his children were born in Concord, the others in Chelmsford. His descendants resided in many of the neighbor towns, and at an early date some of them pioneered into the wilderness, north and northwest, and settled in New Hampshire, Vermont and New York, and have since scattered through the West. Letters of administration were granted to Jane Proctor, executrix, July 13, 1697. Some of the children settled in what afterwards became the West Precinct, and later the town of Westford.

Robert Proctor married, December 31, 1645, Jane Hildreth, eldest daughter of Richard Hildreth, of Concord and Chelmsford, who is the ancestor of the Hildreths of America, and who died at Chelmsford in 1688. To Robert and Jane Proctor were born twelve children, of whom was Samuel, of whom further.

(II) Samuel Proctor, tenth child of Robert and Jane (Hildreth) Proctor, was born in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, September 15, 1665, died at Townsend, Massachusetts, April 12, 1740. He was one of the petitioners for a grant of land which became known as Townsend. His wife was Sarah, whose maiden surname remains unknown, and she died January 17, 1757, and to them were born, all in Chelmsford, eleven children, of whom was Thomas, of whom further.

(III) Thomas Proctor, third child of Samuel and Sarah Proctor, was born in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, December 12, 1698, died in Proctorsville, Vermont, June 3, 1750. He married, in 1722, Hannah Barron, daughter of Isaac and Sarah Barron, who was born October 14, 1703, died September 3, 1774. They had four children, of whom was Leonard, of whom see further.

(IV) Captain Leonard Proctor, second son and third child of Thomas and Hannah (Barron) Proctor, was born in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, January 16, 1734, died in Proctorsville, Vermont, June 3, 1827. He was a member of the Westford Board of Selectmen in 1770, 1778 and 1779. He was an officer in the Revolutionary War and participated in many important battles, including Lexington, Trenton and Monmouth. He was second lieutenant in Captain Minot's company, which marched from Westford on the Lexington alarm, April 19, 1775. He was one of the committee of correspondence for 1780, and was chosen in that year as one of a committee of thirteen "to take under consideration the new form of government." In 1781 he was a "captain" and was the "head" of one of the five "classes" into which the town was divided for the purpose of procuring soldiers for service in the Continental Army. Following the close of the Revolutionary War, Captain Proctor removed to Cavendish, Vermont, where, in the virgin forest, he founded the village of Proctorsville.

Captain Leonard Proctor married (first), in 1760, Lydia Nutting, of Westford, who died November 16, 1767. He married (second), December 25, 1769, Mary Keep, daughter of Captain James Keep, and she died September 3, 1827. He was the father of twelve children, of whom two, Philip and Abel, served in the Revolutionary War. Of his tenth child, Jabez, see further.

(V) Jabez Proctor, son of Captain Leonard and Mary (Keep) Proctor, was born in Westford, Massachusetts, April 22, 1780, died in Proctorsville, Vermont, November 22, 1839. He was three years old when brought by his parents on their removal to Vermont. He married, November 26, 1817, Betsey Parker, born in Cavendish, Vermont, August 5, 1792, died in Rutland, Vermont, February 5, 1881, daughter of Isaac Parker, of Westford, Massachusetts. They had five children: 1. Harriet, born in Proctorsville, in January, 1819, married Stoddard B. Colby, late Register of the United

States Treasury, and died in the burning of the steamship "Henry Clay" in the Hudson River, July 28, 1852. 2. Arabella. 3. Lucien, died in California. 4. Arabella G. 5. Redfield, of whom further.

(VI) Colonel Redfield Proctor, second son of Jabez and Betsey (Parker) Proctor, was born in Proctorsville, Vermont, June 1, 1831, died in Washington, D. C., March 4, 1908. He attended the public schools and Derby Academy, where he prepared for college. Having graduated from Dartmouth College in the class of 1851, he received from his *alma mater* later the degree of Master of Arts. He selected the law for his profession and entered the Albany (New York) Law School, from which he was graduated in 1859. In that year he was admitted to the bar at Albany and also at Woodstock, Vermont. He took advantage of a fine opening in the office of his cousin, Judge Isaac F. Redfield, a leading railroad lawyer of Boston, and was engaged in practice in that association for some time.

The patriotic strain so pronounced in his forebears was strong within him, and when the Civil War broke upon the country, he abandoned his profession, returned to Vermont, and enlisted, in June, 1861, in the 3d Vermont Volunteers. He at once was commissioned as lieutenant and quartermaster of his regiment. These "Green Mountain Boys" of '61 were sent at once into the theater of war, but Lieutenant Proctor was soon ordered to join the staff of General "Baldy" Smith, and about one month later he was promoted to major and assigned to the newly-organized 5th Vermont Regiment. His service in the Peninsular campaign was featured with distinction for bravery and efficiency. Severe hardships and exposure impaired his health to such an extent that he resigned his commission and returned home. Early the following year, having recovered his health, he was eager to return to the front. On the organization of the 15th Vermont Regiment, he was made its colonel. "Adding military experience and aptitude to his energy, industry, power of organization and command, and strong sense, he made one of the best colonels in the service." (Colonel G. G. Benedict.)

In July, 1863, Colonel Proctor returned to his home in Proctorsville and engaged in farming pursuits. In his manners and in all his dealings with his fellows, he was exceedingly democratic. During the period that he gave his attention chiefly to agriculture, he was to be often seen wearing a blue and white striped frock reaching below his boot tops, trousers tucked in his bootlegs, whip in hand, trudging beside a pair of red and white oxen to his farm-land in another section of the village.

Subsequently, Colonel Proctor resumed the practice of law in Rutland, having as his partner, Colonel Wheelock G. Veazey. During the business depressions that in after years afflicted the country, Colonel Proctor managed with extreme difficulty to weather the storms. Natural ability and the severe discipline and training which he received on the field of battle rendered him proof against financial shipwreck, and he eventually emerged as victor and accumulated vast wealth.

In 1880 Colonel Proctor organized the Vermont Marble Company, and in 1886 Proctor became a separate town from Rutland and is today the marble center of the world.

Colonel Proctor early was called into the public service. His first office of a political nature was that of selectman of the town of Rutland. In 1867 he represented the town in the State Legislature, and served as chairman of the committee on elections in the Lower House. In 1874, he was elected to the State Senate, and was president *pro tempore* of that body. In 1876, he was elected Lieutenant-Governor of Vermont. In 1878, he was nominated by the Republicans and elected Governor. In 1888, he was recommended unanimously by the Vermont Legislature for a Cabinet position, and in March,



1889; President Harrison appointed him Secretary of War. As the holder of that portfolio he attained a reputation that was nation-wide, and his administration of the War Department was esteemed to have been one of the ablest in its history.

On the retirement of Senator George F. Edmunds from the United States Senate, in 1891 Governor Page appointed Secretary Proctor to fill the unexpired term, and on October 18, 1892, he was elected by the Vermont Legislature to fill both the unexpired term and the full term, the latter ending March 4, 1899. During the period of his incumbency as Senator, he went to Cuba to make a study of the situation there relative to the Government of the island under Spanish rule. On his return he compiled an exhaustive report of his findings, which was read before the Senate and that resulted in war against Spain being declared. He was after that returned twice to the United States Senate, and was regarded as one of the strongest and most influential members of that august body.

Colonel Redfield Proctor married, May 26, 1858, Emily J. Dutton, daughter of Hon. Salmon F. and Sarah (Barlow) Dutton. Children: 1. Arabella, born in Proctorsville, June 26, 1859, married Fred G. Holden; died March 30, 1905. 2. Fletcher Dutton, of whom further. 3. Fanny G., born May 2, 1863, died September 26, 1883. 4. Emily D., born in Rutland, November 21, 1869. 5. Redfield (2), whose biography follows.

(VII) Fletcher Dutton Proctor, elder son of Colonel Redfield and Emily J. (Dutton) Proctor, was born in Proctorsville, November 7, 1860, died in Proctor, September 27, 1911. He received his education at the Rutland Military Institute, Middlebury High School and Amherst College. It was during Fletcher D.'s earlier years that his father, Colonel Proctor, was assiduously engaged in the organization and establishment on a sound basis of the several corporations which formed the Vermont Marble Company, which under his able guidance has become the largest individual producer of marble in the world. The son had pointed out to him and wisely embraced the opportunity of becoming an associate of his father, first entering, after leaving college, not the office of the company, but its shops, where he worked as a machinist. He mastered every detail of the processes attending the quarrying, manufacture and marketing of the marble which lies in such rich abundance of superb quality in the company's holdings. In 1885, he was made superintendent of the company. In 1889, on his father's retirement from the office of president, he succeeded to the executive position, which he filled with distinction for a period of twenty-two years, or until the time of his death. His management of the vast industry, with the assistance of efficient aids, chosen by him for their individual capacities, gave the company an uninterrupted period of growth and prosperity. Before his passing the Vermont Marble Company attained the status of the largest industry of any kind in the State, and the largest of its kind in the world, having branches in many cities of the United States. With it, the communities where its activities thrive have enjoyed marked growth and prosperity also.

A latent power in Fletcher Dutton Proctor for service to his home community and the public was encouraged and developed as he was made the recipient of official gifts at the hands of his people. His first office, like that of his honored father, was that of selectman of Rutland. For a long period, from 1883 until his death, he served on the school board of his town. These and other positions were but stepping-stones to a larger service to which he was to be called. In the sessions of 1890, 1900 and 1904, of the State Legislature he was the representative of the town of Proctor, and his stature as a legislator grew meanwhile. In the session of 1892 he sat in the Upper House as Senator from Rutland County.

In the session of 1900 he presided as Speaker of the House of Representatives, where his service was notable both for its general efficiency in the dispatch of business and for his modesty of bearing also.

In 1902 he was an unsuccessful candidate before the Republican State Convention for the nomination for Governor. He entered the canvass but was urged to withdraw and did so in the interest of Hon. John G. McCullough, who was elected. In 1906 he was his party's regular candidate for Governor, but was opposed for the nomination by an independent fusion movement. A contemporary said of him in this connection: ". . . it was in this campaign that the people of Vermont really discovered Fletcher D. Proctor. Though untrained as a public speaker, Mr. Proctor in his many addresses made a most favorable impression, and was elected to the Governorship by a majority over all of 15,171, after a campaign which at the outset to many Republicans looked very discouraging."

Governor Proctor at once took steps toward the institution of the reforms he had outlined in his inaugural address, and his administration was of a most progressive and beneficial nature. During the years prior to elevation as Governor, he found time to devote to duties of a most varied character. He served three years in Company A, Vermont National Guard, and rose to the rank of first lieutenant by appointment of Governor Ebenezer J. Ormsbee. In 1886-88, he was secretary of Civil and Military Affairs. In 1883, he was elected colonel of the Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans. He was president of the Vermont Forestry Association, a director of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, the National Life Insurance Company, and the Rutland Railroad Company; a trustee of Norwich University and of Middlebury College, from which institutions he held the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, as he did also from the University of Vermont. He was a trustee of T. N. Vail's Agricultural School at Lyndon.

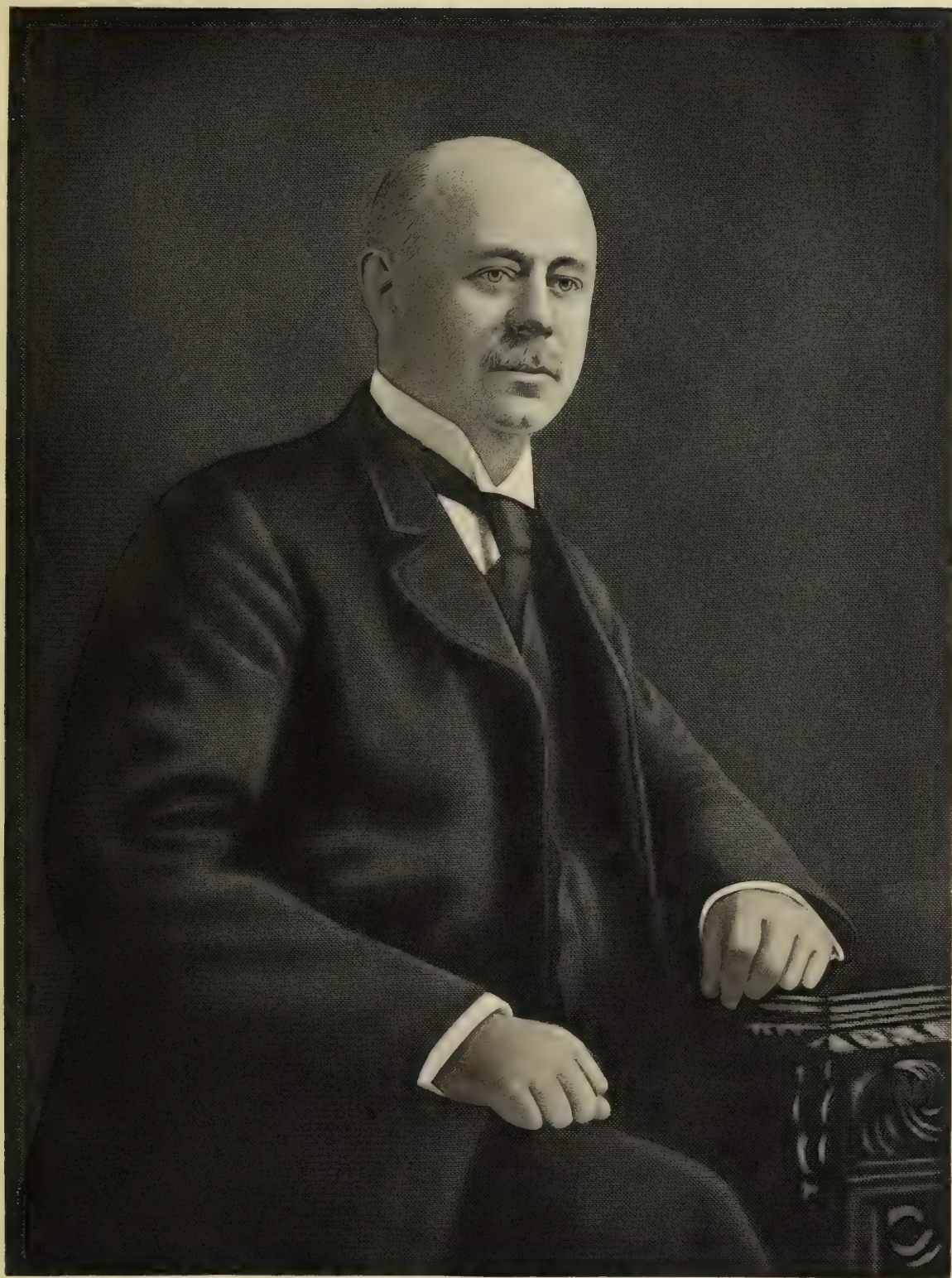
Governor Fletcher Dutton Proctor married, May 26, 1886, Minnie E. Robinson, daughter of Hon. Asher C. and Erminie Robinson, of Westford, Vermont. Children: Emily, born May 24, 1887; Mortimer Robinson, of whom further; and Minnie, born January 18, 1895.

(VIII) Mortimer Robinson Proctor, son of Governor Fletcher Dutton and Minnie E. (Robinson) Proctor, was born in Proctor, May 30, 1889. He prepared for college at the Hill School, Pottstown, Pennsylvania, in 1908, and graduated from Yale in 1912. He is the president of the Green Mountain Club, vice-president of the Vermont Children's Aid Society, past president of the Vermont Branch of the Sons of the American Revolution, is a director of the Vermont Marble Company, and a trustee of the Village of Proctor, Vermont.

**REDFIELD (2) PROCTOR**—With one exception the youngest man ever to serve as Governor of the State of Vermont, Redfield (2) Proctor is one of the outstanding men of affairs and influence in the commonwealth. His home is in Proctor, founded by his father, and the town where are located the great plants of the Vermont Marble Company of which Mr. Proctor is vice-president.

Born in Proctor, April 13, 1879, Mr. Proctor is the son of Colonel Redfield (see preceding biography) and Emily J. (Dutton) Proctor. He received his education in the public schools of Proctor, and later the Friend School in Washington, D. C. Enrolling in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he was graduated with the class of 1902, when he received a degree in mechanical engineering. Immediately following his graduation, he entered the production department of the Vermont Marble Company, which his father, United States Senator Proctor, one of New England's most famous states-





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men, had founded. Working through the various quarries and production departments in their turns, he was given managerial duties until eventually he assumed charge of distribution of the company's product. Today, in addition to the vice-presidency, Mr. Proctor is general sales director of the Vermont Marble Company, the world's largest quarries, and manufacturers of structural, ornamental and monumental marbles.

Republican in his political affiliations, Mr. Proctor has always been active in public affairs. He served on the board of selectmen of his town and was also village president, then, in 1912, was elected representative to the State Legislature. A second term in that body was followed by a term (1917) as State Senator. In 1920 he was a delegate to the Republican National Convention at Chicago. It was in 1923 that he won the gubernatorial election, serving in the capacity of the State's chief executive at Montpelier with credit and distinction for two years. Then he retired to private life, becoming engaged again in the management of the Vermont Marble Company. During the early part of the World War, Mr. Proctor was selected as chairman of the Red Cross for the State of Vermont, but relinquished this important work to enter the army as a captain in the Engineering Corps. He was discharged with the rank of major, but later was commissioned a colonel in the 322d Engineers, United States Reserve Corps.

Numerous are the official connections Mr. Proctor has with business, educational, and charitable institutions. He is president of the Proctor Trust Company, and has been director of several other banks; trustee of Middlebury College; and a member of the Corporation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; he was formerly a member of the boards of trustees of Norwich University and the University of Vermont also. He has served on the board of trustees and as president (holding that office for ten years) of the Vermont State Tuberculosis Association, in which work he has accomplished unusually fine results. Mr. Proctor is a member of the Union Club of Boston; the Metropolitan and Army and Navy clubs of Washington, D. C.; the Loyal Legion, the American Legion, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; the Vermont Society of Engineers; Sons of the American Revolution, and the Engineers' Club of New York City. He was elected to the New England Council to succeed F. C. Partridge, the president of the Vermont Marble Company, and was immediately elected State vice-president for Vermont, where he rendered great assistance to the other officers in the administration of Council affairs. He was elected to the presidency of the Vermont Section, New England Council, in the fall of 1928, to succeed John S. Lawrence. From his university years, Mr. Proctor has been a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity.

Mr. Proctor married, on October 24, 1906, Mary Sherwood, daughter of John A. and Margaret M. (Young) Hedrick of Salisbury, North Carolina. They are the parents of three children: 1. Margaret, born March 30, 1911. 2. Robert Dutton, born November 1, 1915. 3. Katherine, born June 1, 1917.

**EUGENE ARTHUR STANLEY, M. D.**—Superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane at Waterbury, Dr. Eugene Arthur Stanley has been associated with the hospital for more than a score of years. Making a specialty of nervous diseases, he became connected with the hospital staff in 1908. In 1918 he was appointed the head of the institution, to succeed Dr. W. L. Wasson, whose death occurred November 24, 1918, Dr. Stanley assuming the post in December. A leader in his profession, he is an outstanding figure of Vermont.

Dr. Stanley belongs to one of the country's oldest families, being in the ninth generation from its progenitor in America. His grandfather, John Currier Stanley, was

a native of New Hampshire, and for many years lived in Vermont, at Maidstone. He married Jane Beattie, native of Vermont, and their children were born at Maidstone. William John Beattie Stanley, son of John Currier Stanley and father of Dr. Stanley, was born April 13, 1844. He made his home in New Hampshire, and engaged as a farmer, with success. On June 30, 1874, he married Dora Estelle Russell, born March 23, 1853, daughter of Nathan and Aurilia (Houghton) Russell; and of this union were born children: 1. Eugene Arthur, of whom further. 2. Harry Houghton.

Born at Lisbon, New Hampshire, June 10, 1875, Dr. Stanley attended the public schools of his native town, and prepared for college at Dow Academy, whence he graduated in 1893. He studied medicine at Cleveland University of Medicine and Surgery, of Cleveland, whence he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1897. Later, also, he studied at the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, receiving his degree there in 1904. For a time, Dr. Stanley practiced at Bradford, Vermont, and from 1904 until 1908 was in general practice in Waterbury. Since 1908 he has been connected with the State institution, being appointed head of this institution in 1918. For several years he was health officer of this community. He is a member of the Washington County Medical Association, the Vermont State Medical Society, and American Medical Association; the New England Society of Psychiatry and American Psychiatric Association; Winooski Lodge, No. 49, Free and Accepted Masons of Waterbury; Waterbury Chapter, No. 24, Royal Arch Masons; Mentor Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Congregational Church.

Dr. Stanley married, August 22, 1901, Eva Fairbrother, daughter of Browning Gifford and Swan (Foss) Fairbrother, and granddaughter of Jabez and Betsey (Bigelow) Foss. Their children: Ruth Browning, born July 3, 1902; Esther Russell, born February 19, 1905; Margaret Gifford, born October 24, 1909; and Robert Currier, born September 29, 1911.

**LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR STANLEY C. WILSON**—Honored member of a family long resident in Vermont, Lieutenant Governor Stanley C. Wilson has had a career of distinction at the law, on the bench, in legislation, and as second chief executive of the State. He is widely known through New England, makes his home and has his offices in Chelsea and White River Junction and in the State Capitol at Montpelier. His identification with these communities has been extended, and in each, aside from professional and public-executive capacities, he holds standing as a public-spirited citizen.

Son of William W. and Lydia E. (Browning) Wilson, both of whom were born on Vermont farms, Mr. Wilson was born in Orange, September 10, 1879. He received his elementary instruction in the district schools, graduated from Goddard Seminary in 1896, and from Tufts in 1901. He was now of age, had decided to study law, and meanwhile had become interested in journalism as a means of livelihood while getting his legal education. As he reported assignments and attained to a position of advanced place with the publication for which he worked, he became acquainted with figures dominant in the capital. And as he worked he studied law in the offices of Dillingham, Huse and Howland, complementing this training for the bar with work in the office of the county clerk. Thus from three important angles he prepared himself for the profession of law—through direct study, through contact in journalism with leading men of the city, and through contact with county and administrative affairs in the office of the county clerk. He was admitted to the bar in August, 1904, at the age of twenty-four, bringing with him a training almost unique in its fullness for a barrister of his years. He began practice in Montpelier.



Mr. Wilson has made his career in two localities. When admitted to practice his profession he formed a partnership with Benjamin Gates, under the firm style of Gates and Wilson. This endured a year, after which Mr. Wilson established a residence in Chelsea—and this was the beginning of his relationship with the Chelsea community. He opened offices in Chelsea with Joseph K. Darling, under the name of Darling and Wilson. Mr. Darling died in 1910. He was in partnership with Lyle R. Beckwith from 1923 to 1925 under the firm name of Wilson & Beckwith and now is a member of the firm of Wilson & Adams, of which William H. Adams is the junior member.

Public responsibility first called to Mr. Wilson in 1908 when he served as State's attorney for Orange County. In this capacity he continued active four years. In 1915 and 1917 he represented the town of Chelsea in the State Legislature and in 1917 was elected speaker of the House of Representatives. Again in 1925 he was in the Vermont House, and in 1927 was in the Senate. During these years his reputation had augmented materially at bar and bench. On the final day of sessions, 1917, he was elected superior judge. On the bench six years, he resigned the robe in 1923, leaving behind a most worthy judicial record. All this had bearing on his election, November 28, 1928, to the office of Lieutenant Governor of Vermont. Colleagues at law and in legislative circles believe that, should he choose, the post of Governor will come to him.

Aside from his legal practice he is a director of many important industrial concerns and banking institutions, including, the National Bank of Orange County, at Chelsea, the Hartford Savings Bank and Trust Company of White River Junction, the Brocklebank Granite Company at Chelsea, of which he is also vice-president, the Brocklebank Manufacturing Company at South Royalton, Green Mountain Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Montpelier, the Vermont Flood Credit Corporation of Montpelier, the Orange County Creamery Company of Chelsea, the Ottaquechee Company, Inc., of White River Junction, and is president of Gates Realty Company, Inc., of White River Junction. He is also a trustee of Norwich University at Northfield; trustee and chairman of the executive committee of Goddard Seminary; a member of the American Bar Association, the Vermont State Bar Association, of which he is ex-president; the Orange County Bar Association; a director of the New England Council; a member of the Vermont Dairymen's Association; the Vermont Maple Sugar Makers' Association; the Vermont Forestry Association; the Orange County Farm Bureau; and a member of the Executive Committee of Owl Council, Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Wilson is a member of George Washington Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, at Chelsea; Whitney Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, at Randolph; Mt. Zion Commandery, Knights Templar, and Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Montpelier. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and of Chelsea Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry.

Mr. Wilson, in 1909, married Grace Bacon, of Chelsea, daughter of Erdix N. and Mary (Goodwin) Bacon.

**HON. DANA HOLLEY MORSE**—Few, indeed, have been the men who came on the stage of activities in the historic Green Mountain State that have filled so large a sphere of usefulness of a varied character in important fields as the late Dana Holley Morse, long a leading citizen and man of affairs in Randolph and Orange County. Of an old and esteemed family, whose American origin was had in the old Bay State, Mr. Morse exemplified the high traditions of his race. The offices he had filled comprise an imposing list: Town agent, overseer of the poor, school director, Representative in the Legislature, assistant judge of the County

Court, member of the town committee and of the county committee—these all in the public service. In addition he was an outstanding figure in business and associational affairs: Director of the Randolph National Bank, president and director of the Randolph Coöperative Creamery Association, director and for many years president of the Dog River Valley Fair Association, a former president of the State Dairymen's Association, an ex-member of the State Board of Agriculture, and had served as steward and executive committeeman of the Vermont State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. His most intimate concern was his own agricultural enterprise, in which he also attained an enviable reputation as a farmer *par excellence*.

(I) Deacon Abner Morse, the founder of the Vermont branch of this family was born in Massachusetts, in 1761. In early manhood he came into this State, settling in Randolph, where he died in 1813. Deacon Abner Morse married, June 10, 1790, Betsy Byam; who bore him six children, of whom was Ira, see further.

(II) Ira Morse, fifth child of Deacon Abner and Betsy (Byam) Morse, was born April 26, 1805, died January 22, 1856, in Randolph. He married Loretta Jones, of Bethel, Vermont, and they had nine children, all of whom died young with the exception of Charles N., who was born February 7, 1835, and Dana Holley, of whom further.

(III) Dana Holley Morse, younger of the two surviving sons of Ira and Loretta (Jones) Morse, and the last of his immediate family, was born on the parental homestead in Braintree, Vermont, February 11, 1837. About seven years after his birth, new buildings were erected on the Randolph side of the line, and from that time onward he had resided in that town. He was reared on the farm and in time mastered all the details of agriculture. His education was received in the public schools, in the West Randolph Academy and at Green Mountain Institute in South Woodstock.

Eager to be up and doing something worth-while on his own account, Mr. Morse in his young manhood taught school for many winters. But he was essentially a son of the soil, and to the occupation of farming he returned, using his intellect as well as his brawn in the cultivation of his broad acres. From fine harvest yields, from carefully selected and bred horses and cattle and the various other resources of a well-ordered farm he drew plenty and prosperity as rewards of his labors.

In 1859, Mr. Morse journeyed to California and there engaged in farming, teaching school and newspaper reporting. In 1863 he returned to Randolph, where he resided the rest of his life, becoming one of the most distinguished citizens of that community and of the State at large. He came to possess, all told, about five hundred acres of land, much of this being some of the most fertile land in Orange County. His fame as an expert agriculturalist, breeder and raiser of blooded stock, and dairyman preceded him throughout his section of the State and far beyond its confines. His herd at times numbered as many as one hundred head, among which he had as many as fifty graded Jerseys. His Morgan horses, of his own breeding and raising, were celebrated for their fine strain, and were always in ready demand at premium prices.

Mr. Morse became one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the Grange movement in Vermont. His activity in the affairs of the State body of the Patrons of Husbandry was notable, he having risen to the office of general deputy for Vermont, in addition to his other offices already mentioned, and having done much work in the organization of subordinate granges. He was a charter member of the West Randolph Grange, and had served as Master of the Central Vermont Pomona Grange. Throughout his lifetime he was one of the



most influential members of this powerful organization, especially in this State jurisdiction.

Before Abraham Lincoln came up for election for a second term as President, Mr. Morse was a Democrat, but political exigencies and a reaction against the policies of his old party led him to cast in his lot with the Republicans. The Randolph constituency sent him to the Legislature for the session of 1904. His service on the Randolph County Court as assistant judge began in 1908. When the Progressive party movement gained impetus in the country, he joined it, hoping as did thousands of others to see the new organization effect cures of political ills which the Republicans declined to treat. His own political service to town and county and State was of a high order, intelligently and unselfishly rendered. He was a consistent exponent of the principles of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and had occupied at one time or another most of the chairs in Randolph Lodge of that affiliation.

Hon. Dana H. Morse married, April 27, 1864, Emma Thayer, daughter of Ephraim Thayer, of Randolph, and a member of one of the esteemed families of that town. They became the parents of three children: 1. Cassius T., who died March 17, 1903. 2. Belle Thayer, married, in 1900, Arthur M. Vaughan, of whom further. 3. Mary E., who married, September 9, 1908, Edward H. Mason, of whom further.

Arthur M. Vaughan was born in Woodstock, Vermont, August 4, 1869, son of George H. and Frances C. (Montague) Vaughan. He was graduated from the Woodstock High School and the University of Vermont, Department of Agriculture, in the class of 1898, with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. Gifted with an excellent voice, he was a member of the University Glee Club. Mr. Vaughan, direct from the university, made practical application of his scientific training. He planted sixteen acres of apple and plum trees in Randolph and went to reside on the old Morse homestead in 1904. He was made manager of the Randolph Co-operative Creamery; served as Master of the West Randolph Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, 1908-09; as treasurer of the Central Vermont Pomona Grange, trustee of the Vermont State School of Agriculture, Commissioner of Forestry, 1907-08; treasurer of the Vermont State Horticultural Society; and was a member of the State Board of Agriculture.

In September, 1914, Mr. Vaughan was made manager of the Shelburne Farms estate of Dr. W. Seward Webb, and for nine years thereafter filled that position. In politics he was a Republican. In 1912 he had been elected on the Progressive ticket to represent the town of Randolph in the Legislature. He was a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Freemason, affiliating also with Phoenix Lodge of that order, in which he had held a number of offices. In his earlier years he was a teacher of and manager of farm and trades schools. He was esteemed as a man of sound and workable ideas, substantial, honest and industrious. Possessing a pleasing personality and a cheery manner, he made and retained many friendships of value. He was universally popular in his home town and in all the associations in which he moved.

Children born to Arthur M. and Belle Thayer (Morse) Vaughan: 1. Dorothy M., died December 11, 1918. 2. Emma Frances, born in 1909, a student at Radcliffe College, class of 1931. Arthur M. Vaughan died in Boston, Massachusetts, July 10, 1925.

Edward H. Mason, son of George E. and Mary (Howe) Mason, of Brookfield, Vermont, was educated in the Brookfield public schools and at the University of Vermont, class of 1907, a three-year student. For many years he was an employee in Tewksbury & Raymond's store, and subsequently purchased a flour and grain business, which he still conducts under the style of E. H. Mason, flour and feed. He is now the owner of the old

Morse farm and homestead, which has been in the Morse family for more than a century, and is classed as one of the finest farms in that section of the State.

During the World War, Mr. Mason served with the food administrator for his district, and served in a similar capacity during the disastrous flood period in the State in 1927. He is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and is much interested in Rotary, of whose local club he is a member. His religious connection is with Bethany Congregational Church. Edward H. and Mary E. (Morse) Mason are the parents of a daughter: Margaret Morse Mason, born April 6, 1916.

The death of Hon. Dana H. Morse, head and moving spirit of this family, and of many interests which he had presided over or participated in, occurred at the Randolph Sanatorium, December 29, 1913, after a protracted and heroic contest with a malady that had required surgical treatment. He was in his seventy-seventh year, a span of life which he had filled largely with service that was almost unique for its versatility and its ramifications through many avenues of activity. He carved his name high on the column of achievement, and his memory remains indelible in the affection and esteem of those nearest him in family and associational relationships.

**HON. JOHN ABNER MEAD**—In the long and distinguished list of names of those who have served as Governor of this Commonwealth there properly belongs that of the late Hon. John Abner Mead, formerly a physician and surgeon of very large practice, later the chief executive of the Howe Scale Company, bank president and cashier and railroad and insurance company president—one of Vermont's foremost men in politics, industrial life and finance.

James Mead, great-grandfather of John A. Mead, and who was born in Greenwich, Connecticut, was the first white man to settle in Rutland, having come to Vermont in 1763. He purchased seven thousand acres of land, which then constituted about one-quarter of the entire township, and on the same day sold twenty-five hundred acres of the tract. The first dwelling to be erected in the township was his log house which he built about half a mile west of Center Rutland near the bank of the Timmouthe River. The following spring he brought from Connecticut his wife, their eleven children and a son-in-law. The wigwam of a friendly Indian was offered for shelter of the family, since the log house proved unsuitable as a dwelling. This James Mead served as moderator of the first town meeting of Rutland, as the first selectman of the town and as the first Representative of the town to the first Legislature. He organized the first Congregational church in that section of the State, and was the father of the first white child born in that valley. He had also the distinction of having been a member of the convention which took the first step toward making Vermont an independent State, served as colonel in the Vermont Militia, and was otherwise known as one of the most enthusiastically active of the early patriots of Vermont.

On his mother's side, Governor Mead's ancestry traces back to four members of the original "Mayflower" party, of whom one was John Howland, who was known as the "beloved pilgrim of Plymouth," and the last survivor of the band which came on the "Mayflower" in 1620.

Hon. John Abner Mead was born in Fair Haven, Vermont, April 20, 1841, died January 12, 1920, the son of Roswell R. and Lydia (Gorham) Mead. From the common schools of West Rutland he entered Franklin Academy, Malone, New York, where he prepared for college, working for a part of this time to pay his board, and later earning enough by teaching to defray his expenses. In 1860 he matriculated at Middlebury College. In 1862 he enlisted in Company K, 12th Regiment of Vermont Volunteers. This command participated in a



number of skirmishes, was held in reserve at Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, and at the battle of Gettysburg formed a part of the corps under General Reynolds. The regiment was mustered out late in July, 1863, whereupon Mr. Mead returned to college, where his brilliancy as a student and his diligence enabled him to graduate with his class in 1864. He next studied for two years in a medical school at Castleton, whence he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City, from which he was graduated in the class of 1868. Following a service of two years as house physician at the Kings County Hospital, New York City, he returned to Rutland, where he practiced his profession, soon becoming one of the first rank of physicians and surgeons in the State. At one time he was offered a chair in the medical department of the University of Vermont.

Dr. Mead relinquished the practice of medicine in 1888 in order to devote the greater part of his attention to his important and increasing business interests. In that year he effected the reorganization of the Howe Scale Company, of which he was elected president, and it was through his capable management of its affairs that the company became one of the largest of the Vermont industries, and the second largest concern in the United States devoted to the manufacture of scales. He was one of the group that organized the State Trust Company, of which he subsequently was made president. He was director and cashier of the National Bank of Rutland (now known as the Central National Bank), a director of the Clement National Bank, treasurer and director of the Addison Railroad, treasurer of the Rutland Railroad, president of the New England Fire Insurance Company and president of the John A. Mead Manufacturing Company.

In politics Dr. Mead was one of the most stalwart of the Republicans who have helped make Vermont famous among the States. He exerted his powerful influence toward obtaining a city charter for the incorporation of the Rutland municipality, and he was elected the first mayor of the city. In 1892 he was chosen State Senator from Rutland County. He represented the city of Rutland in the Legislature of 1906. In 1908 he was elected lieutenant-governor, and in 1910 was advanced to the office of governor. He was a delegate-at-large to the Republican National Convention held at Chicago, Illinois, in 1912. With his appointment as commissioner he attended in an official capacity the World's Columbian Exposition at Chicago in 1893. This honor was conferred upon him by Governor Fuller, and in 1895 Governor Woodbury made him commissioner to the Mexican National Exposition of Industries and Fine Arts. He was a leading member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and served on the staffs, respectively, of General Russell A. Alger and General Wheelock G. Veazey, when those officers held the position of commander-in-chief of the Grand Army. With the rank of brigadier-general he served as surgeon-general on the staff of Governor Redfield Proctor. A prominent member of the Congregationalist denomination, he was for many years active in his connection with the First Church of Rutland.

Hon. John Abner Mead married, October 30, 1872, Mary M. Sherman, daughter of Hon. William M. and Mary (Bliss) Sherman. Mrs. Mead is a descendant of families prominent in the Colonial and Revolutionary period, and she has been actively engaged in the work of women's patriotic societies. To Governor and Mrs. Mead there was born a daughter, Mary Sherman, who married Carl Bingham Hinsman, president of the Central National Bank of Rutland, and of whom a review accompanies this sketch.

Institutions and organizations engaged in the promotion of the general welfare never failed to carry a suc-

cessful appeal to Governor Mead, whose generosity in those directions was well known. Among his gifts of a public nature are a beautiful marble chapel to Middlebury College and a community house at Rutland, which he gave some years before his death, and in his will provided for a substantial endowment.

**CARL BINGHAM HINSMAN**—A financier of proved ability, progressive and yet conservative, whose name is favorably known throughout the banking profession and in other worthwhile endeavors, Carl B. Hinsman is more immediately identified with the presidency of the Central National Bank of Rutland. He is connected as a member of its directorate with the great Howe scale concern of Rutland, of which he is a former president; he has served his city as president of the Board of Aldermen and the State as a member of its Senate. He is prominent in Rotary, being president of the Rutland club of that organization.

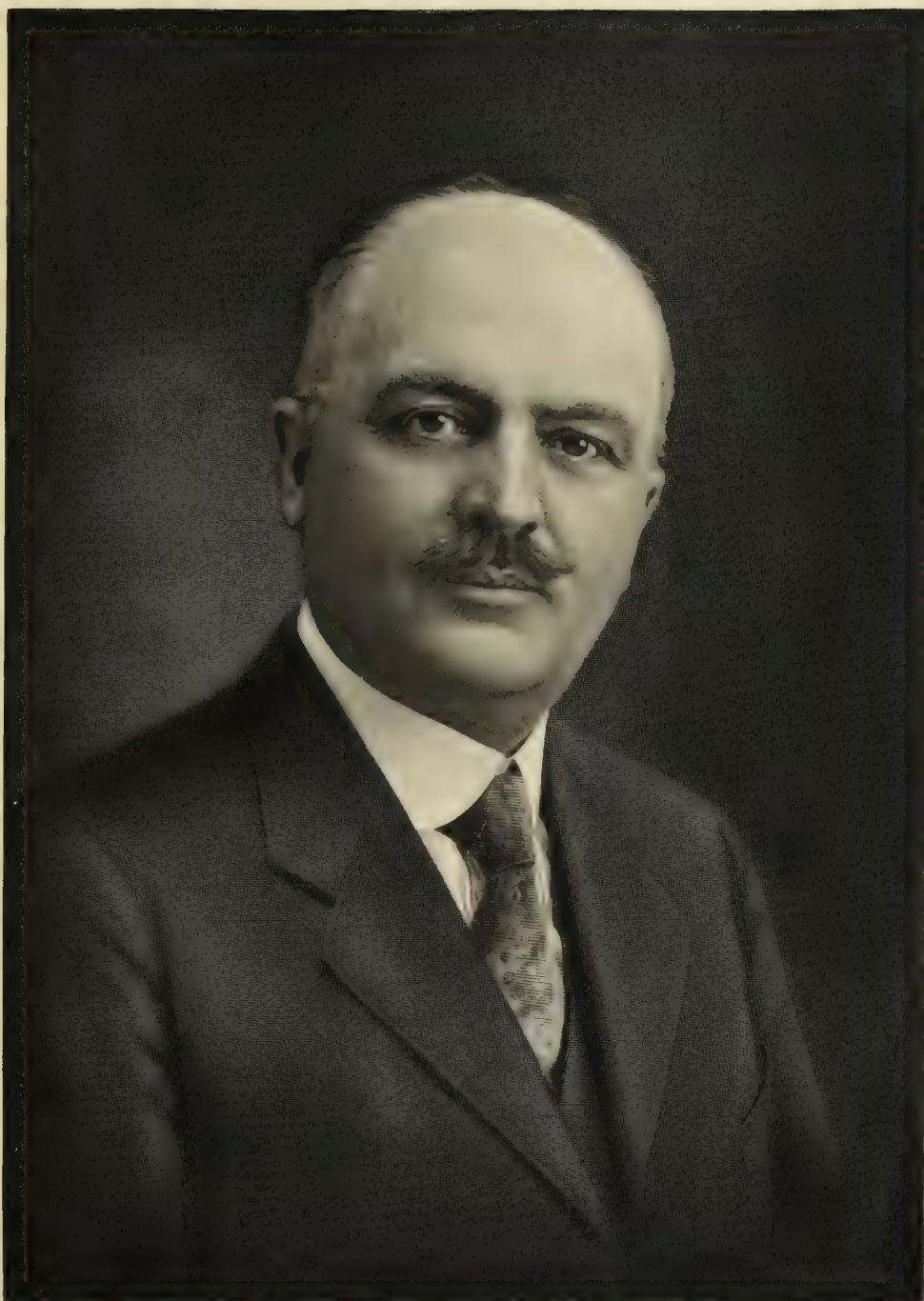
Born in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, December 25, 1873, Carl Bingham Hinsman attended the public schools of his native town, and concluded his education with three years at the Rutland High School. He had lived in the city of his choice for eleven years, when, in 1891, he entered the service of the Howe Scale Company, making selection of employment there in order to gratify an ambition to become connected with a large mechanical organization. His mind early turned in the direction of things mechanical, and he soon found himself very much at home in the works of the largest industry that the city of Rutland proper boasts.

Possessing energy, ability and integrity, these elements served to give him right to promotion in frequent succession. He was appointed paymaster, whence he was advanced to assistant treasurer, to treasurer, to vice-president, and, on the death of Governor John A. Mead, who then was president of the company, he was elevated to the executive office. Mr. Hinsman was president of the company from January, 1920, until October, 1925, when he resigned to give his entire time to his banking interests. He retains his association with the Howe Scale Company, being a member of the board of directors.

In January, 1904, Mr. Hinsman was elected vice-president and director of the Baxter National Bank of Rutland. In January, 1920, he was advanced to president, and on April 16, 1928, he was chiefly instrumental in having the name of the institution changed to the Central National Bank, this title indicative of the position of greater importance to which it has attained in its ever-widening field of operations and influence. Mr. Hinsman is also vice-president and a director of the State Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

In politics, so far as policies are concerned, Mr. Hinsman is unswerving in his allegiance to the Republican party. It was on that ticket he was a successful candidate for president of the Board of Aldermen in the Rutland City Government in 1906, and the community benefited to an appreciable degree from his legislative service. In 1915 he was honored with election to the State Senate, and to the proceedings of that body he brought ability, experience and a coöperative spirit, by which the Commonwealth was made a beneficiary. His association with the house of Howe has been further distinguished by election as president of the National Scale and Balance Manufacturers Association.

A significant step in Rutland's advance program was made possible by Mr. and Mrs. Hinsman in the fall of 1928, when they lent their auspices to the beginning of the construction of the tallest office building in Vermont. This building, scheduled for completion in the spring of 1929, is of approved artistic design seven stories in height. Of the type of which it is the representative it is regarded as an architectural triumph, and reflects honor



*Carl B. Hrusman*





upon the public spirit of the owners. Happily, the name of Service Building was selected, as furnishing concrete evidence of the builders' purpose in giving to the city so fine a structure. Its site is that of the old Baxter National Bank on the easterly side of Merchants Row. Two large stores, each about twenty by eighty feet, occupy the ground floor, and the entire six floors above are devoted to office rooms and suites. A parapet wall ten feet high surmounts the seven stories, and in the front center of the roof is a tower with a lantern atop it and about one hundred feet above the sidewalk. Modern conveniences and appliances equip the building in the most approved modern manner. The next tallest building for office purposes in the city of Rutland is the Mead Building, five stories in height, while the tallest building in the State, aside from the Service Building, used for similar purposes, is that of the National Life Insurance Company at Montpelier, which is six stories in height.

Social and fraternal life has for Mr. Hinsman a strong appeal for service in a number of directions. He is one of the foremost Rotarians in Vermont, president of the Rutland Rotary Club, and a delegate to the (1928) Rotary convention held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In Masonic circles he is affiliated with Center (Blue) Lodge, No. 34; and Davenport Chapter, No. 17, Royal Arch Masons. He is deeply interested in welfare work for boys and is president of the Green Mountain Council of Boy Scouts. He belongs to the Rutland Country Club and the Fish and Game Club.

Carl B. Hinsman married, June 25, 1902, at Rutland, Mary Sherman Mead, daughter of former Governor John A. Mead, a biography of whom accompanies this, and they are the parents of a son, John Abner Mead Hinsman, who was born March 22, 1911.

**EDWARD H. JONES**—Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of Vermont since 1924, having been appointed to this office first by Governor Proctor, and then again by Governor Billings and twice by Governor Weeks, Edward H. Jones fills a position of importance and usefulness in his community and State, and is a leader in agricultural and civic affairs.

He was born at Waitsfield, Vermont, December 11, 1872, son of Charles E. and Amanda M. (Joslyn) Jones, both natives of Waitsfield, where they lived all their lives as farmers. Their farm is the one that is now owned and operated by their son, Edward H. Jones, of this record. He himself received his early education in the public schools, and also studied at St. Johnsbury Academy. After he completed his academic work, he started to work on the home farm, which ever since has occupied his attentions. This property has been in the possession of the Jones family for years, and his work on it has given him an excellent knowledge of practical farm problems, while his studies in agriculture, by which he has supplemented this practical training, have thoroughly fitted him for the position that he holds today as State Commissioner of Agriculture.

Along with his agricultural pursuits, Mr. Jones has taken part in other activities of his State. He served at different periods in various town offices, having been selectman, for ten years moderator, and member of a special investigating commission appointed by Governor Harkness for a survey of bovine tuberculosis and methods of eradicating this disease and thereby improving the health of the people throughout the State. In addition to the offices that he has held in the State Government, he has also been active in fraternal and social affairs. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he belongs to the Blue Lodge; the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; the Commandery of Knights Templar; and the Ancient Arabic

Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Jones, among his other affiliations, is a member of the Rotary Club in Montpelier, and also holds membership in the Apollo Club. His religious faith is that of the Federated Church, of which he is a communicant at Waitsfield.

Mr. Jones married (first) Kate G. Haselton, a native of Waitsfield, daughter of William and Fannie (Davis) Haselton. By this union there have been the following children: 1. Clyde E., who was educated at the State Agricultural College, at Randolph, Vermont, and at Bliss Electrical College, Washington, District of Columbia; he is now employed in the engineering department of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, at Boston, Massachusetts. 2. Charles K., who is superintendent of the Jones home farm; he was educated at the Massachusetts Agricultural College. Mr. Jones married (second) Myrtie F. Guptil, of Waterbury, daughter of Walter E. and Florence (Stevens) Guptil, and they have one daughter, Florence A., who is now in school.

**DEAN K. LILLIE**—As president of the Montpelier Savings Bank and Trust Company, of Montpelier, Dean K. Lillie has played for many years an important part in the business and financial affairs of this city and State, having been associated with it for a considerable time before his elevation to the presidency. He also has extensive business interests in Vermont, in several different branches of whose industrial life he is highly esteemed and respected.

Mr. Lillie was born at Winooski, Vermont, April 15, 1876, son of Robert B. and Josephine (Kellogg) Lillie, who were themselves natives of this State. His father was a farmer by occupation. Dean K. Lillie received his early education in the schools of Montpelier, but was not given the opportunities for higher education. At the age of nineteen years he started to work in the granite business, spending, first of all, about three years as apprentice, learning all phases of the trade. He continued in this type of work from 1896 to 1903, and then began to manufacture for himself. So it is that, never having dropped his interest or his activity in this industry, Mr. Lillie is today, in addition to his presidency of the bank, president of the Lillie Granite Company. He is also vice-president of the Building and Loan Association. So, through his different business connections, he takes a large and responsible part in the affairs of his city and State, and, as a result of his wide experience and the nature of his attainments, his opinions and judgments are frequently sought by his fellow-men.

In addition to his business affiliations, Mr. Lillie is active in several different clubs and organizations. His political alignment is with the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he regularly supports. He served for two terms as mayor of Montpelier, having been elected to this foremost executive position in the city on the Republican ticket. He is past president of the Granite Manufacturers' Association, is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and was for one term president of the Rotary Club organization here. Mr. Lillie also holds memberships in the Apollo Club; the Montpelier Country Club, of which he is vice-president; and the Burlington Yacht Club. His religious faith and that of his family is that of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Lillie married Bessie F. Belknap, daughter of John Q. A. and Susan (Richardson) Belknap. By this marriage there have been born the following children: 1. Ralph, who is a farmer. 2. Della, who became the wife of Paul P. Bristol, now deceased; by this union there was a son, Paul Bristol. 3. Norman D., who



lives in Montpelier and is engaged here in the granite business with his father; he married Loretta Tupper. 4. Frank J., who is salesman for E. H. Rollins and Sons, brokers.

**HENRY BIGELOW SHAW**—As chairman of the public service commission since May 1, 1924, Henry Bigelow Shaw and his work have become well and favorably known throughout Vermont, but his name was not an unknown one to the people of the State prior to his appointment, for he commenced the practice of law in Burlington in 1902 and the course of a distinguished legal career has been interrupted by many periods of service in various public official capacities.

A native of the State and the son of a native Vermonter, Mr. Shaw was born in Burlington, November 30, 1873, the son of William Goodhue Shaw, an attorney, and Mary (Bissell) Shaw, who was born in Troy, New York, but of Vermont parentage. The subject of this sketch was educated in the public schools of Burlington, going from the high school there to University of Vermont. Here he received a Bachelor of Philosophy degree in 1896 and, four years later, was made a Bachelor of Laws by Harvard University. For two years he practiced law in Detroit, Michigan, but returned to Burlington in 1902, where he opened an office and practiced until November, 1917, when he received a commission as major judge advocate and was stationed in the Provost Marshal General's office, Washington, District of Columbia, until December 31, 1918, when he received his discharge. He continued his legal practice in Burlington in the spring of 1919, but that same year returned to Washington, to serve as the civilian member of the War Department Claims Board and the Board of Contract Adjustment. In 1920 he resumed his Burlington practice which he continued until his appointment as chairman of the public service commission.

While a lawyer in Burlington Mr. Shaw had been elected State Senator from Chittenden County in 1915 and during the four years from 1908 to 1912 he was State's attorney, and was judge of the Burlington Municipal Court in 1921. In educational fields, also, he is known, for from 1903 until 1917 he lectured on Commercial Law at the University of Vermont. He is a member of the State Bar Association, Sigma Phi Fraternity, the Ethan Allen Country Club, and is a Mason with Blue Lodge and Royal Arch memberships. His religious affiliations are with the Episcopal church.

Mr. Shaw married Fanny D. Grinnell, daughter of Dr. A. P. and Elizabeth (Guest) Grinnell. Their one daughter, Elizabeth, was married to Frederick S. Pease, Jr., who is with the Century Publishing Company of New York City. They have a daughter, Nancy Shaw.

**GEORGE A. REED**—In recognition of the distinguished record he had made for himself in a series of public service engineering positions he had previously held in different Vermont cities, George A. Reed was appointed Commissioner of Public Works for the city of Montpelier in the autumn of 1925, and has given the capital since that time a period of efficient attention to its public facilities such as it has seldom before experienced. Mr. Reed is past president of the Vermont Society of Engineers, an associate member of the New England City Managers Association, and a member of the American Road Builders' Association, and stands high in the opinion of the fellow members of his profession as well as the general public of the State, for he has a wide acquaintance throughout Vermont.

Mr. Reed comes naturally by his aptitude for public service, for his father, Albert C. Reed, a farmer of the Town of Barre, was prominent in civic activities of the town and held many public offices. His mother was,

before her marriage, Allie G. Wheaton. Mr. Reed was born on the farm August 18, 1879, and received his elementary education in the local public schools. He was graduated from Spaulding High School in 1897 and for the succeeding two years was a teacher in the public schools. He then entered Dartmouth College where he won his degree of Bachelor of Arts. From Dartmouth he went to the Thayer School of Engineering where he was accorded a Civil Engineer degree. During the year 1904 Mr. Reed worked in the sub-division survey office of a development company and in 1905 acted as assistant city engineer for Barre. The following year he was with the United States Government reclamation service at Klamath Falls, Oregon, and from 1907 to 1915 he served his native town of Barre as city engineer, acting during the last three years of his stay there in the capacity of park commissioner also. From Barre Mr. Reed went to Montpelier as city engineer and his work here attracted the attention of State authorities to the extent that he received, in 1917, the appointment as Assistant State Engineer. Here he remained for five years and, in 1922, was elevated to the position of State Engineer. He left this place in 1925 to become Assistant Chief Engineer in the Engineering Department of Highways of the State of Vermont, resigning the latter to accept his present position. As Commissioner of Public Works Mr. Reed is in full charge of streets, sewers, sidewalks, bridges, waterworks, and public buildings. He is responsible to the city council by which the appointment was made, and since Montpelier is the State Capital his work carries with it much prestige. With his family Mr. Reed attends Bethany Congregational Church. He is a member of the Montpelier Rotary Club and Republican in his political affiliations.

Mr. Reed married (first) Nellie A. Colburn who left, at her death, two sons, Sheldon Clark and Fay Ashton. He married (second) Lela Hood Devries, and to this union were born two daughters, Dorrit Genevieve and Arline Winona.

**JAMES MEAD BOUTWELL**—One of the foremost citizens and business men of Montpelier, James Mead Boutwell has been engaged in several different types of work here, including the railway and granite industries, and has been for many years president of the Montpelier National Bank. He was born May 16, 1856, in a small brick house on the south side of Main Street, this city, a little more than a stone's throw from his present home, and all his life has lived near this spot. His father was Harry S. Boutwell, who for a time was conductor on the Central Vermont Railroad; while his grandfather on the paternal side of the house was Colonel Levi Boutwell.

The father, Harry S. Boutwell, was born in Lebanon, New Hampshire, in 1824, was in early life employed as a stage-driver, and after having served as conductor on the Central Vermont Railroad was the first conductor on the Montpelier and Wells River Railway; on leaving this position, he established himself in the livery business in Montpelier, continuing until 1873, when he resumed his railway work, in which he continued until his retirement from active pursuits. He belonged to the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he was affiliated with Aurora Lodge No. 22, and King Solomon Chapter No. 7, of Royal Arch Masons. He married Lucy E. Mead, daughter of Joel and Lucy (Langdon) Mead. She was born in Montpelier and died November 2, 1892. They had two children: 1. Levi, who died at the age of eight years from diphtheria, the first victim of that dread disease in Washington County. 2. James Mead, of further mention.

James Mead Boutwell attended the public schools of Montpelier, Vermont, was for several years at the old



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Union School, and for part of a term at Goddard Seminary, in Barre, Vermont. He maintains, however, that the greater part of his education came from what he terms the "university of hard knocks"; and it is true that, at the age of sixteen years, he set out to earn his own living, learning the machinist's trade. For a time he was employed at the machinist's bench in the plant of the Lane Manufacturing Company; but soon finding the Lane establishment not quite suited to his desires and needs, he sought a realization of his ambitions in the railway industry, in which his father had worked for so many years. Two years as a machinist, therefore, completed his activities in this respect, and he thereupon left the shops and began to fire an engine on the Montpelier and Wells River Railroad. A year later he became engineer, and so continued until 1888, when he was appointed assistant superintendent of the Barre Railroad. Resigning that office on May 10, 1890, he turned his attention to the granite industry and accepted a position as manager of the Langdon granite quarries which he bought in 1895. This was one of the most valuable quarry properties in Vermont and was thenceforth operated in his own name. In 1904 the late H. W. Varnum of Jeffersonville, bought a half interest in this property, the name then becoming The Boutwell-Varnum Company. Additional quarries were purchased and in 1905 a consolidation was effected with the adjoining Milne, Clarihew and Gray quarries. Clarihew and Gray withdrew and the new firm name Boutwell, Milne and Varnum continued until the sale in 1925 of the entire property to other parties. During these several changes Mr. Boutwell continued as president and managing partner. His sterling integrity, capable administration and square dealing policy not only won the universal esteem and respect of all with whom he had to deal, but was responsible for the development from a comparatively small crew to an organization employing several hundreds of workmen—one of the large and dependable industries of the State. During later years the name "Rock of Ages" was adopted as applying to the product of the Boutwell, Milne and Varnum properties. His far-sighted advertising has made this an internationally recognized material for the finest in granite memorials. A typical illustration of Mr. Boutwell's forward-looking mind was the erection during 1927 in Green Mount Cemetery of his own family memorial—a massive sarcophagus of classic Grecian design—from the Rock of Ages granite. For several years Mr. Boutwell was manager of the Wetmore and Morse granite quarries. Serving as president of the Barre Quarry Owners' Association was but one of his many activities for the advancement of the granite industry. The Montpelier National Bank, which he now heads, is one of the leading financial institutions of its kind in Montpelier and the State of Vermont, and as its chief executive officer Mr. Boutwell fulfills his duties in a manner that readily wins the praises and well-wishes of the State's leading business men, both for himself and for the bank.

In addition to his business activities, Mr. Boutwell is a leader in many different fields of endeavor. In his political views a staunch Republican, he regularly supports the policies and candidates of his party; and on its ticket was elected to serve Montpelier as alderman from his district for one term. In the spring of 1902 he received the Republican nomination for mayor of the city, and was elected without opposition, having received the largest vote ever given any man for any office in the city, so proving beyond all shadow of doubt the intense popularity of himself as a citizen whom his fellows were willing to trust with the affairs of public office. He was subsequently elected to this office three additional times, thus serving four terms as mayor. In

1902, in recognition of his well known ability as a railroad man he was appointed a member of the railroad commission by Governor McCullough.

He is also prominent in fraternal circles, being a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he belongs to Aurora Lodge, No. 22; King Solomon Chapter No. 7 of Royal Arch Masons; Montpelier Council No. 4 of Royal and Select Masters; Mt. Zion Commandery of Knights Templar No. 9, and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

James Mead Boutwell married, on April 29, 1880, Jennie E. Rumsey, daughter of Charles Rumsey, of Wells River, Vermont.

**HENRY L. FARWELL**—Associated with the Montpelier National Bank since 1897, Henry L. Farwell has rendered important service to this institution and through the medium of it to the community in which he lives and works, and at the present time he is cashier and a director in the bank. Throughout his active life Mr. Farwell has been connected with banking, and in this profession has served faithfully and well. He has spent practically all of his life in Vermont, having received his education in the Washington County grammar schools, and having later been a student at Montpelier High School. Subsequently he went to Omaha, Nebraska, where for ten years he was employed by the Omaha National Bank. Then he returned to Montpelier in the capacity of cashier of the Montpelier National Bank, with which he has been associated continuously since that time. Having rounded out more than three decades of uninterrupted service to this institution, he has a distinguished record in his connection with it. A man in whom are combined a pleasing personality with an unusually high merit of business judgment, Mr. Farwell is perhaps better fitted than most men of his community to do the work that he performs, while his special knowledge of this bank's affairs and of the needs of its depositors and customers renders him a most valuable individual in his city and community.

In addition to his directorship in the Montpelier National Bank, Mr. Farwell is active in other business and social enterprises. He is a trustee of the Vermont State Library and also of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library, of Montpelier; a director of the Union Mutual Fire Insurance Company; and vice-president and director of the American Fidelity Company. Then, he also belongs to clubs and fraternal orders. In his political views he is a staunch Republican, while he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he belongs to the Blue Lodge; the Apollo Club; and the Montpelier Country Club. Into all of these activities he puts the same full measure of devotion and enthusiasm that have characterized his association with the banking profession, and so is highly regarded by his fellows for his activities in many different fields.

Mr. Farwell is a son of John G. and Ellen (Carter) Farwell, both natives of Vermont, the former a railroad man by trade; and he was born at Montpelier, Vermont, September 2, 1870. He married Lillian Stowell, a native of Boston, Massachusetts, daughter of William A. and Ruth (Martin) Stowell. By this marriage there has been born one child, a son, William Henry, who was graduated from Montpelier High School, and then studied at Amherst College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1920; he is today engaged in the automobile business in Rutland, Vermont.

**HON. EDWARD CURTIS SMITH**, a native Vermonter of distinction, has attained the highest honor in the gift of his State to bestow, that of Governor. Born



in St. Albans January 5, 1854, he is the son of John Gregory and Ann Eliza (Brainerd) Smith. His father had also been a Governor of the State of Vermont and was a lawyer of prominence. Educated at St. Albans, through the high school grades, he then went to Phillips-Andover and graduated from that academy in 1871 and entered Yale University. After his graduation in 1875, he went into Columbia Law School, graduating with his degree in 1877. His career in law and in finance has been proof of the abilities that qualified him for the positions of trust and of executive leadership that have been thrust upon him. He practiced law from 1877 to 1881, and then varied activities led him away from an active law office into the field of executiveship. Director and vice-president of the Central Vermont Railroad from 1881 to 1892; president of this organization from 1892 until 1895; receiver until 1898; president of the Central Vermont Railroad Company and one of its directors up to the present time, he is also chairman of the board of the Welden National Bank of St. Albans, and president of the Peoples Trust Company; director of the St. Joseph Lead Company, and director of the Mississippi River and Bonne Terre Railroad Company.

A Republican in political affiliations, he has represented St. Albans in the Legislature of 1890; was Governor of the State in 1898-1900, and has always taken a part in the affairs of civic note of St. Albans. Mr. Smith had a wide connection, both social and professional, with people of note throughout the country, and enjoyed contact with men of intellectual understanding and wide culture. He held membership in many clubs, some of them being the Union League and the Yale Club of New York City; the University and Yale clubs of Boston; the University Club of Washington, District of Columbia; the Mount Royal and the St. James clubs of Montreal, and the Rideau Club of Ottawa.

In 1888 Hon. Edward Curtis Smith married Anna Bailey James, of Ogdensburg, New York. They had four children: 1. James Gregory, a biography of whom follows. 2. Edward Fairchild (a biography of whom follows that of his brother James Gregory). 3. Curtis Ripley. 4. Anna Dorothea.

**JAMES GREGORY SMITH**—Prominently allied with banking interests of St. Albans, James G. (J. Gregory) Smith also may be said to be a figure of State importance, and as one of the native citizens of Vermont, the State accords him a position of distinction and honor. Born in St. Albans on July 16, 1889, a son of a distinguished father, Edward Curtis Smith (see the preceding biography), and Anna Bailey (James) Smith, his early education was acquired in the public schools of his home town and then at the preparatory ones, Fay School and the Hill School. He entered Yale and graduated from that university with the class of 1912 with his Bachelor of Arts degree. After college he was taken into the Welden National Bank at St. Albans, with a clerkship and served in various minor capacities as is the manner of procedure throughout the financial world, and has arrived at the position of president of that institution. The name of J. Gregory Smith is always seen to be associated with any enterprise or movement that affects the welfare of the city and which donates to its growth and prosperity. In 1913 to 1915, he represented his district at the State Legislature, sent by Republican vote, and in 1917 he was elected Senator from Franklin County. During the World War he played an active and useful part in many of the Liberty Loan drives. Mr. Smith is a member of the St. Albans and of the Vermont Chambers of Commerce, and president of the St. Albans Messenger Company. He is a member of several clubs, among them being: The Yale Club of Vermont and the Yale Club of New York; the University Club of New York City and that of Washington, District of Colum-

bia; the Champlain Country Club; and the Mount Royal Club of Montreal.

In 1921, J. Gregory Smith married Genevieve C. Babbitt, of Colorado Springs, and they have had two children: 1. John Gregory, born September 25, 1923. 2. Timothy Dean, who was born May 28, 1928.

**EDWARD FAIRCHILD SMITH** was born on September 7, 1892, at St. Albans, Vermont, a son of Edward Curtis and Anna Bailey (James) Smith (see a preceding biography). The son, Edward Fairchild Smith, with whom we are at present concerned, attended the Fay School and The Hill School in his boyhood, and subsequently became a student at Yale University, which granted him his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1915. Mr. Smith thereupon commenced his business career with the Welden National Bank, of which his father had been chairman of the board of directors, and so received his earliest experience of this sort in St. Albans. When he first came to the bank he was a messenger boy, but in those days he learned all the details of the business, which were so essential to his later development and progress. When he returned from service in the United States military forces during the World War, he worked in the development of mining properties in Ontario for about six months, at the end of which he came once more to St. Albans and was made assistant to the president of the Central Vermont Railroad. This position he held until December 2, 1927, when he left it to become associated with the People's Trust Company, of St. Albans, in the capacity of vice-president.

In addition to his connection with this company, Mr. Smith is a director of the Alba Corporation, the Champlain Motor Company, the Messenger Company and several smaller corporations. He also is keenly interested in all the civic and social affairs of his community. He is, in his political affiliations, aligned strongly with the Republican party, to whose National Convention he was a delegate in 1928, in which year he also was a candidate for the office of State Representative for his district in the Lower House of the Vermont Legislature. He is a member of the Mount Royal Club, the Yale Club of New York, the University Club of New York, the Champlain Country Club, the Burlington Country Club and the Owl Club; while he also holds memberships in the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce and the St. Albans Chamber of Commerce. His religious affiliation is with the Congregational church. During the period of American participation in the World War, Mr. Smith went to the Officers' Training Camp at Plattsburg, and then helped to organize a machine gun battery at St. Albans. In the course of his service with the American Expeditionary Forces, he was gassed at Chateau Thierry, and later received for his services the Croix de Guerre. His discharge from the army came on July 26, 1919. In addition to his other affiliations, Mr. Smith is a member of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, which he joined while a student at Yale.

On his thirty-fifth birthday, September 7, 1927, Edward F. Smith married Eleanor R. Rice, of Frederick, Maryland, and their residence in St. Albans is situated on Kingman Street.

**MILTON R. VAIL**—Beginning his career in the shipping industry, Milton R. Vail, of St. Albans, soon abandoned this pursuit to enter the publishing business, and was connected with this industry in various cities of the East until he came to this city to become business manager of the St. Albans "Messenger." Through his extensive experience and natural ability he succeeded in putting this paper on a paying basis, and as a result was promoted to the position he now (1928) holds, secretary-treasurer of the Messenger Corporation. In addition to his newspaper work, Mr. Vail has assumed many outside



interests, and is one of the most popular members of professional, fraternal, and social organizations in St. Albans. "The Messenger" was founded in 1837 as a weekly publication, growing with St. Albans. In 1861 it became an evening daily, having been published since that time without missing an edition. This remarkable record has been maintained despite two disastrous fires, which ordinarily would have caused temporary suspension of publication. "The Messenger" now (1928) has a circulation list comprising more than three thousand five hundred names, and it is distributed widely throughout Franklin County. More than fifty employees are required to maintain this paper, which occupies an entire building on Kingman Street. In addition to publishing "The Messenger" the management of this firm also operates an extensive printing and publishing business, producing magazines, works on economics, and many other allied products. The plant is most complete, being so fitted so as to carry on all publishing operations from composition to final binding of volumes. Although "The Messenger" is published as a daily, "The Weekly Messenger" has been retained and is sent to almost every part of the world. The daily "Messenger" is acknowledged to be the oldest evening daily newspaper in Vermont, and its executives are: T. Gregory Smith, president; E. F. Smith, vice-president; M. R. Vail, secretary-treasurer and general manager.

Mr. Vail was born September 10, 1882, at Riverhead, Long Island, son of the late Richard A. Vail, of Long Island, who died in 1920, and of Alice (Benjamin) Vail, who survives her husband. Richard A. Vail followed the druggist business throughout his life. Milton R. Vail attended public schools and then matriculated at Stevens Institute of Technology, but left that institution before completing his studies. He became connected with ships and shipping, but it was not long before he removed to New York City and was employed with a publishing house there. Later he went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and there associated himself with printing concerns, serving in various capacities and thus became thoroughly informed with all of the methods and ramifications of printing and publishing, remaining in Philadelphia until 1924. It was in this year that he came to St. Albans where he had been offered a position as business manager of "The Messenger." It was only natural that he should succeed in his St. Albans work, due to the fact that he possessed such a comprehensive knowledge of publishing, and at the same time was an indefatigable worker. At that time "The Messenger" was not on a paying basis, but Mr. Vail, through the introduction of modern methods, soon stopped the losses of this firm and raised its standard, until it developed into the present highly successful enterprise. His employers appreciated the value of his services, and as a reward he was elevated to the office of secretary-treasurer, combining this with his post as general manager. Supplementing his managerial and executive talents, he has become known throughout the nation through his authorship of several articles that appeared in trade journals dealing with problems confronting publishers and printers, and he is rated as one of the leading color experts in the United States.

Part of Mr. Vail's success may be attributed to his personality and ability to make and retain friends. Since coming to St. Albans he has become one of the most popular and conspicuous figures in civic and social affairs. During the World War he devoted himself to his country's service, working in the United States Shipping Board. He is a member of St. Albans Chamber of Commerce, the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce, and several newspaper associations. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Masonic Order, being a member of the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Excelsior Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Crescent

Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Many social organizations number him as a member, including the Rotary Club, the Owl Club, and the Champlain Country Club, he being a member of the board of governors of the last-named body. Mr. Vail and his family are followers of the Episcopal faith and attend the church of that denomination in St. Albans.

Milton R. Vail married, in 1912, Louise Underhill, of Locust Valley, a descendant of one of the oldest New England families. She and her husband have three children: Alice M., and Samuel U. and Benjamin U. (twins). Mr. Vail's offices are located in the Messenger Building, No. 19 Kingman Street, while he and his family reside at No. 19 Rugg Street.

**SAMUEL JAMES BEATTY**—Founder and for many years the active head of a widely known business establishment, of importance within its field of operations drawn from the New England States, and elsewhere, the late Samuel James Beatty also enjoyed the reputation of a man of culture and wide reading, having been a former instructor in a boys' school and the editor of a paper devoted to the dissemination of literature of the better class. He was an influential figure in business and political circles of Burlington, and a campaign speaker in behalf of Republican candidates and policies, whose ability was recognized by his fellow-citizens on more than one signal occasion. He held dear the progressive idea for which all right thinking people of Burlington enjoy their standing among the sister cities of the Green Mountain State.

Born in Enniskillen, County of Fermanagh, in the North of Ireland, April 2, 1863, Samuel James Beatty was the son of George A. and Katherine (Atwill) Beatty. He was trained in schools of his native land, his education being completed with a college course. His standard of erudition was recognized by the educational authorities with appointment as instructor in the public schools of the homeland, and he was thus happily engaged for some time.

Mr. Beatty's mind's eye, however, had visualized a larger opportunity and future in America and in the confident belief that he could make his dreams come true, he came to this country, settling in Burlington in 1887. It is a tribute to his sterling character to mention at this point that he never lost the love of a true native son for the mother country, to which he made seven return journeys during his lifetime. Mr. Beatty early established himself in business in Burlington, engaging ultimately in the manufacture of dress accessories. For more than thirty years he was identified with that line under the style of S. J. Beatty & Company. He developed a very successful establishment, known as a pioneer in its field, drawing its custom from Maine, New Hampshire, Northern New York and all sections of Vermont. He built up a widely ramifying reputation for his concern for skilled workmanship, and prompt and courteous service. The line included—and still does—pleating, hemstitching, picoting, dealing in buttons, and other dress accessories. Since the death of Mr. Beatty, the active management of the business has fallen upon the capable shoulders of Mrs. Beatty, who has demonstrated to all concerned her unusual business ability, by which she is fast coming before the commercial public as one of its foremost women leaders.

A voluminous reader, and yet discriminating, Mr. Beatty had a well developed penchant for the classics and poetry. His literary ability found expression, among other directions, in his editorship of the "Sunday Sun," published for a number of years by the Burlington Publishing Company, with headquarters at No. 128 College Street. An ardent Republican in politics, Mr. Beatty employed his gift as a platform speaker in the interest of his party and in behalf of its candidates. He



never held office himself, since he felt that he could not spare from his business interests the time to devote continuously to the public service. He exerted not a little influence as a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Burlington. His fraternal affiliations were important; he was one of the oldest members of Champlain Lodge, No. 7, Knights of Pythias, and had been honored with election to all the offices in the lodge, of which he was Chancellor Commander in 1899. He was an indefatigable member, and his counsel and presence were highly prized. His excellent work on the degree team had rendered him one of the outstanding Pythians of the State. He belonged also to Burlington Lodge, No. 91, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and to the Elks Club. A communicant of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, he was deeply interested in all the affairs of the church.

Samuel James Beatty married (first), August 26, 1887, at Boston, Massachusetts, Katherine Clerkin, of Enniskillen, Ireland. He married (second), December 31, 1915, Mabel Anna Nesor, of Burlington, daughter of John Adam and Lillian Wilcox (Van Sicklen) Nesor, her father, during his early years a farmer, and at the present time (1929) the successful proprietor of a laundry business in Burlington. Of Mr. Beatty's second marriage there are two daughters: 1. Charlotte Annabelle, born December 11, 1916. 2. Martha Lillian, born January 22, 1921.

The death of Mr. Beatty, which occurred March 23, 1928, removed from the city of Burlington and all those associations, business, fraternal and social, which he had both dignified and adorned, a man of sterling worth, who was greatly admired for his many fine qualities. His personality was both prepossessing and of the pervasive type; he was a devoted husband, a wise and loving father, and a highly desirable citizen of the city of his adoption and choice.

**GEORGE LORA DUNHAM**—Referred to as having been Brattleboro's foremost citizen, George Lora Dunham is recalled as a dominant figure in the financial, industrial and civic affairs of this community, in the industrial and legislative circles of Vermont and New England, and as a most constructive force in the up-building of worthy projects through a period of more than two-score years. These enterprises, in several directions, have proved of enduring benefit to town, county and State; and the name of George Lora Dunham is permanently graven in the annals of Vermont's honored dead.

Born in North Paris, Maine, June 15, 1859, Mr. Dunham was descended in the ninth generation from Deacon John Dunham, of Plymouth, and was a son of Samuel W. and Rachel E. (Andrews) Dunham, who were the parents of ten children. On his father's hill farm in Maine Mr. Dunham spent his childhood, youth and early manhood. Hard work was a necessity, and he engaged in agriculture as assistant to his father through the years during which he attended district school. Afterward he graduated from Hebron Academy, with the class of 1878—himself having been at the head of the class—and in 1882 took the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Colby College—once more at the head of his class, he having worked his way through the course. In college he became a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity, and later was elected to the honorary scholastic society of Phi Beta Kappa. For a short time after graduation Mr. Dunham served as principal of Paris Academy, then for three years headed the classical department of Portland High School. Within that period, Colby conferred on him the degree of Master of Arts.

It was on July 1, 1885, that Mr. Dunham came to Brattleboro, with his brother, Charles W. Dunham, the latter wishing to look over the ground with a view to going into business. Mr. Dunham had no intention of

remaining in the town, but a favorable business opportunity was presented, and the two brothers bought Henry W. Simond's Shoe Store, which subsequently became a section of the ultimate retail establishment controlled by Dunham Brothers Company on the east side of Main Street. They began business under the name of Dunham Brothers, and, George Lora Dunham, capable instructor in languages, insured a certain income by teaching as language instructor at different times in Brattleboro High School. In 1895, ten years after the foundation of the business, in order to accommodate rapidly growing trade, an adjoining store on the north was leased, and a wholesale business was begun, in a small way, the firm supplying shoes and rubbers to small dealers about the county. Meanwhile, in 1893, Dunham Brothers bought a retail store in Bellows Falls, and Lyndon L. Dunham, a younger brother, became associated with the business, in charge of the new store. He came to Brattleboro in 1900 to assume charge of the retail department of the company, and a brother-in-law, Harry E. Hamilton, took the headship of the establishment in Bellows Falls, which he retained until that store was disposed of a few years later, when, it may be noted, Mr. Hamilton went to Greenfield to engage in business. The scope of trade enjoyed by Dunham Brothers continued to increase, necessitating erection of two six-story brick structures, the first in 1901, for the firm's exclusive use, in the rear of its retail department, after it had occupied all the available space in the Hooker Block. In March of 1916 arrangements were made for the firm to occupy, beginning April 1, the entire top floor of this block as an office for the wholesale department, the quarters having been occupied until then by the Odd Fellows, who vacated in order to take over their new temple. In 1922 the firm bought the Hooker Block, together with the Ryther Building on the south. On January 1, 1909, the business was incorporated as Dunham Brothers, and on April 5 of the following year, Charles W. Dunham, treasurer, died. George Lora Dunham then became both president and treasurer, in which dual capacity he served the organization until the time of his demise. Lyndon L. Dunham was vice-president and sales manager, and Harold W. Mason (q.v.), George L. Dunham's son-in-law, who came into the firm in 1919, was assistant treasurer and secretary and is now (1928) treasurer. In 1897 Dunham Brothers became distributors for the New England States and Greater New York of the "Ball Band" line of rubber and woolen footwear manufactured by the Mishawaka Woolen Manufacturing Co. of Mishawaka, Indiana. Aside from the manufacturers themselves, the company for some time has been the largest distributing organization for rubber footwear in the country. Since 1900, the company's salesmen have assembled once a year for a two days' school coaching in Brattleboro. Always, until the time of his death, Mr. Dunham participated actively in the firm's great expansion.

Largely through Mr. Dunham's instrumentality the White River Chair Company was brought to Brattleboro, he having been chairman of the committee which secured the funds needed. He was one of the largest subscribers to stock of the Fort Dummer Mills, subscriptions to which were necessary to secure these cotton mills for Brattleboro. At one time he was president of the mills corporation. He took stock in the Fort Dummer Realty Company and the Cascade Realty Company, to furnish homes for employees of the mills. After the failure of the National Novelty Company of New York, existence of the S. A. Smith Company (now the Smith Wood Products Company) was threatened, and Mr. Dunham was one of the few men who came forward and saved the industry to the town. For two years he was president of the New England Shoe Wholesalers' Association, and later was a member of the executive



*George L. Sturham*





committee of the National Shoe Wholesalers' Association. From the date of its foundation, he was president of the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, and for a period served as director of the People's National Bank, continuing as a director after that institution was merged with the Vermont National Bank. He was an incorporator of the Vermont Savings Bank. Fraternally Mr. Dunham was affiliated with Wantastiquet Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Columbian Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Webster Lodge of Perfection; William Vinton Council of the Princes of Jerusalem; Marsh O. Perkins Chapter, Rose Croix; and belonged to the Brattleboro Country Club, Windham County Fish and Game Club, and other similar societies. Formerly he was one of the governors of the country club. In 1914 he was elected president of the Board of Trade, predecessor of the Brattleboro Club, having served as a director for several years.

Mr. Dunham was representative from Brattleboro in two sessions of the Legislature, and as Windham County senator in one. He was first elected representative in November of 1916. At that session he was chairman of the county delegation, and, besides holding important committee positions, was a member of the committee to escort ex-President Taft before the Assembly on the occasion of Mr. Taft's visit to Montpelier. He introduced the joint resolution assuring President Woodrow Wilson of the unwavering support of Vermont in the World War. (Vermont was the first State to offer such a manifestation of support.) In 1917 he was appointed chairman of the State Board of Charities and Probation; in 1918 was re-elected representative, and in 1920 was named senator.

On July 2, 1889, Mr. Dunham married Grace Evelyn Hawley, daughter of the late Newton I. Hawley and Frances M. (McKnight) Hawley, her father having been a prominent dry goods merchant, of Brattleboro. Of this union were born children: 1. Infant daughter, who died at birth. 2. Marion, who died at the age of thirteen years, June 14, 1912. 3. Evelyn, who survives, wife of Harold W. Mason, and mother of a son, George Dunham Mason. In memory of their daughter, Marion Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. Dunham gave the Marion Hawley Dunham Nurses' Home, a beautiful edifice on the grounds of the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Dunham survives her husband, and continues to reside in Brattleboro. They had travelled widely, at times accompanied by other members of the family, visiting Europe, West Indies, Bermuda, the Canal Zone, Florida, California, et cetera.

Aside from his home circle, Mr. Dunham took great interest in the Centre Congregational Church, with which he was united (as was Mrs. Dunham) in 1888. When it was desired to buy the Goodhue property on Main Street for a parish house, he made a large contribution, and later, when new plans were formulated, Mr. Dunham himself bought the property, subsequently giving it to the town as a site for the Memorial Armory, to which enterprise he also gave liberally. He was the largest contributor in purchasing a new organ for the church, and for erecting a church memorial. For a long period he was a member of the Prudential Committee of the church's official board, being a member of the Board of Religious Education. From 1908 until 1918 he was superintendent of the Sunday School, and thence onward until 1926 served as president of the school. Through his generosity the Junior Choir was organized and maintained. Mr. Dunham served one term as first president of the Vermont Congregational Conference, of which he was the originator, and had attended the National Council of Congregational Churches, also having served as moderator of the Windham Association of Congregational Churches.

Mr. Dunham died December 11, 1927, at the age of sixty-eight years, having been in ill health several weeks. Sorrow spread through the town of Brattleboro and into various centers throughout New England at receipt of the news. One dearly beloved had passed. Tributes came from all sides, spontaneously and sincerely given in memory of a friend. Verses which Mr. Dunham himself wrote in tribute to M. V. Beiger, a former much-loved president of the Mishawaka Rubber and Woolen Manufacturing Company, in 1904, are here presented as a fitting tribute to George Lora Dunham's own life:

While standing on a hilltop  
On a calm, clear summer's night,  
We watch the stars as one by one  
They show their silvery light;  
We note they vary greatly  
In their brilliance and size,  
Some shining with reflected light,  
While others light the skies.

'Tis thus with men, a few shine out  
With a radiance all their own,  
And bear the lamp of truth and light  
Into the vast unknown.  
They differ from each other  
In brilliancy and size,  
As the stars in glory differ  
That light the evening skies.

There are men in all the ages  
Whom the world has reckoned great,  
For some special deed or service  
To the nation or the State;  
But our greatest benefactors  
On the earth, or in heaven above,  
Are the men who stand for progress  
And for justice, truth and love.

Our dear friend, Mr. Beiger,  
Was like a shining star  
That lights the darkness all around,  
And sends its beams afar:  
A champion of industry  
With interests wide and great,  
He was held in high esteem  
In the county, town and state.

In all his aims progressive,  
In all his actions just,  
He was a man of character,  
Inspiring love and trust;  
In all his deeds, his words, his thoughts,  
In his teachings at our school,  
It always seemed his heart's desire  
To heed the Golden Rule.

Always calm and self-reliant,  
So generous and brave,  
As he hoped for God's forgiveness  
So freely he forgave.  
So fond of home and church and friends,  
So thoughtful, kind and true,  
He gave his best to everyone,  
To every man his due.

He had a disposition  
Which was sweet as it was rare,  
To be at peace with all mankind  
Was to him a constant care;  
But when his country called him  
He was ready for the fight,  
Wherever duty called him  
He battled for the right.

So full of inspiration,  
So fearless for the right,  
Whatever was worth doing  
He did with all his might.  
So rich in life's sweet friendships,  
So full of tender love,  
His influence will reach from earth  
To the gates of heaven above.

Perchance you have cast a pebble  
Into a placid lake  
And watched the circles widen  
Till on the shore they break.



So his influence ever widens,  
Will widen ever more,  
Till its ever widening circles  
Shall reach from shore to shore.

Those of us so fortunate  
As to know him while on earth,  
Can never full realize  
This man's transcendent worth;  
But if we've caught a single spark  
Of the faith which to him was given,  
It will carry us triumphant  
To the very gates of heaven.

We now can see but darkly,  
We cannot understand  
Why our dear friend was called away  
Into the spirit land;  
But we shall know life's meaning  
And the mysteries of God's grace,  
When we know as we are known,  
When we meet him face to face.

The things of life most real  
Are friendship, truth and love,  
Which link the hearts of men below  
To those of heaven above.  
Our love and truest friendships  
Do not grow dim with years,  
But reach into eternity,  
Beyond the vale of tears.

We know that he is safe at home  
In that land of pure delight,  
Although we almost seem to feel  
His presence here tonight;  
And when we reach the pearly gates  
Of the city of the blest,  
We know that he will welcome us  
To our eternal rest.

Fond memories ever cluster  
Around his sacred name,  
We loved him while he lived on earth,  
We love him still the same;  
And while the St. Joe floweth  
And the stars in heaven shine,  
Honor, love and homage  
Shall evermore be thine.

Funeral services were held in the family residence, with the Rev. Milton S. Czatt, pastor of the Centre Congregational Church, in charge.

**LYNDON LEON DUNHAM**—To the people of Brattleboro the name of Dunham has been of singular importance through two-score years, valued throughout that period as belonging to three men whose enterprises have proved of enduring worth to the town, county and State. Three brothers, two of whom were the founders of Dunham Brothers Company in the year 1885 have borne the name with honor and distinction; and the third, Lyndon Leon Dunham, who entered the firm in 1894, has succeeded the founders to the headship of this corporation. He has been identified with the company thirty-four years.

Lyndon L. Dunham, who was born July 7, 1868, was one of ten children of Samuel W. and Rachel E. (Andrews) Dunham, of North Paris, Maine. His father was a farmer and country merchant, a recognized leader in his home town, who enjoyed the confidence and respect of all who knew him. His two elder brothers, who founded Dunham Brothers Company, were Charles W. and George L. Dunham.

These two brothers came to Brattleboro from North Paris in 1885 and purchased Henry W. Simonds' Shoe Store which was destined to be the nucleus around which Dunham Brothers' enterprise was built and developed into one of the leading wholesale houses in New England. In 1894 Lyndon L. entered the firm, and a retail store in Bellows Falls was purchased, of which he took charge, later becoming manager also of the Brattleboro retail store. From that position he subsequently entered the wholesale division of the business as

vice-president and sales manager. In 1895 an adjoining store was acquired and a wholesale business was begun, the firm supplying shoes and rubbers to dealers in the nearby towns. In 1901 enlarged territory and augmented sales necessitated increased facilities, which were provided by the erection of a six-story brick building in the rear of the retail store. A second six-story building was completed a few years later. In 1922 the firm bought the Hooker Block together with the Ryther building on the south.

At this point in the narrative, leaving the company's affairs for a time, it is well to revert to the career of Lyndon L. Dunham and to consider his personal connection with Dunham Brothers Company. He graduated from Coburn Classical Institute in 1887, at the age of eighteen years. In the fall of that year he matriculated in Colby College, from which he graduated in 1891 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. At Colby he was elected into Delta Upsilon fraternity. Following his graduation he engaged in the retail shoe business in Lewiston, Maine, where he gained experience of the utmost value to him in later years. In 1894, as cited, he began his long identity with Dunham Brothers Company, when the organization was nine years old, and emerging from lusty childhood into a still stronger youth. In 1897 the firm had become distributors for the New England states and greater New York of the Ball-Band line of rubber and woolen footwear manufactured by the Mishawaka Rubber & Woolen Manufacturing Company of Mishawaka, Indiana. In 1900 Mr. Dunham was appointed sales manager of the company and has looked after this branch of the business since that time. Sales have mounted steadily until today Dunham Brothers Company ranks as one of the large distributors of first quality rubber footwear in the United States. It also is a large wholesale distributor of leather footwear. One hundred workers are employed in the offices and warehouse at Brattleboro, in addition to which twenty-five salesmen represent the house throughout the large territory which is covered. The substantial and well-merited success achieved by Dunham Brothers Company has been built upon a solid foundation, resting upon four essential corner stones, viz: Integrity, Equal Treatment for All, Highest Quality Merchandise and Efficient Service. George L. Dunham held the presidency of the company from its foundation until December 11, 1927, when his death occurred. Charles W. Dunham held the treasurer's office until his death in March, 1910, when George L. Dunham assumed that office in addition to the presidency. At the death of George L. Dunham, Lyndon L. Dunham attained to the presidency and secretaryship, and Harold W. Mason, son-in-law of George L. Dunham, became vice-president and treasurer, which posts he continues to hold.

Lyndon L. Dunham is vitally interested in the welfare of Brattleboro, and has given liberally of time, thought and funds to aid in the town's betterment. He is a corporator of the Brattleboro Savings Bank, and maintains diverse other financial connections of note. Fraternally prominent, he is a member of Brattleboro Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Fort Dummer Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Connecticut Valley Council, Royal and Select Masters; Beauseant Commandery, Knights Templar, and Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member also of the Brattleboro Club, the Brattleboro Country Club, and a communicant of All Souls Universalist Church. During the World War, he was of service in the several campaigns of the Liberty Loan, War Savings Stamps, and Red Cross.

On January 7, 1897, Lyndon L. Dunham married Carrie Robertson Lamson, of Bellows Falls, Vermont, daughter of Lucien A. and Mary (Robertson) Lamson. One son, John Lucien Dunham, was born of this union on



*Lyndon B. Johnson.*











Harold W. Mason.

January 14, 1904, who is following in his father's footsteps as an industrial figure, now being assistant superintendent of Dunham Brothers Company.

**HAROLD W. MASON**—Counted prominently among the foremost financial and industrial figures of Brattleboro, Harold W. Mason has lived a career of interest and variety. He is today one of the foremost citizens of municipality, town and county, known widely through Vermont, in Massachusetts, and elsewhere through the broad field in which the footwear company of which he is an official does business. His record, here presented in much curtailed form, cannot fail to indicate a certain talent in business and in general affairs.

The family of which Mr. Mason is a distinguished member is old in the annals of New England. His father, William L. Mason, was born in Clinton, Massachusetts, and until the time of his demise engaged with recognition as a civil engineer. His mother, Margaret Etta (Mathews) Mason, was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, and like her devoted husband, is since deceased.

It was in Worcester, Massachusetts, on April 21, 1895, that Harold W. Mason was born; and it was there that he secured his academic instruction in the public schools, afterward matriculating in Dartmouth, whence he graduated with the class of 1917, holding the degree of Bachelor of Sciences and scholastic standing of merit. Meanwhile, in April, 1917, two months prior to his time of graduation from Dartmouth, the United States went into the World War. But Mr. Mason did not wait for his academic course to find its natural culmination. Instead, within a few days of war's declaration he enlisted in the United States Army, as a private in the Ordnance Reserve Corps, located at Watertown Arsenal. Subsequently he was located at Camp Upton and Camp Mead, and in March of 1918 was commissioned a second lieutenant, Ordnance Corps. Following receipt of his commission, Lieutenant Mason attended machine gun school at Springfield Armory, and in April, a month after having received his commission, sailed for the battlefields of Europe as armament officer attached to the air service. Overseas he took part in several important battles with the American Expeditionary Forces, these having been centered in the Toul and Argonne sectors. In March of 1919 he was discharged, with the rank of second lieutenant at Washington, D. C.

Thus having had one year of foreign military service, having graduated from one of the nation's leading university institutions for men, and having attained to the age of twenty-four years (he was twenty-three at the time of his discharge), Mr. Mason resumed the course of his civil career, becoming associated with Dunham Brothers Company, of Brattleboro, as assistant credit manager. In 1922 he advanced to the position of assistant sales manager of the company, and in December, 1927, became vice-president and treasurer. As such he has served the Dunham organization through the interim succeeding to the present time. The Dunham organization had its origin in 1885, just ten years before Mr. Mason's birth. The founders were Charles W. and George L. Dunham, both of whom were natives of Maine, and who joined in the purchase of a small retail shoe store in Brattleboro, with a capital of \$2,500. The first year business amounted to \$13,000, and from that time to this the volume has augmented in manifold degree with successive years, until, in 1927, when George L. Dunham, then president and treasurer of the company, died, the business was the largest shoe wholesale house in New England. Today the Dunham company is called the largest firm in the world dealing in rubber footwear at wholesale—the mark handled being

the well known "Ball-Band." Also, it is a large distributor of leather footwear, handling several marks. Excellence of products dealt in as factors, together with the admirable situation of Brattleboro as a distributing point, in conjunction with the personal abilities of the men who have had the company's direction, has resulted in business history. Their organization has some twenty-five salesmen, and employs about one hundred persons in the business in Brattleboro. Two six-story buildings are used for warehouses, and the top floor of a building adjoining serves as an office. Two capacious outside storehouses are employed for the storing of extra stocks. It is a business having behind it nearly half a century of wise tradition, headed by men capable of guiding that tradition to meet modern exigencies.

Aside from his extensive interest in Dunham Brothers Company, Mr. Mason maintains separate financial interests of note. He was an incorporator of the Brattleboro Savings Bank. He is a Republican; treasurer of the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital; in which he is much interested and to which he has given a fully equipped laboratory and important operating room supplies. Fraternally he is identified with Sigma Nu; is a member of the University Club of Boston, Dartmouth Club of New York City, the Brattleboro Country Club (as a director), the American Legion, and Military Order of Foreign Wars. He attends the Congregational church, in this denomination being a member of the board of trustees; and his principal relaxations out-of-doors are trout fishing and golf. His friends are many, confined to no single class or category.

Mr. Mason married, March 17, 1918, Evelyn Hawley Dunham, native of Boston, Massachusetts, daughter of George L. Dunham, aforementioned, prominent business man and said to have been the foremost citizen of Brattleboro whose biography precedes this. Of this union was born a son, George Dunham, named after his honored maternal grandfather.

**HON. HARRIE BRIGHAM CHASE**—The judiciary of the Commonwealth of Vermont is ably represented upon the Supreme Court by Hon. Harrie B. Chase, of Brattleboro, one of the most distinguished jurists of the State. A member of the legal profession for more than sixteen years, Mr. Justice Chase has achieved a brilliant career, both at the bar and on the bench, having come rapidly to the front as a practitioner, until within seven years of admission to practice he was appointed to the Superior Court in which he rose to the exalted position of chief of superior judges. His elevation to the Supreme Court came as merited recognition of his ability as an arbiter of causes and of his esteemed services on the higher court. Throughout the State he is held in great respect for his personal worth, the profoundness of his learning, the soundness of his judgment, and the clarity of his decisions. He is a tower of strength to the judicial structure of the State.

Mr. Justice Chase is of a family long noted in legal circles of Vermont. His father, Charles S. Chase, a native of Whitingham, was a widely known attorney-at-law in Brattleboro for many years, senior member of the firm of Chase & Chase, after the reception of his son. The elder, Mr. Chase retired from practice in 1925, and is now living at Brattleboro in the enjoyment of a well earned rest and the esteem of his neighbors and friends. He married Carrie E. Brigham, a member of an old and highly respected family, who was born in Boston, Massachusetts.

Hon. Harrie Brigham Chase, son of Charles S. and Carrie E. (Brigham) Chase, was born in Whitingham, August 9, 1889. From the public schools of his native village, he advanced to the Wilmington High School, whence he entered Phillips-Exeter Academy. He completed his education at Dartmouth College, and Boston



University School of Law. In October, 1912, he was admitted to the bar, and at once took his residence in Brattleboro, joining his father in the formation of the law firm of Chase & Chase.

The career of Mr. Justice Chase in the public service began in 1914 when he entered office as town grand juror of Brattleboro for Windham County, serving in that capacity until 1919. In February, 1919, he took office as State's attorney, and so continued to serve until May, 1919, at which time he was appointed sixth superior judge by Governor Percival W. Clement, holding that rank on that court until August 20, 1921, when he was appointed fifth superior judge. In 1923, he was elected fourth superior judge. On September 8, 1923, he was appointed third superior judge, and was elected to that office in 1925. He was appointed second superior judge, on April 2, 1826, and on November 1, 1926, he was advanced to chief superior judge, to which office he was elected in January, 1927. While still occupying that position on the Superior bench, he was appointed, September 17, 1927, to the office of fourth associate justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Vermont, and at the present (1928) writing he continues to hold that position. He is a member of the Vermont State Bar Association and the Windham County Bar Association.

Mr. Justice Chase has given valued civic service to the city of Brattleboro, where he is chairman of the school board and a trustee of the Brattleboro Retreat. His political persuasion is of the Republican party. He is affiliated with Columbian Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Worshipful Master; Fort Dummer Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Wantastiquet Lodge and Oasis Encampment, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Chi Phi Fraternity and Webster Chapter of Phi Delta Phi. His social organizations are the Brattleboro Outing and Brattleboro Country clubs; since he confesses to golf as his chief sporting diversion, his is a welcome presence on the links. His religious preference is Universalist, and he is a member of All Souls' Church at Brattleboro.

Mr. Justice Harrie Brigham Chase married, March 8, 1912, Mina A. Gilman, born in Paw Paw, Michigan, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Madeline H., born May 23, 1913. 2. Alice N., born September 26, 1916. 3. Dana C., born November 20, 1918.

**CHILO LEE SOULE**—For more than three decades the name of Chilo Lee Soule was one of import in commercial circles of Vermont, and during that period there was no other man so widely known in the Masonic Order throughout the New England district. Mr. Soule's business career, which was started when he was a young man, comprised the conduct of several mercantile businesses, at Fairfield and East Fairfield, a shoe store in Burlington, and finally, during the later years of his life, the operation of a large wholesale tobacco house here which now (1928) is being carried on by his son. Mr. Soule was affiliated with practically every Masonic body and the offices he held in these various branches of Freemasonry were both numerous and important. As a fitting climax to his fraternal record, he attained that much desired degree which represents the zenith—the thirty-third.

Mr. Soule was the second son of Joseph A. and Sarah (Sherman) Soule and possessed a most distinguished ancestry which he could trace back to a Pilgrim Father, George Soule, who with his family came from the mother country on the "Mayflower" and landed on the historic Plymouth Rock, near which rises a tall monument, with pedestal surmounted by a giant figure of Faith, symbolizing the hope and faith of the Pilgrims, a characteristic which was handed down to Mr.

Soule. Some of his ancestors are said to have participated in the Revolutionary War. The earliest members of this family settled in the town of Fairfield, Connecticut, and records disclose that a whole colony of Soule families came to Fairfield, Vermont, where at one time it was estimated that half the citizens of the town bore that name.

Chilo Lee Soule, after completing the district schools of his native town, attended Goddard Seminary, of Barre, Vermont, and then completed his business training in the Troy Business College of Troy, New York. His father urged him to continue his studies and prepare himself for either the medical profession or the practice of law, but Mr. Soule had no desire for a professional career, and as a consequence, in 1878, at the age of twenty-five years, he first became engaged in the mercantile business. In this venture he was associated with his uncle, A. G. Soule, who was widely-known in Vermont, and his brother, W. S. Soule. This firm had two stores, one at Fairfield Center and one at East Fairfield, and for many years the firm prospered in the conduct of these two institutions. It was in 1890 that Mr. Soule came to Burlington with his family, after having disposed of his holdings at Fairfield and East Fairfield, and for three years in Burlington he owned and operated a shoe store located on Church Street, the main business street of the city. He disposed of this business and, in association with O. C. Taylor organized a wholesale tobacco and cigar company, retaining his connection therewith until 1906 when he purchased the enterprise that was to occupy him for the remainder of his days. This was the J. G. Reed wholesale tobacco house, but Mr. Soule reorganized the business and the title was changed to that of C. L. Soule & Company, the name it has kept since. Mr. Soule passed away on February 12, 1909, and the concern since has been under the management of his son. In politics a Republican, Mr. Soule was not, however, a seeker of public office, although he was most sincerely interested in the affairs of city, State and Nation, and exercised his suffrage as a most important duty.

Mr. Soule's Masonic career, with which we are to deal at length, was most remarkable, indeed, and an enviable one. While he never solicited an office and always was reluctant to accept any office in the Masonic bodies, he would, however, when convinced that it was his duty to do so, consent; his elections were always unanimous. It should be said, at this juncture, that he discharged the duties of his official positions with honor to himself and his constituents. Mr. Soule was made a Master Mason in Burlington Lodge, No. 100, Free and Accepted Masons, on November 4, 1890. He was unanimously elected Worshipful Master of that Lodge, filled that office with signal ability during 1904, and would have been retained therein if the members of the Lodge had been successful in prevailing upon him to accept reelection. He received the degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in Haswell Lodge of Perfection (fourteenth degree), January 31, 1895; in Joseph W. Roby Council, Princes of Jerusalem (sixteenth degree); in Delta Chapter of Rose Croix (eighteenth degree); and in Vermont Consistory, Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret (thirty-second degree), February 28, 1895, all of the foregoing being of the Valley of Burlington, and he served as presiding officer in the several bodies of the Rite. He was elected Thrice Potent Master of Haswell Lodge of Perfection, February 27, 1903, and was twice reelected, holding the office continuously until May 3, 1907. He was elected Sovereign Prince of Joseph W. Roby Council, Princes of Jerusalem, December 27, 1901, and by suc-



cessive consecutive elections held the office to January 8, 1904. He was elected Most Wise Master of Delta Chapter of Rose Croix, May 10, 1901, continuing in office by reelections to May 2, 1904. He was installed into the office of Commander-in-Chief of Vermont Consistory, December 4, 1903, and held that office until December 2, 1904, resigning on account of pressing duties which demanded his attention. He was Grand Seneschal of Vermont Council of Deliberation at the time of his death. Mr. Soule was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector General in the Supreme Council, thirty-third degree, of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. A., at the annual session held at its Grand Orient, Boston, Massachusetts, September 18, 1906, and attended the annual sessions at Boston in 1907 and at Buffalo in 1908. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Burlington Royal Arch Chapter, No. 3, March 3, 1900, a Royal and Select Master in Burlington Council, No. 5, Royal and Select Masters, February 25, 1903, and a Knight Templar and Knight of Malta in Burlington Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar, April 26, 1900. He was elected Eminent Commander of Burlington Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar, April 19, 1905, and by reelection held the office to April 27, 1907. He became a member of the Star of Bethlehem Conclave No. 1, English Charter No. 113, Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders, Burlington, July 4, 1904, and was elected its Most Puissant Sovereign, April 1, 1907, reelected April, 1908, and held the office at the time of his death. He was a Past Grand Senior Deacon of the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Vermont, having held that office during the year 1904; thus becoming a life member of that grand body. He was elected Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign of the Grand Imperial Council of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders of Vermont, at its annual assembly held in the Masonic Temple, Burlington, June 12, 1907, holding office to June 10, 1908. Mr. Soule maintained the dignity of every office he held and was loved and honored not only as a Mason but for his sterling qualities as a man in social and business life. It was written of Mr. Soule, at the time of his death, by Daniel Norris Nicholson, also a holder of the thirty-third degree, of Burlington:

When such a Mason dies we bow our heads in sorrow and regret. The period of mourning is limited, only, by our length of days, for the broken column, the vacant chair, the purple badge, the sepulchral lamp, the representation of the Elysian fields, the funeral flowers, and other emblematic symbols of our grief are constantly in our minds; and we only find consolation in the belief that the light of our deceased brother's example will ever shine brightly in our pathway; and as a warning to us to walk uprightly, his illumed spirit will whisper to us from the heavens, that scriptural injunction: "Be ye, therefore, ready also, for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

Chilo Lee Soule married, September 22, 1882, Florence Ingalls, of Greensboro, Vermont, and they had two sons: Raymond Lee and Everett Ingalls, the latter of whom took charge of the business after the death of his father and since has continued therein as treasurer and manager of C. L. Soule & Company. (See a following biography.)

Other relatives surviving Chilo Lee Soule at the time of his death included: W. S. Soule, brother, of East Fairfield; G. H. Soule, of Fairfield Center, another brother, and a sister, Mrs. H. W. Fairchild, of Fairfield.

Mr. Soule, as heretofore noted, passed from this life February 12, 1909, on the one hundredth anniversary

of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, the martyred President, of whom Mr. Soule was a great admirer and much interested in the historic deeds of the former Chief Executive of the United States. The funeral rites were under the auspices of Mr. Soule's beloved Masonic Order and innumerable high ranking Masons were present and participated in the ceremonies. The Ethan Allen Club, of Burlington, of which he also was affiliated, was represented by its prominent members. Beautiful floral tributes were sent by thirty-third degree Masons of the State, the various Masonic organizations of Vermont, the Ethan Allen Club, and by employees of C. L. Soule & Company, who attended the funeral in a body, and, perhaps, the best way to convey the spirit pervading the assemblage is to quote further from Daniel Norris Nicholson's tribute:

How sweet are gifts which come from love, whether they be of intrinsic value or only associational. When Masons have walked together, and interchanged the highest and noblest things, and one of their number is called to the realities of the spirit world, nothing can be more expressive of the love of those of such association who remain on the shores of time than a selection and presentation of beautiful flowers as a last tribute to his memory. Though these flowers are of little intrinsic value, how sacred they are, and how emblematic they seem of the beauty of heaven as revealed to us in Holy Writ, for it is the soul's sincerity that gives them value.

**EVERETT INGALLS SOULE**—Descendant of a Pilgrim father, who debarked from the "Mayflower" and first touched the New World when he stepped on the Plymouth Rock, and a son of the late Chilo Lee Soule, outstanding wholesaler of Vermont, but best-known through his Masonic record, Everett I. Soule now is treading the path broken by his illustrious father, and rapidly is enhancing his reputation as a business man through his conduct as treasurer of the firm of C. L. Soule & Company, located in Burlington. Mr. Soule, although educated for the engineering profession, has long been identified with the Soule Company, having taken up his duties with this concern after the founder's decease, Chilo Lee Soule. It is not in commerce alone that Mr. Soule is replacing the vacancy caused by his father's death, for he, too, is deeply involved in the Masonic Order and has held numerous honored offices in this organization.

Mr. Soule is the youngest of two sons born to Chilo Lee and Florence (Ingalls) Soule, the mother having been born in Greensboro, Vermont. Chilo Lee Soule was born at Fairfield, Vermont, January 16, 1853, (see a preceding biography), son of Joseph A. and Sarah (Sherman) Soule. The founder of this family in America was George Soule, who came from the mother country to Massachusetts, on the "Mayflower."

Everett I. Soule was born September 10, 1891, at Burlington, first enrolled in the public schools of this city, graduating from Burlington High School in 1909. His mind had been set upon the engineering profession, and he made this his special study while a student in the University of Vermont. He was graduated from university in 1913, with the degree of Civil Engineer, but in the meantime his father had died, and Mr. Soule felt himself obligated to take over the former's business. This firm, incorporated under the name of C. L. Soule & Company, was organized in Burlington many years ago by J. G. Reed, but was purchased by Chilo Lee Soule in 1906, reorganized under the name of C. L. Soule & Company, and since has been conducted as a wholesale tobacco house. Mr. Soule now is serving as manager and treasurer of the corporation, and among his other interests deals in investment securities, as a partner of H. D. McMullen.



Mr. Soule is a Republican in political beliefs and a member of the Unitarian Church, the Exchange Club, the Lake Champlain Yacht Club, and the Burlington County Club, but the bulk of his fraternal work is performed in the Masonic Order, wherein his father became so widely known. He is a member of Burlington Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Burlington Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Burlington Council, Royal and Select Masters; Burlington Commandery, Knights Templar, and all of the Scottish Rite Bodies. He is Past Thrice Past Master of Haswell Lodge of Perfection, fourteenth degree; member of Joseph W. Roby Council, Princes of Jerusalem, sixteenth degree; Past Wise Master of Delta Chapter, Rose Croix; Commander-in-Chief of Vermont Consistory, Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret, and a member of Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Montpelier.

Everett I. Soule married, in 1914, Christine Stranahan, of St. Albans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Stranahan, and their union has been blessed by two children: Richard C. and Jean. The C. L. Soule & Company is located at No. 124 College Street, and there Mr. Soule has his offices, while the family residence is at No. 178 Howard Street, Burlington.

**JOHN JAMES FLYNN**—Capitalist and business man of large affairs, Mr. Flynn is one of the outstanding financial figures of Vermont. Few have achieved the distinction in the commercial world that has come to him, and as a promoter and financier he has wielded immense influence in the community. John James Flynn was born in Dorset, June 22, 1859, a son of James and Catherine (Shea) Flynn. His parents were Irish-born and came to this country, to New York, as young people and migrated to Vermont with its pleasant prospects of industrial maintenance. The young man became connected with the Bennington and Rutland Railroad and at the time of his death, at the age of seventy-eight, he had had a long period of employment with that organization, the latter part of it as superintendent and section foreman.

John James Flynn, the son, started his business career as a youngster of eleven, delivering milk over the countryside for the dairyman, James A. Shedd. During these early years he acquired his schooling in the winter months, when it meant unremitting energy and indomitable stick-to-itiveness to get to the district school and fulfill his self-appointed duties as milkman at the same time. These qualities were characteristic of the youth and have produced the man of today, who has carved splendid success out of early struggles. He was always possessed of tremendous ambition and confidence in himself, qualities that can carry an individual far. The men who succeed in any enterprise in life, are always men who have confidence in their star and courage of their convictions. These truisms seem to be applicable to Mr. Flynn as one reviews his life. Still during these early days, he forged ahead and at eighteen with money he had saved, he hired the dairy business and farm, which comprised some three hundred acres and was stocked with upwards of one hundred blooded stock, thoroughbred Durhams and Jerseys and some native cattle. He ran the dairy with success for four years, up to 1881, when he engaged in the grocery business with W. B. McKillop, a partnership that was a felicitous one, as these two men have been associated ever since, in one enterprise or another, mainly in real estate. Mr. Flynn's activities have been varied and widely spread. He early recognized the potentialities of big business in public utilities and after purchasing the Clyde River Power Company he merged it with

Corporation of which he is titular head and moving spirit. He is also a director of the W. B. Foshay Corporation of Minneapolis, which is the holding company of the vast Public Utilities Consolidated Corporation that has its various subsidiaries and companies in many of the United States, also in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec in Canada and Alaska, controlling and operating water, hydro-electro, gas, water-systems, and plants, and everything, in fact, relating to public utilities.

To enumerate categorically Mr. Flynn's holdings would be difficult, but some of his activities are the organizing and financing of the Military Post Street Railway and the Burlington Traction Company, Burlington, connecting Essex Junction and Winooski; the Barre and Montpelier Street Railway system; the St. Albans and Swanton electric lines; the Barre gas plant; and a considerable electric street railway in New Jersey. He is one of the organizers and principal owners of the Vergennes Water Power Company; officer and one of the organizers of the Chittenden County Trust Company and of the Burlington Building and Loan Association; vice-president and director of the Chittenden Trust Company and of the Elias Lyman Coal Company; owner of Starr Farm Beach on Lake Champlain, a beautiful suburban community for summer dwellers; and owner of Peru Turnpike, a toll road between Manchester and Peru through the Green Mountains, much used by motorists.

Member of various public commissions, Mr. Flynn has loyally confined his interests to the State of Vermont almost entirely, the only exceptions being when the project was of such magnitude that it automatically over-flowed the confines of locality. He is a Democrat by political affiliation and member of the Burlington Lodge, No. 916, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, a member of the Ethan Allen Club and of the Algonquin. Recently he has established a beautiful country estate on Lake Champlain, which, with its perfection of landscape gardening, is one of the beauty spots of the locality.

Mr. Flynn married Nellie F. Waite, of Dorset, Vermont, who died in 1924.

**GENERAL WILLIAM WELLS**—Soldier and patriot, General William Wells served in his country's cause during the Civil War with the greatest distinction and honor. He won high praise from the commanding generals of the Union Armies and from the Congress of the United States. General Sheridan, in particular said of him in commendation: "He is my ideal of a cavalry officer." His business career in later life was equally successful, and Vermont has well accounted him one of her most distinguished sons.

The American progenitor of the family, Hugh Wells, of old English stock, was born about 1590 in Essex County, England, and from him the line of descent is unbroken. Hugh Wells married in 1619 and emigrated to America in 1635. He remained in Boston for a time and subsequently aided in founding a colony in Hartford, Connecticut. He died in Wethersfield, Connecticut, in 1645. Thomas Wells, first child of Hugh Wells, was born in Colchester, England, in 1620, and later came with his parents to America. In 1651 he married Mary Beardsley, of Wethersfield, Connecticut, daughter of William Beardsley, of England, and in 1659 went to Hadley, where he resided until his death in 1676.

Ebenezer Wells, eleventh child of Thomas Wells, was born at Hadley, Massachusetts, July 4, 1668, and died at Hatfield. His second child, Dr. Thomas Wells, was born at Greenfield, Massachusetts, September 25, 1693, and died at Deerfield, March 7, 1745. The third child of Dr. Wells, Joseph Wells, born in Deerfield, October 8, 1731, died at Greenfield, on December 22,





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1804. The fifth child of Joseph, Roswell Wells, was born in Greenfield, September 9, 1769, and in 1805 removed to Waterbury, where he died on July 26, 1826, aged fifty-seven years. His wife was Pamela White, a descendant of Peregrine White, the first white child of civilized parentage born on the American continent. Of this marriage there were two children: William Wellington and Roswell Wells.

William Wellington Wells, father of General William Wells, was sixth in descent from the immigrant ancestor, and was born October 28, 1805, in Waterbury, Vermont, where he died on April 9, 1869. He was a man of liberal education, and unusual business ability. Graduated from the University of Vermont in 1824, he took up the study of law, but because of family considerations he did not finally adopt this profession, and turned his attention to manufacturing and mercantile trade. He was numbered among the most successful men of affairs in the State, while his sterling character commended itself to all those who knew him. He married Eliza Carpenter, born May 10, 1806, died, August 5, 1873, a daughter of Judge Dan Carpenter, and they became the parents of ten children, of whom nine were sons.

William Wells, third child in the family, and subject of this record, was born December 14, 1837, in Waterbury, Vermont. He entered the common schools of his birthplace, and later attended Barre Academy and Kimball Union Academy, at Meriden, New Hampshire. From the age of nineteen, when he completed his education, until the spring of 1861, he was his father's assistant in his extensive business, but at the outbreak of the Civil War he and three of his brothers became soldiers in the Union Army.

William Wells enlisted as a private soldier on September 9, 1861, and assisted in raising Company C, First Regiment, Vermont Cavalry. Rapid advancement came to him for meritorious service, and on October 30, 1862 he was commissioned major. On February 22, 1865 he was appointed brevet brigadier-general of volunteers, and on May 16, of that year, upon the personal solicitation of Generals Sheridan and Custer, he was commissioned brigadier-general. He was finally appointed brevet major-general of volunteers, on March 30, 1865, "for gallant and meritorious service," having received more promotions than any other Vermont officer during the war. He distinguished himself repeatedly in action, taking part in many of the most important engagements of the war, including, Gettysburg, Boonsboro, Culpeper Court House, Yellow Tavern, in which General Stuart, the greatest Confederate cavalry general was killed, and Cedar Creek, at which General Wells' brigade took a foremost part in turning the rout of the morning into a decisive victory at nightfall. From September 19, 1864, to April 9, 1865, he was several times in command of the 3d Cavalry Division. The departure of Sheridan and Custer for Texas left him as the ranking officer and last commander of the Cavalry Corps. At the grand review of the Army of the Potomac in Washington City, May 22, 1865, he commanded the 2nd Brigade of Custer's Division of the Cavalry Corps, which led the advance. A medal of honor was awarded General Wells by Congress "for distinguished gallantry at the Battle of Gettysburg, July 3, 1863."

His military career may be summarized by saying that he participated in seventy cavalry engagements, in eighteen of which he led a brigade or division, and his service in the field was continuous from the date of his muster in until the close of the war. The official record speaks for itself and General Wells' military

career throughout four years and a half in the war of the rebellion evinces the highest personal qualities of a cavalry commander, combining coolness, promptness and daring intrepidity with most thoughtful consideration for his men.

Soon after General Wells' return to civil life he became a partner in a firm of wholesale druggists at Waterbury, and from 1868, when the business was transferred to Burlington, this city was his home. The Wells and Richardson Company became widely known, and its success was due in considerable degree to the fine ability of General Wells. In 1865 and 1866 he represented the town of Waterbury in the legislature, being chairman of the military committee and an influential legislator. In 1866 he was elected adjutant-general of Vermont, and held the office until 1872, when he was appointed collector of the customs for the district of Vermont, a position which he filled with efficiency and credit for thirteen years. At the end of that time he resumed his active connection with the Wells and Richardson Company. In 1886 he was State Senator from the County of Chittenden. He was active in veteran soldiers' societies; was one of the presidents of the Reunion Society of Vermont Officers, and president of the Society of the First Vermont Cavalry. He was a trustee, and first president of the Vermont Soldiers' Home, and was a member of the Gettysburg Commission in 1889-90. He was also the first commander of the Vermont Commandery of the Loyal Legion, and an active member of Stannard Post, No. 2, Grand Army of the Republic, Vermont Department. He was a member of the Vermont Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

General Wells was associated with many important business enterprises in the city, being president of the Burlington Trust Company, president of the Burlington Gas-Light Company, president of the Burlington Board of Trade, director in the Burlington Cold Storage Company, director in the Rutland Railroad Company, and director in the Champlain Transportation Company. He was a member and vestryman of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, a trustee and one of the most liberal supporters of the Young Men's Christian Association of Burlington. Few men, if any, touched the life of the community in which he lived in so many important capacities.

General Wells' sudden death in New York City, removed, while yet in the prime of life, a generous, kind-hearted man, of extraordinary warmth and charm, a gallant soldier, and one of the best-loved and most-respected citizens of Vermont.

William Wells married, on January 18, 1866, Arahanna Richardson, who was born July 20, 1845, in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Of this marriage there are two children: 1. Frank Richardson, born February 1, 1871 (see a following biography). 2. Bertha Richardson, born April 23, 1873; married, in Burlington, July 6, 1899, Dr. Horatio Nelson Jackson, of this city.

**FRANK RICHARDSON WELLS**—A member of an old and distinguished American family, Frank Richardson Wells has occupied an important place in the financial and business world of Vermont for many years. Associated in many enterprises, his sound judgment and general executive ability have proved most valuable in these various connections, while at Burlington, where he makes his home, he has been a leader in community activities.

Mr. Wells was born in Burlington, February 1, 1871, a son of General William Wells, of Civil War fame, and of Arahanna (Richardson) Wells, both parents be-



ing descended from old English families. He was educated in Vermont schools. During 1884 and 1885 he attended Vermont Episcopal Institute, and in 1889 was graduated from Burlington High School. Thereafter he undertook the course of study at the University of Vermont, and from this institution was graduated in 1893 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Soon afterward he began his business career, and in 1896 became secretary of the Wells and Richardson Company, wholesale druggists, of which his father was president for many years. Later, until 1919, he was treasurer of Wells and Richardson Company, Inc. Mr. Wells' keen anticipation of business trends and values has made his opinions of particular importance, and his advice has been frequently sought by large financial interests. He has served as a director of the Burlington Drug Company, as president of the Rutland Canadian Railroad, until 1900, and as president of the Burlington Safe Deposit Company until 1926. In that year he became president of the Burlington Securities Corporation, of which he is also a director, and since 1907, he has been a director and secretary of the Burlington Trust Company.

Mr. Wells' business connections, important and varied as they have been, do not begin to mark the limits of his participation in the life of Burlington and of the State. From 1890 to 1894, he was captain of the Burlington Cadets, during 1894 and 1895, captain of Company M, Vermont National Guard, while he also served as aide, attached to the Brigade Staff, Vermont National Guard, holding rank as captain during 1892 and 1893. Mr. Wells is a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, Commandery of Vermont, of which he has been Junior Vice Commander, Vice Commander, and Commander, a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and of the Sons of Veterans of Colonial Wars. He is affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Sigma Phi Society. Politically a Republican, he supports the principles and candidates of this party, contributing liberally to movements designed to promote civic growth and welfare. At Burlington, he is president of the Burlington Symphony Society. Mr. Wells is also a member of many clubs and associations, including the Ethan Allen Club, the Lake Champlain Yacht Club, of which he is Rear Commodore, and Vice Commander, the Green Mountain Club, the Lake Mansfield Trout Club, the Burlington Country Club, the University clubs of Washington, D. C., and of New York City, the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, and the Vermont Historical Society. He is a member of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, at Burlington, of which he has been vestryman, secretary, and treasurer.

On November 7, 1900, at Oakland, California, Frank Richardson Wells married Jean Mary Hush, daughter of Valentine Goldsmith and Florence Mary (Woods) Hush, of that city. Mrs. Wells has also taken an important place in Burlington life.

#### GOVERNOR URBAN ADRIAN WOODBURY—

In the history of the State of Vermont, the names of those who have done most for the commonwealth stand out clearly in perspective. During his life, Governor Urban Adrian Woodbury received the plaudits of an appreciative people, and these same people, in his passing, realize an irreparable loss to themselves and to the State body politic as a whole. His was a life of patriotic service and public prominence. It forms a most honorable chapter in the annals of contemporary time.

Governor Woodbury was directly descended from two of the earliest families of the colonial period. In the

paternal line, he was eighth in lineal descent from John Woodbury, who came from Somersetshire, England, and landed at Cape Ann, Massachusetts, in 1624. He was the eighth in descent, also, from Governor Simon Bradstreet, who reached Massachusetts in 1630; ninth from Governor Thomas Dudley of Massachusetts, who arrived in the same year, and fifth from John Porter, who was adjutant in 1738.

Born in Acworth, New Hampshire, July 11, 1838, Governor Woodbury died April 15, 1915, in Burlington at the age of seventy-six years. He was a son of Albert M. and Lucy (Wadleigh) Woodbury, the former having been born at Cavendish, Vermont. When Governor Woodbury was two years of age, his parents returned to Vermont and he received his common school training in Morristown, completing his literary studies in the People's Academy of Morrisville. Entering the School of Medicine, University of Vermont, he graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1859. But circumstances contrived to turn him aside from his chosen profession, nor did he ever practice medicine or surgery, though he had specialized in each field and was adept.

When war broke out between North and South, Governor Woodbury enlisted as a private in Company H, 2d Regiment of Vermont Volunteers, May 25, 1861. Shortly afterward he was promoted to the rank of sergeant. His regiment was a part of the force led toward Richmond by McDowell, into the bloody and disastrous battle of Bull Run. It was there that Sergeant Woodbury lost his right arm at the shoulder. Lying on the field of battle, he was taken captive by the South, and held prisoner in Richmond, Virginia, for more than two months. Incapacitated for field service, he was discharged, and a year later, when we were in need of additional forces, he gave his experience to the recruiting of a company, which became Company D, 11th Regiment of Vermont Volunteers. He received his commission as captain November 17, 1862. The following year he was transferred to the Veteran Reserve, a body of men wounded as himself, able of courage, who did garrison duty and thus released abler men for service at the front. Captain Woodbury resigned his commission at the close of the war.

It was in 1865, at the close of hostilities, that Governor Woodbury began his permanent residence in Burlington. He became general manager of the lumber business of J. R. Booth, who controlled, from Canada, one of the strongest lumber concerns of the period. His power of application, his sagacity and capable managerial talent brought splendid fortune to the business, and enabled him to engage in other ventures, outstanding among which was the Van Ness Hotel property of Burlington. Of this hotel he was owner and proprietor. It was one of the best hotels in the State. He also conducted large realty transactions, to the general interest of the community as well as to his own advantage.

But, while his business career was large, it was Governor Woodbury's public life which most interests us in the present work. In 1881 he was elected alderman, and in 1882 president of the Board of Aldermen in Burlington. He served the city as mayor in 1885-86, and gave to public affairs the same careful consideration that he gave to his own business. Many innovations of advantage marked his administration. Politically allied with the Republican party, in 1882 he was appointed aide on the staff of Governor John L. Barstow. In 1888 he was elected Lieutenant-Governor, with Governor William P. Dillingham. He demonstrated all the powers of a finished parliamentarian while presiding over the Senate. In 1894 he was elected Governor of Vermont. During his administration as chief executive he added to his high reputation for public service as a director of large affairs. In 1898 he was called to membership on the commission appointed by McKinley to investigate the conduct of the War Department in the war with Spain. Eminently



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fitted for his duties, which were of a most delicate and trying nature, he met the public's protest against measures taken with diplomacy, and the commission acquitted itself most worthily. He bore a leading part in procuring and weighing evidence and testimony, and in forming judgments. The imprint of his eminent fairness made itself felt for the good of the nation.

His later years, spent in semi-retirement, were filled with productive enterprises of value to the city of Burlington and the State of Vermont. He continued to take an interest in fraternal affairs, and was a member of the Society of Colonial Wars, sons of American Revolution, Military Order of the Loyal Legion, Grand Army of the Republic, in Masonry a thirty-second degree member of the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Knights of Pythias. He lived his religion from day to day, doing always to others as he would have them do unto him.

Governor Woodbury married, February 1, 1860, Pauline L. Darling, second daughter of Ira and Sarah (Stone) Darling, of Morristown, Vermont. Mrs. Woodbury's father was a farmer, smith and cobbler, skilled at many trades, and a leader in his community. In the Darling family were ten children. To Governor and Mrs. Woodbury were born children: 1. Charles Lincoln, born September 6, 1865; graduate of the University of Vermont, degree of Civil Engineer; now president of the Mead Manufacturing Company of Burlington. He married Anna Rawson, since deceased, who left children: Urban Adrian, 2d, owner of Appletree Point Farms; and Frances, who married Richard C. Hay, resident of Boston. 2. Minnie Stannard, who married Walter May, and has children: Priscilla, who married Leonard Wright; and John, married, no issue. 3. Gertrude Frances, married George M. Powers, of Morrisville, Vermont; and they have children: Horace H., an attorney; Dorothy; Elizabeth, who married Donald Cockcroft, of New York City, and Roberta. 4. Edward Philo, had two years at the University of Vermont, now owner of Allenwood Inn summer hotel, and operator of a Florida hotel in the winter. He married Alice Clarke, and their children are: Elsa, Murray, and Martha Jane. 5. Lila Darling, married twice; (first) Wilfred Lane, an attorney; (second) to an attorney, Ralph W. Stearns, of Boston. She has two children: John Woodbury Lane, of the first union, and Mary Woodbury Stearns. 6. Mildred Dorothy, married Guy M. Page, of Burlington; and they have children: Guy M., Jr., and Phyllis W.

For fifty years Governor Woodbury was a staunch supporter of the Congregational Church of Burlington. For three years he was president of the Young Men's Christian Association, a member of the Algonquin Club, and the Burlington Yacht Club.

His was a personality which delighted in friendliness; his bearing that commanded respect, even as his keen wit flashed. He was the center of any gathering he might attend—a popular, highly esteemed man among men; a veteran of war who had helped preserve the Union when it was in peril; a statesman, political director and diplomat. His were qualities well worthy of emulation, and are preserved to the people of Vermont through works well done and perpetuated in his honored name.

Mrs. Pauline L. (Darling) Woodbury continues to reside in Burlington, at No. 416 Pearl Street, where she carries forward many of the undertakings which formerly in association with her beloved husband, they undertook together, and where Governor Woodbury and his wife have entertained many notable people, among them Presidents William H. McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, and William H. Taft. She was a source of constant and unfailing inspiration to Governor Woodbury, who held her in deep devotion.

Many tributes have been written to the memory of Governor Woodbury, and all have been sincere expres-

sions of warm regard for the man, and of appreciation for his works of life. These were not in vain. Of an honored lineage, he himself contributed to the progress of New England in a manner to add still further lustre to a distinguished patronymica.

**GEORGE HERBERT PROUTY**, from 1908 to 1910 Governor of the State and always a figure of vital importance in the county, was born at Newport, March 4, 1862. His death came as a great shock to his large circle of friends and business associates, the poignancy of their grief being accentuated by the tragic way in which it occurred. He was instantly killed at the railroad crossing at Waterville, Quebec, while on his way to his place of business at Jackman. Mr. Prouty had been a leader in many ways, and it was felt that he had not yet reached the height of his powers at the time of his unfortunate demise.

George H. Prouty was the son of John A. and Hannah B. (Lamb) Prouty. He received his preliminary education in the Newport public schools and then went away to the St. Johnsbury Academy and, later, to the Bryant and Stratton Business College. At the age of eighteen, he was taken into his father's lumber business and after a while, was promoted to the position of manager in the firm, a long-established one that the elder Mr. Prouty had founded with his associate, Oscar C. Miller, many years ago. Although throughout his career his connection with the lumber business was a vital one with him, his activities were widely diffused and his points of contact in the larger world of State politics held a great part of his interest. Mr. Prouty was representative from Newport to the State Legislature in 1896; Senator from Orleans County in 1904; president pro tem of the State Senate during that term; Lieutenant-Governor in 1906 to 1908 and Governor in 1908 to 1910. While he was Governor the States of Vermont and New York celebrated the tercentenary of the discovery of Lake Champlain, and Governor Prouty presided with fine presence and gave an address that was conceded to be a splendid example of patriotic aptness and forensic ability. Mr. Prouty's large business interests drew him into the directorship of various boards, for his reputation for probity and sure judgment were of infinite value to financial organizations. He acted on the Board of Directors of the Boston and Maine Railroad, of the Orleans Trust Company and of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company. He was a Republican in political thought and an ardent supporter of the principles and nominees of the party to which he gave his allegiance. In June 1916, he was a member of the party that was delegated to nominate Charles Evans Hughes for President at the Republican National Convention at Chicago, his presence being requested as a personal friend of the nominee. Through all these varied activities, Mr. Prouty's lumber business still had the benefit of his executiveship and became one of the largest lumber concerns in New England, owning large plants in Canada and in Maine besides the mill at Newport. Due to the foresight and commercial sagacity of Mr. Prouty, the business has increased its output tremendously since he took over its control.

Mr. Prouty in his fraternal relations belonged to the Memphremagog Lodge, No. 65, of Free and Accepted Masons, and to the Malta Commandery, No. 10, Knights Templar. Three colleges honored him with degrees, the University of Vermont, Middlebury College and the Norwich University. He was an ardent lover of the outdoor life, particularly fond of golf and of sailing. He always owned a launch on Lake Memphremagog. Widely read, with a mind of delightful cultivation, and much travelled, he was a social asset at all times. He had been all over the Continent and to the West Indies and South America, and the lovely home of Governor and Mrs.



Prouty was the Mecca of visitors of international importance, socially, politically and intellectually.

George Herbert Prouty was married on December 1, 1890, to Henrietta Allen of Rockville, Connecticut, daughter of Richard and Mary (Lannen) Allen.

**JOHN S. PATRICK**—One of the paramount figures in mercantile and financial enterprises in Burlington, John S. Patrick early in life gained a reputation for sagacity and shrewdness in merchandising, and as the years have passed and his fellowmen have become aware of his many valuable personal qualities, he has risen to a place of honor and respect. Beginning as a clerk in a store in 1875, Mr. Patrick's career has encompassed connections with many firms and enterprises, his experience including general merchandising, plumbing supplies, mineral mining and manufacturing, financial institutions, and public official. He is one of the most notable figures among fraternal organizations in this section, having attained the thirty-second degree in the Masonic order. Mr. Patrick is now (1928) president of The G. S. Blodgett Company, Eastern Magnesia Talc Company, Southern Mineral Corporation, and the Majestic Theatre Company.

Mr. Patrick was born September 26, 1853, at Hinesburgh, son of Rufus and Arabelle (Knox) Patrick. Since early boyhood he was noted for his devotion to study and for his ambitions, and after graduating from the public schools and Goddard Seminary, he chose business for his career and entered Bryant & Stratton Business College, at Boston. He was graduated from this school in 1874, and soon thereafter obtained a position as clerk in the store of L. Andrews, at Hinesburgh. He was employed by this concern from 1875-81, at the expiration of that period becoming a member of the firm of Reed & Patrick, Hinesburgh. After ten years in this occupation, Mr. Patrick, in 1892, became secretary and treasurer of The G. S. Blodgett Company, where he has since remained and is now president of that establishment. This firm, specializing in plumbing supplies, has steadily grown until it now holds a high position among commercial organizations in Burlington, this trade having been built up through almost perfect service and dealing in nothing but materials of the first class. In 1913 Mr. Patrick became interested in the manufacture of talcum and organized the Magnesia Talc Company, with plant and properties at Waterbury, Vermont, and for several years was president of this company. In 1924 this company, together with the Eastern Talc Company and the American Mineral Company was merged into the Eastern Magnesia Talc Company, with headquarters at Burlington and plants at Waterbury, Johnson, East Granville and Rochester. The company manufactures talcum powder and talc crayon, used in metal working, and it employs upward of two hundred men the entire year. Mr. Patrick is president of the Company, Roy L. Patrick, his son, is treasurer, and Joseph T. Smith, vice-president and general manager. Beginning with the organization of the Chittenden County Trust Company, Mr. Patrick has been associated with that institution, being a member of the board of directors thereof.

Possessing a faculty for organization work and having a broad knowledge of public affairs, Mr. Patrick, a member of the Republican party, has been most influential in the ranks of that political division. Conspicuous as he has been in other circles, Mr. Patrick's fraternal activities have been equally outstanding. He is a member of Washington Lodge, No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons; Burlington Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Burlington Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar; the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also is a popular member of the Ethan Allen Club.

John S. Patrick married Florence C. Andrews, of Hinesburgh, and they have two children: 1. Roy L. (see a following biography). 2. Flora B., now Mrs. Morse.

**ROY L. PATRICK**—Fewer men in Burlington, or for that matter, in the entire State of Vermont, occupy as many responsible positions in commerce, manufacture and transportation as does Roy L. Patrick. He was at one time engaged in the coal and ice business in Burlington, was connected with mercantile houses, and in the stonecutting industry, and has officiated at the head of various corporations. In addition to these manifold duties he is a director of several railroads, and, what is more remarkable, devotes much time to public, political, and civic duties. As an example of Mr. Patrick's almost unlimited abilities may be mentioned his affiliations with dozens of fraternal, social and religious bodies. Mr. Patrick was born March 13, 1876, at Hinesburgh, Vermont, son of John S. (see a preceding biography) and Florence C. (Andrews) Patrick. John S. Patrick is one of the most popular business men in Burlington, president of the firm of The G. S. Blodgett Company, and a director of the Chittenden County Trust Company, an institution which he helped organize.

Roy L. Patrick was educated in the public schools of Burlington, being graduated from the high school there, and then entered the University of Vermont. This institution graduated him in 1898, with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. After completion of his education, Mr. Patrick entered business, being associated for sixteen years with a coal and ice concern in Burlington. In 1916, he severed his connections with the coal and ice business and entered the firm of The G. S. Blodgett Company, Incorporated, as treasurer. Later he became connected with the Blodgett Supply Company, and was made president of that organization in 1926. In the meantime Mr. Patrick has steadily widened the scope of his undertakings until now he is one of the most conspicuous industrial leaders in Vermont. He is treasurer of the Eastern Magnesia Talc Company; president of the Rock of Ages Corporation; treasurer of the Woodbury Granite Company, Incorporated, and a director of the Elias Lyman Coal Company. Transportation, closely allied with his other enterprises, has become an important factor in Mr. Patrick's operations, and he is a director of the Boston & Maine Railroad; treasurer of the St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain Railroad; director of the Montpelier & Wells River Railroad, and a director of the Barre & Chelsea Railroad. In all of these functions Mr. Patrick has demonstrated his skill, ingenuity, and capacity for difficult labor, and has assumed many other rôles in his life outside of industry and commerce. He is a firm believer in higher education for the youth of this land, and serves well and wisely as a trustee of the University of Vermont. In social, fraternal, and civic movements Mr. Patrick is a figure of repute, being a member of Burlington Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Burlington Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Commandery, Knights Templar, and Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also is a member of Burlington Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Ethan Allen Club; the Burlington Country Club; the Yacht Club, and of the First Congregational Church. Many of his civic duties he discharges through his membership in the Rotary Club, at one time having been president of that organization. Politics, too, have received meritorious attention from Mr. Patrick, he being a member of the Republican party. His leadership therein was demonstrated in 1924 when he was sent as a delegate to the National Republican Convention. He is a member of the Board of Aldermen of Burlington, and served his term from 1920-24. Mr. Patrick is fond







*John S. Patrick*



Ray L. Patrick.





of out-of-door life and finds his rest and recreation in hunting and fishing.

Roy L. Patrick married, in 1900, Harriet Elizabeth Stone, daughter of Micah H. Stone of Burlington, and she and her husband are the parents of two sons: John H. and Robert F.

**ROLLIN L. RICHMOND**—In attaining his signal position in financial and allied spheres in Rutland, Rollin L. Richmond has used as stepping-stones thereto the drug business and insurance, still retaining his interest in the last-named business. At the present time (1928), while he has many "irons in the fire," his major interests undoubtedly are the West Rutland Trust Company, of which he is president, and the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, he being district agent for this concern. Without detracting in the least from Mr. Richmond's individual initiative, it may be said that throughout his earlier struggles he was inspired by the fact that six of his ancestors came to America in the "Mayflower," and the knowledge that in his veins was the blood of such rugged and outstanding pioneers. A believer in heredity, Mr. Richmond probably was convinced that in order to carry on the traditions and live up to the accomplishments of these ancestors, he must live and labor as did they, to the best of his ability. As heretofore stated, his earliest business career was given over to a drug store, and with his severance of his connection with this enterprise and subsequent entry into the insurance field, he found greater opportunities, and through his unremitting toil now has achieved a position in financial circles of Rutland equalled by few. He has not, however, applied himself wholly to self-gain, but has ever been ready and willing to cooperate in the plans and proceedings of organizations or movements designed for public weal. He has served his city as mayor, among other offices, and has given generously, financially and otherwise, to civic bodies and to his church. Although highly esteemed and respected for his financial standing here, it is, perhaps, due to his unselfish and self-sacrificing endeavors for the benefit of his fellow-citizens that Mr. Richmond is most loved in Rutland.

Mr. Richmond was born November 10, 1858, at Barnard, Vermont, son of Lemuel C. and Jane Anne (Richmond) Richmond. Both of these Richmond families were early settlers in Vermont, and Mr. Richmond's grandfather was a major in the War of 1812. He also bears the unique distinction of having six ancestors listed as passengers on the "Mayflower." Gen. James Cudworth, also an ancestor, was commander of the Plymouth Colony forces in King Philip's War. He died while on a mission to England. Mr. Richmond, who is a deep student of genealogy, making a hobby of this study, has penetrated deeply into the ancestry of his progenitors, and is in possession of many records dealing with their early history in New England.

Rollin L. Richmond, after attending public school, entered Kimball Union Academy, at Meriden, New Hampshire, and then matriculated at the State Normal School, Randolph, Vermont, completing his studies in this institution in 1876. After graduating from the State Normal School, Mr. Richmond entered the drug business, a pursuit that he was to follow in various places in Vermont for several years, and also in St. Louis, Missouri. It was while he was located in the Missouri city that he decided that this vocation was not exactly suited for him, and he disposed of his interests there and removed to Proctor, Vermont. In 1889, he became connected with the Northwest Mutual Life Insurance Company, representative of that organization in Proctor, and again for a brief period was a druggist in Proctor. His residence in Proctor encompassed a period of some six years, terminating in 1895, when he removed to Rutland as district agent for the Northwest Mutual Life

Insurance Company. This was more than thirty-three years ago, and Mr. Richmond has served in this capacity since. As the years passed he gradually expanded his interests and now (1928) is one of Rutland's best known financial men. He is president of the West Rutland Trust Company, of West Rutland, Vermont; a director of the Proctor Trust Company, at Proctor, and a director of the Rutland County National Bank, at Rutland. The West Rutland Trust Company opened its doors for business on June 15, 1905, and its original capitalization was twenty-five thousand dollars. On January 1, 1927, this was increased to fifty thousand dollars. At the time this company was organized the late George C. Robinson was chosen as president, and Mr. Richmond was vice-president. He succeeded Mr. Robinson as president, a position which he now holds. This bank served to fill a long desired need in the community of West Rutland, and its officers in 1928 were: Rollin L. Richmond, president; Carroll B. Ross, vice-president; Frederick L. Jones, treasurer; directors, A. S. Bloomer, W. D. Gordon, C. B. Ross, W. A. Clark, F. L. Jones, J. R. Churchill, R. L. Richmond, and W. A. Thrall.

Mr. Richmond's interests in public affairs led to his being chosen as a member of the License Commission, of Rutland, and after serving two years in this office he was elected to the post of mayor of the city. During his régime Rutland received probably one of the most businesslike administrations in its history and one that has never been excelled. Civic projects have benefited largely through Mr. Richmond's work in the ranks of the Chamber of Commerce, and his fraternal affiliations include Beaver Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Rutland Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. This versatile citizen of Rutland has achieved a meritorious record in his church, the Universalist. He was trustee and treasurer of the Universalists' Convention of Vermont, held in the Province of Quebec; is now president and trustee of the Universalist church of Rutland, an office that he has filled for more than a decade, and is a director of the Universalist Public House, at Boston, Massachusetts.

Rollin L. Richmond married, June 10, 1883, at Springfield, Vermont, Grace Elva Eaton, daughter of Calvin M. and Cynthia A. (Chillson) Eaton, both descendants of Massachusetts pioneers. Of this marriage there were two children: 1. Carleton Eaton, died at the age of seven years. 2. Dena, now Mrs. Remington, born March 8, 1895; resides in Rutland.

**GILBERT E. WOODS**—A prominent citizen of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, Gilbert E. Woods is president of the Citizens Savings Bank and Trust Company here. In this capacity he has proved himself an able executive and a business man of the finest progressive type, whose policies and administration have been very successful. Mr. Woods is financially interested in various other local projects, and aside from his business interests is active in the civic and social life of the community.

He was born April 22, 1869, at Passumpsic, Vermont, a son of Edwin E. and Mary A. (Moreau) Woods, both natives of Vermont, his father having been a merchant at Passumpsic for many years before his death in 1886. The mother now makes her home in St. Johnsbury and in Washington, D. C. Gilbert E. Woods attended the public schools of his birthplace, and later entered the St. Johnsbury Academy. For a short time thereafter he acted as clerk in the country store of Thomas Keyes, and for two years was clerk with W. H. Burbank. At the end of this period he entered Albany Business College, and after graduation from this institution, he began work as a clerk for the Citizens Savings Bank and Trust Company, of St. Johnsbury, with which he has been connected since that time. From the beginning of this association, in 1890, he showed unusual



aptitude for the work, rising gradually through various positions to his present place as president, to which he was elected in 1922. Mr. Woods is also president of the St. Johnsbury Warehouse Company, and a director of the St. Johnsbury Building and Loan Association.

Politically he is a member of the Republican party, and in 1921 he served as a member of the Vermont Lower House, and in 1923, as a member of the Senate. While in the House and in Senate, he was chairman of the committees on Banking and Insurance. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which organization he is a member of the St. Johnsbury Lodge, the Commandery of the Knights Templar at St. Johnsbury, and a member of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Montpelier. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at St. Johnsbury, and a member of the St. Johnsbury Country Club, and of the local Rotary Club, of which he was the first president.

Gilbert E. Woods married (first) Fannie F. Hartshorn, a daughter of Levi V. and Sylvia (Balch) Hartshorn, and by this marriage there was one son, James H. Mrs. Woods died in 1924, and Mr. Woods married (second) Helen C. Stevens. Mr. Woods and his family attend the South Congregational Church of St. Johnsbury.

**COLONEL HARLEY E. FOLSOM**—From farm boy to the presidency of a railroad, Colonel Harley E. Folsom has ascended from one situation in life to the next one above with nothing to aid him in his upward climb but his own sterling worth and never-failing industry. As president of the Connecticut and Passumpsic Rivers Railroad, he holds a position of prestige among railway men of the State and the nation. But the esteem in which he is held is more than that accorded to importance of position, for Colonel Folsom has risen from the ranks and during fifty-five years of active service has proven his abilities to deal successfully with almost every task in the railroading business. Furthermore, he is a leader in the financial affairs of Lyndonville, where he makes his home, having been president of the Lyndonville Savings Bank and Trust Company since its consolidation five years ago. He had been a director of the institution for many years.

Both his parents natives of Vermont, Colonel Folsom was born in the town of Lyndon, January 14, 1850, the son of Charles and Flavia (McGaffey) Folsom. His father was a farmer, struggling against odds to gain a livelihood, and the boy was called upon at an early age to help with the manifold tasks involved in planting and tending crops and caring for the stock. Opportunities for schooling were limited, but Harley, ambitious and eager to learn, managed to secure one term at the Lyndon Corner school and to attend an additional term at Newbury. While still a boy he commenced work away from home, as clerk in the general store at Lyndon.

In 1870 he began his railroad career, but it bore few aspects of a career then to the youth of twenty, for he went to work as a general clerk in the freight office. But promotion was not long in rewarding his industry and faithfulness to his duties, and he was made general freight agent. Later he was made superintendent and then general superintendent and finally attained the presidency of the road. Since the Connecticut and Passumpsic Rivers road was leased to the Canadian Pacific Railroad in 1924, Colonel Folsom has been practically retired from connection with the actual conduct of its business.

Politics engaged no little of Colonel Folsom's attention throughout his life. His father was a member of the early Democratic party of Vermont, and the son continued in the faith until 1896. His activities in behalf of the party were rewarded in 1892 by appointment to the staff of Governor Carl S. Page. But in 1896 he found

his convictions coincided more nearly with the tenets of the Republican party and Colonel Folsom transferred his allegiance. Colonel Folsom has comprehensive interests in Lyndonville affairs. In addition to his presidency of the bank, he is a member of the Lyndonville Hotel Association, and director of both the Lyndonville Realty Company and the Lyndonville Garage. He is a member of the Lyndonville Golf Club.

Colonel Folsom married Clara S. Bailey and their one son, Fred S., is now a railway engineer and makes his home in Lyndonville. After the death of his first wife, Colonel Folsom married Jennie L. Darling, now deceased. They had one daughter, Flavia, who is the wife of Charles P. Davis of the First National Bank of Boston.

**SIMEON E. CLARK**—President of the village for a number of years, bank president, school director, prominent Mason, formerly Sunday school superintendent, and possessor of a dozen other titles and records indicating his position of influence in and about Wells River, Vermont, Simeon E. Clark still finds time to build up consistently and intelligently the general merchandising business in which he commenced work at the age of nineteen.

Mr. Clark was born at Newbury, February 27, 1864, the son of Moses Clark, a farmer, and Martha (Rowell) Clark. He was educated in the public grade and high schools and, in 1883, came to Wells River to take a position as clerk in the Deming General Store. With persistence and faithfulness he remained in this position for about sixteen years then bought a half interest in the business and was taken into partnership with Mr. Deming. As Deming and Clark the firm remained for the next fourteen years, until the death of Mr. Deming in 1913. Mr. Clark then buying the interests he had held from those who inherited them and since that time has conducted the business in his own name. His business operations are not confined to the store, however. For many years Mr. Clark served as vice-president of the National Bank of Newbury and at the death of its head was elected to the presidency, which position he has continued to hold ever since. As president and manager of the Wells River Creamery Company for the past twenty years he has had practically full charge of that concern's operations.

Deeming it the first duty of a good citizen to undertake public office when such duties fall to his lot, Mr. Clark has devoted an enormous part of his time in public service. He was town representative of Newbury in 1906, and for many years served as village trustee, a large share of the time being president of the board of trustees. He has also served upon the school board. Mr. Clark is fraternally affiliated with Pulaski Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master; Corinthian Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, serving for several years as District Deputy of the Eastern Star. He is treasurer and a deacon in the Congregational Church.

On October 20, 1892, Mr. Clark married Clara E. Bailey, daughter of John Bailey of Wells River. Their one son, Wendell B. Clark, is associated with his father in business.

**HIRAM N. MATTISON**—For many years an important figure in Vermont business and financial circles, Hiram N. Mattison is vice-president and cashier of the Chelsea National Bank and an officer of several other prominent enterprises in this State. The same energy and ability which have brought him his own successes, he has contributed generously to service in the public interest, having filled various county and local positions most efficiently for many years.



*W E Tolson*





Mr. Mattison was born at Shaftsbury, Vermont, on September 1, 1871, a son of Frank H. Mattison and Diana (Carpenter) Mattison, of that place. His father was well-known locally as a farmer and an active member of the Republican party, holding the offices of school director, constable, and tax collector.

Hiram N. Mattison received his preliminary education in the Shaftsbury public schools and the high school at North Bennington, following which he completed his studies at Norwich University in 1893. He began his business career as a clerk in the Northfield National Bank, where he remained for a period of three years and gained much valuable experience. At the end of this time, on October 6, 1896, Mr. Mattison came to Chelsea as cashier of the National Bank here, a position which he was well qualified to fill by training and proved ability. For more than thirty years he has been connected with this institution, discharging all the duties which came to him most successfully, and contributing in no small degree to its growth and prosperity by his sound judgment and executive ability. He has been for some time vice-president of the bank as well as cashier. Mr. Mattison has frequently been consulted by large business interests in this section of Vermont, with some of which he has become connected in official capacity. He is president and treasurer of the Brocklebank Manufacturing Company, Inc., treasurer of the Brocklebank Granite Company, Inc., and a director of the Vermont Acceptance Corporation, while he is also local agent for the American Fidelity Company and the Union Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

In politics an active member of the Republican party, Mr. Mattison has been treasurer of Orange County since 1898, and for some little time, a school director, local auditor, and treasurer of the fire district. He represented the town of Chelsea at the General Assembly from 1902 to 1904. Every worthy movement for the advancement of the community welfare and progress is always assured of his hearty support, which has frequently proved of decisive importance. During the period of the World War, he was a member of the local committee of public safety, and a member of all committees for the Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives. Fraternally, Mr. Mattison is affiliated with George Washington Lodge, No. 51, of the Free and Accepted Masons, while in higher Masonic circles he is also very active, being a member of Whitney Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Mt. Zion Commandery of the Knights Templar, and Mt. Sinai Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

In 1909, Hiram N. Mattison married Lena A. George. Mrs. Mattison died in 1920.

**JUDGE JOHN C. SHERBURNE**—The life of John C. Sherburne, one of the Superior Judges of the State of Vermont, has been one of outstanding achievement. Active in the legal profession for many years and now in the judgeship, prominent in the different bar associations and the social and civic organizations of which he is a member, a leader in fraternal and religious affairs in the community in and near Randolph, where he lives, and, for that matter, throughout Vermont, Judge Sherburne represents a type of man fitted for all-around citizenship of which his State may well be proud.

Born in Pomfret, Vermont, on August 31, 1883, a son of John C. and Cynthia E. (Giddings) Sherburne, both of whom are now deceased, he came of a family of farmers and leaders in Vermont public affairs. His father held the usual town offices, and in 1904 represented his town in the State Legislature. John C. Sherburne, the younger, of whom this is a record, received his early education in the public schools at Pomfret, and then in the Woodstock High School. For his college work he went to the University of Vermont, from which

he was graduated in the class of 1904. Then, from 1904 to 1907, he studied at Oxford University, in England, and located in Randolph in 1908. From 1908 to 1916 he held the office of referee in bankruptcy; from 1917 to 1921 was State's Attorney for Orange County; in 1921 was elected a member of the Senate; and from January, 1923, to April 8, 1926, he was secretary of civil and military affairs. In April, 1926, he was appointed a Superior Judge of Vermont, to which office he was duly elected in January, 1927, and in January, 1929. He has, since he assumed this important office, fulfilled his duties capably and efficiently, and has maintained for the bench that distinctive characteristic of dignity and justice so long associated with it both in Vermont and elsewhere.

Also active in the affairs of his community and his profession, the law, Judge Sherburne is a member of the American Bar Association, the Vermont State Bar Association, the Rotary Club, the University Club of Randolph and the Montague Golf Club. He also belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, in which his affiliation is with Phoenix Lodge, No. 28, and with Whitney Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

On May 1, 1913, Judge Sherburne married Alice C. McIntyre. Their children are: Henry M., born January 29, 1916; Frances E., born July 28, 1921.

**HALE KNIGHT DARLING**—Although born in Corinth, Mr. Darling grew up in Chelsea, his family moving here when he was about fifteen. His long career as lawyer and legislator has centered in Chelsea and his early education was obtained in the local schools. Born on January 26, 1869, he is a son of Joseph Kimball Darling, a biography of whom follows this, and Mary Alice (Knight) Darling, and has distinguished Colonial ancestry behind him, as a descendant of John Darling, born in Salisbury, Massachusetts, in 1683, and, on the maternal side, of Joseph Knight, who came from England on the "James" to Newbury, Massachusetts, in 1635. Several of his forebears took notable parts in the early annals of New England's pioneer days.

After finishing at the Chelsea High School, Hale K. Darling entered the University of North Carolina and took up the study of law there. He was admitted to the Bar of North Carolina in 1894 and to the Vermont State Bar in the following year, at which time he came to Chelsea to actively pursue a legal career. For several years he was associated with the late distinguished lawyer, Clark C. Fitts, and prepared his briefs for court argument. It is remembered that in the famous legal controversy of the Clement National Bank case before the United States Supreme Court, Mr. Darling shared the labors and honors with Mr. Fitts. During this long association, Mr. Darling worked a large part of the time at the Fitts office in Brattleboro. Mr. Darling has been accorded various honors in the gift of the citizens of his district and has required their confidence with notable ability. He was State's Attorney from 1896 to 1900. He was elected as representative to the State Legislature in 1904, 1906 and 1920. He was elected as Senator from the county in 1912, and in 1918 was appointed by Governor Graham to fill a vacancy in that office. He was elected Lieutenant-Governor in 1914. Mr. Darling served on the commission to revise the statutes in 1906-1907 and again in 1915-18. More locally, he has served as county clerk from 1905 to 1921. In all public office, Mr. Darling has shown a clear-sightedness and sureness of judgment that has won him whole-hearted approval from his constituents. Mr. Darling is a Republican in his political affiliations and lends his influence at all crucial times to the benefit of the party to which he owes his allegiance.

In 1896, Mr. Darling was married to Maybelle Maud Hyde, and they now have four living children.



**JOSEPH K. DARLING**—One of the outstanding figures of the legal profession in Orange County is that of Joseph K. Darling. He was born in Corinth on March 8, 1833, and died in Chelsea on October 25, 1910. Except for a few years in his early manhood spent in California, his whole career has centered in Vermont and he has given of his best energies in the interests of his native State.

Mr. Darling was a son of a farmer and grew up on the farm, attending the local graded school. When he was a lad of eighteen he went adventuring to California and entered the party of John Charles Fremont, the great explorer and adventurer, and worked at various labors such as driving mules, digging in the mines and helping in the building of settlements from which the parties of explorers set forth to battle across the trackless wilderness of forests and mountains. He remained there for eight years, the purpose being to acquire enough money to further the education that he wanted and that the fine potentialities of his youthful brain demanded. However, when he returned to Vermont it was to enlist in the Civil War, and he served nine months in Company H of the 12th Vermont Volunteers. At the end of the war he engaged in commercial pursuits and in farming, and his chance to study law only came in 1871, when he entered the law office of Governor Farnham at Bradford. He was admitted to the Orange County Bar in 1874 and opened an office at East Corinth, where he practiced until coming to Chelsea in 1884. His qualities of unremitting energy and dogged application combined with a brilliant brain, sufficed to establish him high in the regard of his community, and for many years he labored in the interests of the county through the medium of the various public offices which he occupied. Mr. Darling was State's Attorney for Orange County from 1882 to 1884; represented Chelsea at the General Assembly in 1890 and 1892, and was Senator from the county in 1894. He was postmaster at Corinth from 1864 to 1871, and was chairman of the Republican Committee of Orange County for many years. Also, was deputy clerk of the county court. Mr. Darling always took a deep and vital interest in the growth of the church and was superintendent and teacher of the Sunday school of the Congregational Church for a long period of years, where his kindly presence and fineness of ethical thought was greatly appreciated. He was a member of the Ransom Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and when he died, at the age of seventy-seven, he was accorded the honors, military and otherwise, to which his long and useful career entitled him.

On October 6, 1859, Joseph K. Darling was married (first), at Corinth, to Mary Alice Knight, a daughter of Deacon Joseph and Mary (Robie) Knight. She died in October, 1873, leaving three children: Charles K., Emma L., and Hale K. (see accompanying biography). Mr. Darling married (second), in Chelsea, Emma Webster, daughter of the Rev. Harvey and Laura Webster. Mrs. Darling died on April 5, 1885. He was married (third) to Mary A. Dow, of Newburyport, Massachusetts, who survived him.

**WARREN ROBINSON AUSTIN**—Activity in international legal affairs, with equal prominence at the bar of eminent courts of the United States, has brought Warren Robinson Austin, of Burlington, into conspicuous position in Vermont, where he is esteemed as one of our most progressive professional citizens. Broadly educated in his profession, he has been consulted in numerous causes that have required the attention of masters of the law in all its complexities and has emerged from the intercourse with other distinguished practitioners with high credit. His local civic interests are not less engaging than his erudition in the law, nor are either of greater attractiveness than his personality, which draws friends

from all circles into which his activities may introduce him.

Mr. Austin was born in Highgate, November 12, 1877, a son of Chauncey G. and Anne M. (Robinson) Austin, and was educated in the public schools and at Brigham Academy, from which he was graduated in 1895, which he followed with courses in institutions in Quebec and then entered the University of Vermont, from which he was graduated in 1899 with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. He was admitted to the bar of Vermont in 1902 and to the United States courts in 1904. In 1910 he became attorney for the Vermont State Medical Society, was representative at the Congress of the Mint at Philadelphia in 1912, and represented Vermont at the convention for the Reform of Legal Procedure, held in Chicago, Illinois, in 1912. He served as State's Attorney of Franklin County from 1904 to 1906, as grand juror at St. Albans from 1906 to 1909, and United States Commissioner in 1907. He was chairman of the Vermont Republican State Convention in 1908 and Mayor of St. Albans in 1909. In addition to being a member of the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States, he was admitted to practice before the United States Court for China, in which country he was engaged from 1916 to 1917, after having practiced in St. Albans from 1902 to 1916. In China his work was in the interests of the American International Corporation, which he advised, as well as the Seims-Carey Railway & Canal Company, in negotiating two loans to the Chinese Republic, one approximating \$100,000,000, for the benefit of the National Railways, the other \$30,000,000 for national conservation work and dredging the Grand Canal. The last named involved negotiations with Japan, a part of the canal being constructed in the Province of Shantung, over which the empire of the Mikado holds suzerainty. Among the other interests in which his professional services were engaged were the International Banking Corporation, Pacific Mail Steamship Company, Manchurian Development Company, China Corporation and the Carter-Macy Company, Limited. Mr. Austin was attorney for the plaintiff in *Woodhouse vs. Woodhouse*, in action for alienation of affections in which a verdict for the plaintiff was rendered for \$465,000, and later reduced to \$125,000 and sustained by the State Supreme Court. Undoubtedly the largest verdict in such a case, in the world. He was special counsel for the State of Vermont, in the Supreme Court of the United States, in a case to determine the boundary line between the States of Vermont and New Hampshire. He was president of Vermont Bar Association, 1923; trustee of University of Vermont, 1914 to the present time; lecturer on medical jurisprudence, University of Vermont, 1926 to the present time; first president of Rotary International of Burlington; delegate to Republican National Convention, at Kansas City, 1928, where he was the first to second the nomination of Herbert Hoover for president. He is a member of the First Congregational Church of Burlington. He is a Mason, being a member of Champlain Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and is Past Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and a member of the college fraternity of Kappa Sigma.

Warren Robinson Austin married, in 1901, Mildred M. Lucas of St. Albans, Vermont. Their children are: Warren Robinson, Jr., an attorney associated with his father, and Edward Lucas, a student.

**JUDGE ZED SILLOWAY STANTON**—Lawyer, public official, and jurist, Judge Zed Silloway Stanton was prominent in Vermont affairs, and for many years was a familiar figure at Roxbury, where his life was largely passed. He was a man of genuine ability, eminently fitted for service on the bench, successful in his practice, and devoted to the best interests of his com-





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munity and State. It is men of this type who have contributed so much to building the America of today.

Judge Stanton was born at Roxbury, Vermont, May 1, 1848, a son of George Berry and Lucretia (Silloway) Stanton, both of Roxbury. He received his early education in the public schools of his birthplace, and was then graduated from Northfield High School. Later in life Norwich University conferred upon him the honorary degree of Master of Arts.

As a young man Judge Stanton entered the field of railroad work, like so many other leaders of nineteenth century America, and during 1867 and 1868 was connected in various capacities with the Central Vermont Railroad. In the course of a few years, however, he determined to seek a career at the bar, and accordingly took up the study of law with the Hon. Frank Plumley, of Northfield (q. v.), and Luther L. Durant, of Montpelier. In 1880 he was admitted to practice at the local bar; in 1882 to the Vermont Supreme Court; and in 1889 to the United States District Court. Judge Stanton first practiced for a time at Barre, as a member of the firm of Stanton and Edgerton, but later he returned to Roxbury, and there made his home. His obvious legal ability won him wide reputation even as a young man, and for many years he was to serve the State in various positions, both legal and executive. From 1884 to 1888 he was assistant judge of the county, while for six years, from 1890 to 1896 he was State's attorney, acting as the prosecuting officer in many important criminal cases, and serving the interests of the people well. In 1896 he became a member of the State Railroad Commission, on which he remained for two terms, and in his second term was chairman of the commission.

In his independent practice Judge Stanton was able, eloquent and forceful in support of those causes which he undertook, and he won many notable victories in the courts of the State. He was equally diligent, however, in his public service, and the people of Vermont well knew that in his hands their interests were safe. As a member of the Republican party, Judge Stanton stood high in party councils of the State, and as the Republican standard-bearer, was frequently elected to office. Thus, in 1900, he represented Washington County in the Vermont Senate, and in 1902 was elected lieutenant governor of the State, being prominently considered thereafter for the governorship.

Judge Stanton's career on the bench began in 1908 and was a fitting culmination of his long period of public service and distinguished practice. Until his death he was to remain judge of the court and was latterly promoted to the position of chief judge. Thoroughly familiar with all phases of the law, alert, efficient and eminently fair, Judge Stanton was considered not only a very capable trial judge, but one of the most distinguished members of Vermont's judiciary. Those who came before him were assured of a speedy and unbiased disposition of their cases, while his dignified conduct of his important office did much to increase respect for the courts and the law of the land.

In addition to his professional associations, Judge Stanton was connected with many organizations of various kinds, including the Sons of the American Revolution. In religious faith he was an attendant of a Congregational church.

In 1880 Zed Silloway Stanton married Jennie Smith Walbridge, of Roxbury, Vermont, who died in April, 1923. Their only daughter, Jessie Lucretia, a graduate of the Northfield High School, and of the Randolph Normal School, remained at home with her parents until after her mother's death, since which she has been employed as a clerk in the Northfield Trust Company, Northfield, Vermont. In 1928 she married Henry M. Davis, now associated with Cross Brothers in the garage business at Northfield.

Judge Stanton's death occurred on August 15, 1921, and with it there passed from Vermont history a notable figure in the life of his times. He was known and loved by hundreds in all parts of the State, and greatly respected even by those who were his adversaries in phases of his career. His integrity was beyond the slightest question, and the true nobility of his spirit could not fail to impress all those who came in contact with him in any way.

**HON. FRANK PLUMLEY**—Brilliant lawyer, jurist, legislator, internationally known for his skilled direction at international arbitration hearings, the late Judge Plumley was one of the most distinguished men of Northfield. Native of this State, he was born at Eden, December 17, 1844, and died, in Northfield, April 30, 1924. He belonged to an old and honored family, and was in the seventh generation from its founder in America.

The Plumley, or Plumleigh, family is of ancient English origin. The line from the American progenitor to the late Judge Plumley, briefly, is as follows:

(I) Alexander Plumley, native of England, settled in Boston and was granted land at Mount Wollaston, now Braintree, Massachusetts, August 6, 1639.

(II) Joseph Plumley. Several of his sons fought in the American Revolution.

(III) Alexander (2) Plumley. He died before 1735.

(IV) Daniel Plumley. He had several sons in the Revolution, Samuel, Jonathan, Ebenezer, and Daniel, Jr.

(V) Samuel Plumley, also a soldier in the Revolution, as cited above, died at Eden, Vermont. He served, too, in the War of 1812.

(VI) William Plumley was born at Randolph, Vermont, and died in Northfield, having been a farmer at Eden. He married Eliza Little; and they had one child, of whom we write.

(VII) Frank Plumley began his schooling in his native town, afterward studying at Morrisville, Vermont. For a few years he taught school, then began the study of law, in the offices of Powers and Gleed, of Morrisville. After a year, he entered the law school of the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and in 1869 was admitted to the Bar of Lamoille County, Vermont. He began practice that year in Northfield, in association with Heman Carpenter. In 1878 he took as partner C. M. Johnston, who had studied law with him; and this partnership lasted two years, the previous one having lasted six. Next he associated with him Frank R. Bates for about two years, then practiced alone until 1903, when he formed the legal firm of Plumley and Plumley, taking into partnership his son, Charles Albert Plumley, see following biography. This firm, well known in Northfield, continued until the judge died.

Judge Plumley early won a place in the front ranks of the profession of law. He was a natural orator, keen of insight, owned a strong personal magnetism and the concentration of purpose essential to the successful trial lawyer. He won a national reputation in criminal practice, also winning honors equally high in civil cases. He was State's attorney in his native county, 1876-80. In 1884 he was appointed a lecturer on constitutional law at Norwich University (of which his son, Charles Albert, is now president), and from this institution received the honorary degree of Master of Arts in 1892. He was elected a trustee of the university in 1888.

Active in Republican politics, he took the stump in Michigan in 1884, becoming a general favorite wherever he spoke. In 1886 he was elected chairman of the Vermont Republican Convention, and became a delegate to the anti-saloon drive conference held in New York City, 1888. He supported the temperance movement throughout his career. In 1888 he was delegate-at-large to the Republican National Convention, and took a prominent



rôle in proceedings. He took a lively interest in affairs of the town, notably as they had to do with education. On Northfield's Board of Education, he was of valued service for twenty-two years.

It was in 1882 that his career as legislator began. He was elected, that year, to the State Legislature; served on important committees, and in 1894 became State Senator, receiving the largest majority ever given a candidate in the town. In 1900 he sought Congressional nomination, but was defeated by a narrow margin. In 1904 he was elected chief judge of the Vermont Court of Claims, having been associate judge for two years. By President Roosevelt he was appointed umpire on the Mixed Claims Commission in the case of Britain and Venezuela, and of Holland against the latter country, going for six months to the Caracas in 1903. In 1904 he directed hearings in a similar case between France and Venezuela. The commissioners of both countries in 1904 brought their briefs to Northfield, where the hearings continued six months. The cases, all, involved claims of nine millions. On his return from Caracas, Judge Plumley received the degree of Doctor of Laws from Norwich University. The University of Vermont also gave him the degree of Doctor of Laws in 1910. In 1908 he was elected to Congress at Washington, on the Republican ticket, and was re-elected twice, declining further nomination.

A Methodist, Judge Plumley was superintendent of Sunday School for twelve years in Northfield. Fraternally, he was a member of the Independent Order of Good Templars; first Worthy Chief Templar of the Northfield Lodge, when it had a membership of two hundred and fifty; for five years was Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge; three years representative to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, and for three years in succession was Grand Chief Templar of Vermont. He belonged to DeWitt Clinton Lodge, No. 15, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was Master four years, and is a thirty-second degree Mason; also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Northfield Lodge, No. 19.

Judge Plumley married, August 9, 1871, Lavinia Lucretia Smith Fletcher, who was born at Eden, March 6, 1848, daughter of Hiram Clark and Mary (Smith) Fletcher. Of this union were born children: 1. Charles Albert (q. v.), president of Norwich University. 2. Theodora May, born June 16, 1876; married Rev. Homer A. Flint (Episcopal), of Montpelier; and they have children: Frank Plumley and Helen Phebe.

Tributes in memory of Hon. Frank Plumley, the beloved Judge Plumley, of Northfield and Vermont, have come from all parts of the Nation. He will be remembered long as one of the State's foremost men—a lawyer, citizen and man of great distinction.

**CHARLES ALBERT PLUMLEY**—Attorney, public official and educator, Charles Albert Plumley has had a career of honored attainment. He has been president of Norwich University, in Northfield, since 1920, and is widely known for the breadth and quality of his works.

Mr. Plumley is in the eighth generation of his line in the United States, a son of the Hon. Frank Plumley, deceased (see preceding biography), and Lavinia Lucretia Smith (Fletcher) Plumley. Many of his ancestors fought in the Revolution. Each generation has produced men of high ideals and service to their respective communities. His father won national renown as a lawyer in criminal and civil cases, and international note as presiding judge in international arbitration. This renown, Mr. Plumley is now duplicating in the field of education.

Born in Northfield, April 14, 1875, Mr. Plumley studied in the public schools of his native community, graduated from high school in 1892, and in the spring of 1892

taught school in Moretown. He took the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Norwich University, class of 1896, and held a place of distinction in the student body, being first lieutenant and adjutant in the university cadet corps and a leader in student affairs. Meanwhile, in 1894, he served as assistant secretary of the Vermont Senate.

For the year 1896-97, Mr. Plumley was elected principal of the graded schools of Northfield, and held this position through four consecutive school years thereafter. He was aide on the staff of General Grenville M. Dodge, in charge of the parade at the inauguration of President McKinley in 1897; first lieutenant of Company F, 1st Regiment, Vermont National Guard, 1899-1900, and became a captain of the guard in the latter year, serving in that rank until 1903.

Meanwhile, as he held the post of principal in Northfield, he studied law in his father's offices here, being admitted to the bar in 1903. In 1900, 1902 and '04 he was second assistant clerk in the House of Vermont Legislature. In 1906, '08 and '10 he was first assistant, and in 1912 was elected representative to the Legislature from Northfield, by the largest majority ever given a candidate for Legislature from this township. He became speaker of the House, and served with distinction. Mr. Plumley was appointed State commissioner of taxes toward the close of his term, which office he held by successive reappointments to 1919. He has served as tax counsel to the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, in Ohio, and has held many other posts having to do with tax matters.

Mr. Plumley sat as secretary with the Mixed Commission of France and Venezuela, in Northfield, 1905. In 1910-11 he was instructor in constitutional law at Norwich University, and nine years later, as previously indicated, took the chair of chief executive of this institution, which he retains down to the present.

For several years he wrote editorials for the Northfield "News." He was a trustee of the high and graded schools and chairman of the board three years; was seven years a law agent for the town, and since 1907 has been a director of the Northfield National Bank, now being vice-president of that institution. He is a director, also, of the Northfield Telephone Company.

Mr. Plumley married, August 2, 1900, Emilie Adele Stevens, daughter of George P. Stevens, then a resident of Manchester, New Hampshire, and formerly of Walden, Vermont. Of this union there are children: 1. Allan Rudolph, born November 8, 1901. 2. Evelyn Stevens, June 25, 1904. 3. Fletcher Donald, October 6, 1906.

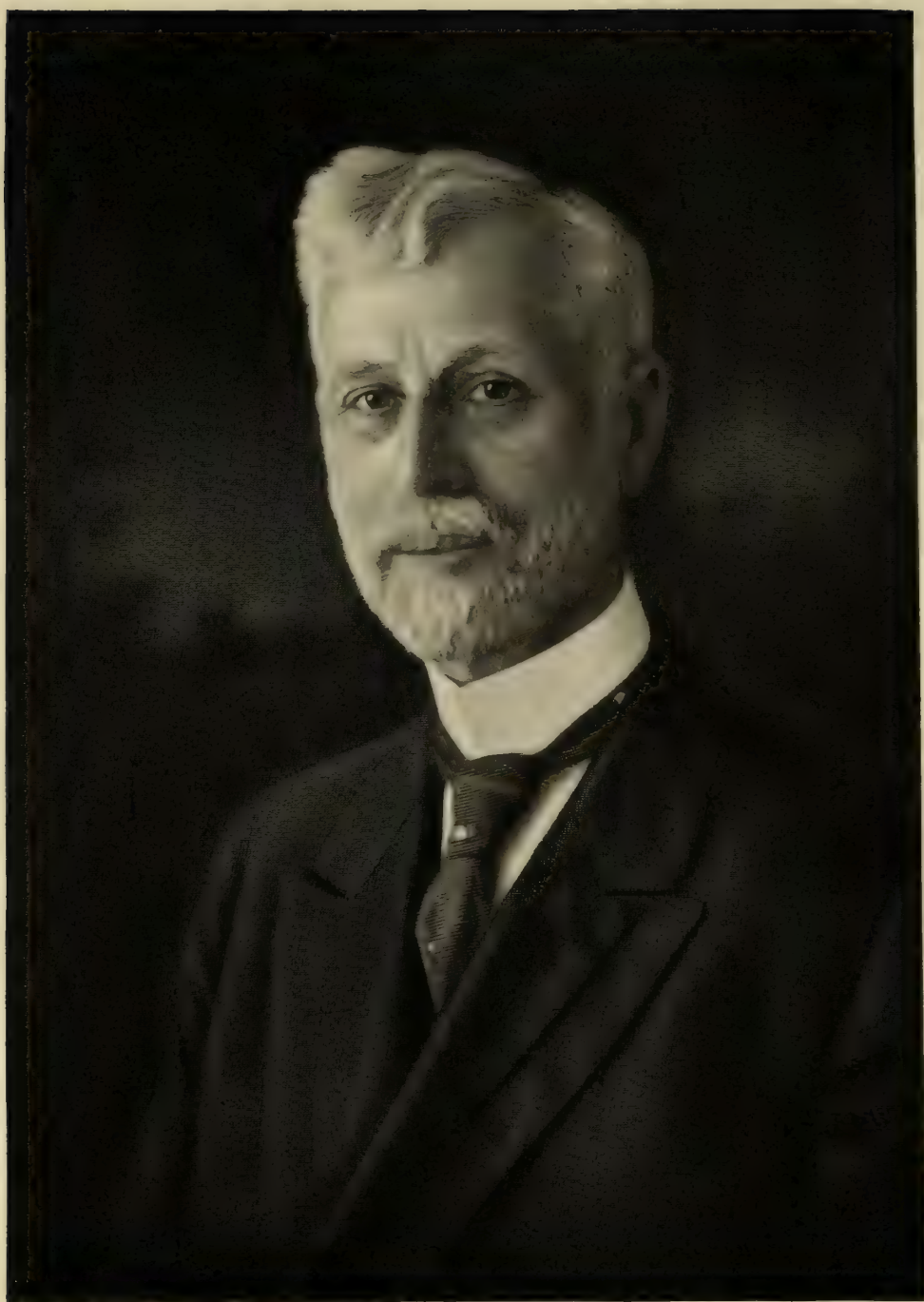
Active in general affairs, Mr. Plumley is a member of the Methodist Church of Northfield, of which he is a trustee. Fraternally popular, he is a member of DeWitt Clinton Lodge, No. 15, Free and Accepted Masons, of Northfield; King Solomon Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Mt. Zion Commandery, Knights Templar, and Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Montpelier, holding the Thirty-second degree. He belongs to Northfield Lodge, No. 19, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Montpelier Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Modern Woodmen of America, and the Northfield Conversational Club, of which he was formerly president, together with other social organizations.

Vermont is well known for the excellence of its school systems and its colleges. Norwich University, under the direction of Mr. Plumley, has made great advances, today being even more strongly intrenched than it was prior to 1920 as an educational institution of strict merit.

The fields of education, law and citizenship, all, have given Mr. Plumley a wide opportunity for assisting in the development of town and State. He is one of Vermont's most prominent men of today.







Fred M. Butler

**HON. FRED MASON BUTLER**—One of the most interesting careers in the legal annals of Vermont is that of Fred Mason Butler, of Rutland, who has held every seat on the Superior bench of the State, from sixth Superior Judge to Chief Judge, as well as justice of the Supreme Court. Admitted to the bar more than half a century ago, he has had a hand in the development of legal procedure, in the search for precedent in deciding causes, and has seen its varied alterations as the judiciary reached out beyond the borders of the State, or even of the country. Judge Butler has been called to the service of the people in local and State offices and has never failed to meet the requirements. His name is synonymous with sound legal lore in this community, and among all classes on the rolls of his profession. Possessed of a keen intellect, a ratiocinationalist of rare quality, a student of character and an analyst of the many confusing details that involve intricate causes, he has been enabled to coordinate these attributes to good effect, as appears in reported decisions. In his personal character nothing is left to be desired. When the detailed history of Vermont is fully recorded his name will be written boldly on the rolls of honor, an excellent lawyer, a staunch citizen, and a credit to the body politic.

He was born in Jamaica, Vermont, May 28, 1854, and acquired his education in the public schools there and at Leland and Gray Seminary, at Townshend, Vermont. While still at school he began the study of law under the tutelage of Jonathan G. Eddy, of Jamaica, subsequently a student in the offices of Judge Eleazer L. Waterman and United States Judge Hoyt H. Wheeler. In 1877 he was admitted to the bar in Windham County, two years later to the Supreme Court of Vermont, and in February, 1904, was admitted to the Supreme Court of the United States. In August of 1877 he came to Rutland, where he entered into partnership with Joel C. Baker, later becoming associated with Lyman W. Redington, which continued for six years. His next association was with Thomas W. Moloney, with whom he continued in partnership for twenty-four years under the firm name of Butler & Moloney. The preparation of briefs and argument of cases in the Supreme Court largely fell to him. Wherever the name of the firm appears in that court, Justice Butler had a leading part. In 1908, the State Legislature increased the number of justices of the Supreme Court from four to five. The chief superior judge, Hon. George M. Powers, was elevated to the Supreme Court and Mr. Butler was elected to fill the vacancy thus created, becoming junior judge on that bench. Upon the death of Judge Stanton, August 15, 1921, he was appointed Chief of the Superior Judges. The Legislature in 1923 elected him to the Supreme bench, and he subsequently became third associate justice thus making his record one of continual advance in the judiciary of the State. He resigned November 1, 1927. In every volume of the Vermont reports from the fiftieth, where his first case is reported, to the one hundredth where his last opinion is written, some of his work will be found. Justice Butler has written a brief résumé and analysis of the changing conditions that have occurred in the legal procedure in this State since he became a member of the bar, more than fifty years ago. He draws his conclusions from the decisions of the State Supreme Court, as recorded in its one hundred volumes of reported decisions. In 1877 and the years closely following, more than thirty per cent. of the cases were in general assumpsit and actions sounding in tort, appeals from justices of the peace and chancery appeals, which show the character of the prevailing litigation. In 1927, they are made up of public service appeals, negligence cases, etc. Cases now are

complicated by statutory enactments. In 1877 cases from other States were rarely cited, while today every State in the Union, and even in England, is referred to by counsel and court in support of opinions. During the past ten or fifteen years the procedure in Vermont has drifted more and more into the code system.

Judge Butler for many years has been a director in the Central National Bank of Rutland. He had been a director for several years in the Rutland Railway Light & Power Company, and is one of the founders and a director in the State Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Vermont. He has been active in politics and has been delegate to many State conventions, grand juror, 1882-84; city attorney, 1884-89; State Senator from Rutland County, 1908; member of the Vermont Bar Association since 1877, and president of the association in 1906; a member of the American Bar Association and is now vice-president of the Vermont branch of that organization. He served as city judge from 1889 to 1895, declining reelection, in order that he might devote his entire time to his private practice.

Judge Butler married, November 24, 1875, Lillian H. Holton, daughter of Josiah and Octavia (Knight) Holton. They have three daughters: 1. Anza L., wife of Wallace W. Nichols, of Rutland, member of the gentlemen's clothing firm of Nichols & Barney. 2. Helen M., wife of John Barney, of Rutland, a member of the above firm. They have one son, Mason Butler Barney. 3. Florence M., wife of Leon Ellsworth, lawyer, of Morrisville, Vermont. They have two sons, Butler and Kirk Holton.

**BERTRAND R. DEMERITT**—Successful in his business achievements, faithful to the traditions of national and civic citizenship inherited from a long line of New England ancestors, loyal to trust and sound in his religious attitude, are among the attributes that have made Bertrand R. Demeritt, of Waterbury, one of the leading units of commercial activity in Vermont. Unquestionably, Mr. Demeritt inherited all of the industrious nature of his forebears, as well as their keen intellects, for it is noted in his record during many years that he has taken no backward steps and his business operations have all been of a character that assisted others, for in them there was a cooperation of demand for material on his part that inspired producers and brought about a general prosperity that affected the entire community. Citizens and workers of his class are extremely valuable and are recognized as such by their fellows among whom they operate. He has been interested all his mature life in public affairs and, when entrusted with office of responsibility, has answered the call and acquitted himself with credit to the wisdom which prompted the choice. His friends are many and it is not recorded that he ever made an enemy, for his methods are of such nature that evoke admiration for their high standard.

Born in Waterbury, October 25, 1862, he is a son of Richard Wesley Demeritt, a farmer, and Sarah (Hill) Demeritt. Educated in the local schools, he afterward attended the Green Mountain Seminary at Waterbury Center and was one of the first graduates of that institution. He then went into business as a clerk in the shoe store of John C. Griggs and worked there for three years, then going to Worcester, Massachusetts, and traveling from there as a road salesman for a wholesale shoe house. In six years he had accumulated funds sufficient to enable him to return to Waterbury and here he bought the old home farm and many additional acres, which he used as a dairy farm. The property was in Duxbury and he also became financially interested in a machine shop in Montpelier. This led to a further extension of occupations and, in association with Edward F. Palmer, he



built the first canning factory in Waterbury and the first of its character to be built in the State by natives and which is still the only one operated by native Vermonters. It has been in operation for thirty years and does a large and prosperous business in canning the specialties of "Ethan Allen Brand Golden Bantam Corn" and "Golden Wax Beans." Success with this enterprise led to the establishment, in 1906, of a plant at Randolph, which they still operate. This business has been a great asset to the local farmers, since they are encouraged to cultivate superior crops for the factory and for which they received the highest market prices. The company also manufactures a patented clothespin and a variety of small wood turnings. Mr. Demeritt is a representative of that class of loyal Vermonters whom Calvin Coolidge eulogized so beautifully in the reminiscences of his boyhood which he wrote after his retirement from the Presidency of the United States. He served for many years as moderator for the town of Duxbury and as a member of the school board. In 1915 he represented Duxbury in the State Legislature and in 1917 was a member of the State Senate from Washington County. He is a member of the Congregational church and for twenty-five years has been a deacon in that body. He is a director of the Vermont Congregational Conference and of the Waterbury Savings and Trust Company and chairman of the executive committee of the Vermont Flood Credit Corporation, for the relief of business which suffered from the floods in 1928. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic order, affiliated with all bodies up to and including Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Bertrand R. Demeritt married Lillie Perry, daughter of Jesse R. Perry, at one time the largest dealer of farm implements in Vermont. They are the parents of one son, Roy W., now associated in the canning business with his father. He married Rena Belle Palmer and they are the parents of one son, Beverly Richard Demeritt.

**GEORGE ETHELBERG CARPENTER**—As business man, soldier and public official, George Ethelberg Carpenter has had a diversified and interesting career, which, for several years past, has centered in Waterbury. He is widely known throughout the State of Vermont. Born in Ferrisburg, Vermont, December 14, 1886, he is a son of Orin G. and Cora (Williams) Carpenter, and a descendant of the Hon. Benjamin Carpenter, first lieutenant-governor of the State, in 1778. The Carpenters have been men of prominence in Vermont since the Colonial period, each generation producing one or more outstanding figures.

Mr. Carpenter secured his preparatory education in district school and Burlington High School. He graduated from Norwich University with the class of 1911, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. His career now began to unfold. From June, 1911, until August, 1915, he was assistant treasurer, then treasurer and purchasing agent, of Norwich University. In August, 1915, he was appointed commissioner of weights and measures, by Governor C. W. Gates. In April, 1917, leaving this post, he went into the office of Lee S. Tilton, adjutant-general, where he continued until October, subsequently entering the Federal service. Mr. Carpenter went overseas with the 76th Division, as ordnance officer. Later he was transferred to the 81st Division, with the same office, and was discharged from the service of his country in March, 1919.

Mr. Carpenter is a graduate of the General Staff Officers' School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and before going into the World War had seen service on the Mexican border, 1916. Since 1905 he has been a member of the Vermont National Guard, and now is assistant chief-of-staff of the 43d Division with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. For his efficiency and courage and

taking supplies and ammunition to the men at the front in France, he was given a citation, the circumstances of his deed having been most hazardous.

Since its organization, Mr. Carpenter has been a member of the Executive Committee of the American Legion in Vermont. He is Past Commander of Waterbury Post of the Legion; a large part of the time has been finance officer and was a charter member of Montpelier Post, and is Past Vice-Commander of the Military Order of Foreign Wars, Vermont. On August 3, 1929, still another honor came to him, when he assumed office on the War Department Federal Staff, at Washington. Aside from this brilliant record as a military man, Mr. Carpenter has not suffered his proper career to be neglected. In April, 1919, he was appointed State purchasing agent for Vermont. To this office he was re-appointed twice, first by Governor James Hartness, and again by Governor Redfield Proctor. He resigned the post, however, to become purchasing agent for the Nelson-Hall Company at Richford. In 1924, Mr. Carpenter was an organizer of the Pilgrim Plywood Corporation, of Waterbury, the other incorporators of this well known and prosperous concern being: C. H. Day, of Waban, Massachusetts; Charles A. Young, of Richford; Alton G. Wheeler, of Waterbury, and Charles A. Plumley, of Northfield. He contributed much to the forward advance of this company, saw it in a position of sustained prosperity, and in 1926 disposed of his interest therein.

In May of 1926 Mr. Carpenter was appointed acting postmaster of Waterbury. In March, 1927, he was appointed postmaster in full, and has held the office down to the present time, demonstrating an unusual efficiency in its conduct. He was a member of the city council at Montpelier from 1921 to 1922, in the latter year being president of the council.

Active in general affairs, Mr. Carpenter is prominent as a Mason, in which order he holds the thirty-second degree. He is Past High Priest of King Solomon Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, belongs to the Council, Royal and Select Masters, at Montpelier, and has held minor offices in the Commandery, Knights Templar.

Mr. Carpenter married Annie B. Morrill, daughter of Frank E. Morrill, and their children are: Frank; Virginia Louise; Luther H.; George Ethelberg, Jr., and Paul E.

**HARRY ELWOOD PARKER**—Born at Lyman, New Hampshire, on June 11, 1853, Mr. Parker received his early education in the schools of that place and later at the Lisbon Academy. He was a son of Charles and Amelia (Bennett) Parker, and traces his lineage to colonial ancestors. He took an interest in music, studying it as a young man, and at the age of sixteen was the leader of a military band at Marion, Virginia.

He started in the printing business at Lisbon, New Hampshire, in June, 1869, and established the Lisbon "Globe," a small local paper, in 1876. In November, 1881, he moved to Bradford, Vermont, and consolidated two rival local Opinion newspapers under the name "United Opinion." This journal is still going strong, nearly fifty years under the management and ownership of Colonel Parker. In his many years of active labor in the newspaper field, Colonel Parker has become an outstanding figure in the State. At different times he held the office of president of the Vermont Press Association, also vice-president for Vermont of the National Editorial Association. He is president of the Capital City Press of Montpelier, Vermont, of which his son, Charles Parker, is the treasurer and general manager. Colonel Parker is the president and principal owner of the Parker Art Printing Association of Coral Gables, Florida. From 1908 to 1918, Colonel Parker was president of the Parker-Young Company, which was founded by his father, the late Hon. Charles Parker, of Lisbon, New Hampshire,







*Donald Smith*

and which is now the largest lumber company in New England in its line of the manufacture of piano sounding boards, and since 1895 he has been on the board of directors. In politics, Colonel Parker is a Republican. In 1878 and 1879 he was engrossing clerk of the New Hampshire Senate and House of Representatives. In 1890, he was appointed by President Harrison, postmaster at Bradford. In 1892, Governor Levi K. Fuller appointed him aid-de-camp with rank of colonel on his staff and from 1894 to 1898 he represented Orange County on the Republican State Committee. Fraternally, Mr. Parker belongs to the Masonic order in all its branches and Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; all the branches of Odd Fellowship, being Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Vermont for twenty-one years, 1887-1908, a member of the Montpelier Lodge, No. 924, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; vice-president Atlantic Deeper Waters Association, Automobile Association of Vermont, American Automobile Association, and Miami, Florida, City Club.

On September 24, 1873, Harry Elwood Parker was married to Anne M. Weston at Nashua, New Hampshire. They have been the parents of five children, Leslie Weston, who died in infancy; Katherine Louise, Sara Knowles, Charles and Lee Houghton, the latter dying in October, 1918, while in his country's service in the United States Navy at Portsmouth, Virginia. Mrs. Parker died February 26, 1920.

**DONALD SMITH**—President for many years of E. L. Smith & Co., famous quarry concern of Barre, Donald Smith directed its affairs with assurance and efficiency along the pathway of success. His forty years at Barre were devoted entirely to the development of the granite industry in which he was a pioneer and of which he was long accounted a leader.

Mr. Smith was born in the little town of Bury, Province of Quebec, February 20, 1861, a son of Angus and Elizabeth (McIver) Smith, and member of a sturdy Scottish family which was founded on the North American continent by his paternal grandfather, John Smith. John Smith emigrated in 1835 from his native Scotland and settled at Bury, in the county of Compton, Province of Quebec, bringing with him his family. One of his children was Angus, who was born on the Island of Lewis, Scotland, in May, 1823, and was thus twelve years of age when his parents left their native land.

Angus Smith married Elizabeth McIver, who was born in Scotland, on December 25, 1831, and they became the parents of eleven children: 1. John E. 2. Murdock. 3. Annie, who married Charles Hutton of Barre. 4. Angus. 5. Donald. 6. Roderick. 7. Peter. 8. Murdock. 9. Allan. 10. Ronald. A twin of Angus died in infancy.

Donald Smith, of this record, came to Barre in 1880 as a lad of nineteen, to join his brother, John, who had already become associated with the granite industry as a cutter and foreman of a shed. Previously, as a boy, Mr. Smith had lived from his tenth to his fourteenth year with John A. McIver, for whom he worked, receiving in return his board, clothing and schooling, and to whose kindness and watchful care he could never give too much praise. Barre was just beginning to grow into importance as a granite center when Mr. Smith first arrived, and immediately he entered actively into the work of the industry, securing his first position with the Wetmore and Morse quarries at the top of Millstone Hill. This was on April 1, 1883, following several years of employment at a sawmill at Groton Pond, and he remained at the Wetmore and Morse quarries until November. For the remainder of that year and part of 1884 he was in the employ of Wells, Lamson and Company. Mr. Smith always manifested a strong independence of spirit, however, and in the summer of 1884 an incident occurred which strikingly exemplified this

trait and indicated the successful career which was to come. At this time he purchased two large granite boulders in a field near Wells, Lamson and Company, for which he paid the sum of thirty-five dollars. Next he employed three men to assist him, and after a time, had worked these two rough masses into monumental stones, which he sold to Jones Brothers, clearing from his enterprise a round thousand dollars. For several years following Mr. Smith worked with James Langdon, and in 1887 became a partner in the firm of E. L. Smith & Co. This enterprise had been established in 1868 by Emery L. Smith, a veteran of the Civil War and first mayor of the incorporated city of Barre, whose name is still used in the company. In 1883 John E. Smith, brother of Donald Smith, had entered the firm as a partner, and on October 1, 1887, Donald Smith was admitted. After several years the interest of Emery L. Smith was purchased by the two brothers and, until death claimed each one in turn, they laid the broad foundations for the successful enterprise as it exists today, with a proud record of leadership in the granite industry at Barre for half a century.

During Mr. Smith's early activities in the firm, methods of quarry operation were undergoing a complete revolution, and he was a leading spirit in many of the improvements and innovations. He personally carried in a valise from New York the first plug drill to be set to work in a quarry, and proved it to be a success from the start, with a resulting change in quarry methods which was of tremendous importance. Mr. Smith's reputation as a practical expert was soon demonstrated and never questioned in the industry, while as an officer of the company, he proved equally his broad vision and capacity for executive control. Later another brother, Angus, was taken into the firm, which was changed to a stock company, and upon the death of John E. Smith, Donald Smith succeeded to the presidency of the company, being both manager and executive head until his own death. "He was a man among men," it was written of him at that time, "with a very attractive personality, unassuming and modest almost to a fault, and at heart, tender, true, and extremely considerate of others. To his closest friends he went by the nick-name 'Dan,' always cordial, bustling, a lively member of every party and interested in all kinds of subjects, having in stock a very wide range of information that he carried with the pleasant shaft of raillery. He was fond of the big out-of-doors, loved a good horse, and considered the quarry business just the one thing in the world for him to do. Success crowned his efforts bountifully, and being well earned, this further ripened and developed the powers of his character."

This personal tribute well expresses the sentiment of all those who came in contact with him day by day as he went about the duties of life. Although his business was, perhaps, his chief interest, Mr. Smith never neglected civic affairs, and his support was always assured for worthy movements for advance and progress. Fraternally he was affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order occupied high rank, being a member of all bodies of the York Rite, including the Commandery of the Knights Templar, and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Smith was also a member and ex-president of the Barre Quarry Owners' Association, a member of the Canadian Club of Boston, and, with his family, a member of the Congregational Church at Barre.

Donald Smith married (first), May 23, 1888, Winnie G., daughter of Lewis Winslow Voodry, a farmer of Woodbury, Vermont; she died in 1897, leaving one child, Donald Winnifred, now vice-president of E. L. Smith & Co., whose life is recorded on a following page. He was married (second), January 4, 1899, to Ethel.



daughter of Samuel Carswell, a native of Scotland, and of this marriage two children were born: John Wendell, who died at the age of two years, and John Wendall Smith, now general superintendent of the E. L. Smith & Co. quarries.

Mr. Smith's death, on March 11, 1921, was a sad loss to the community at Barre, and a source of deep sorrow to his many friends everywhere throughout the industry. "Donald Smith," wrote the "American Stone Trade Journal" in a fitting tribute to his memory, "the progressive citizen of Barre, identified himself with every good cause and public or private enterprise needing help, and the name of his private charities is legion, with no list ever kept. Noble Christian Gentleman is the high title that fits his memory best, and of these this world has known but very, very few."

**DONALD W. SMITH**—The firm of E. L. Smith and Co. is one of the leading concerns of Washington County and one of the important firms engaged in the quarry industry in the State. Donald W. Smith is now vice-president of the company. He was born in Barre, February 7, 1897, son of Donald and Winnie G. (Voody) Smith, his father a native of the Province of Quebec, and his mother of Woodbury. The elder Mr. Smith was also a granite quarry operator and was president of this company when he died.

Donald W. Smith graduated at the Spaulding High School in the class of 1916 and later, at Phillips Academy at Andover, Massachusetts. He matriculated at Yale University and received his degree with the class of 1921. At the death of his father, he was taken into the business and given the office of vice-president and general manager, responsible positions that he has held since. E. L. Smith & Co. was founded in 1868, over sixty years ago, by Emery L. Smith, whose name is still used. He was a Civil War veteran and was elected the first mayor of Barre when the town was incorporated in 1907. The present personnel of the organization is as follows: Frank M. Corry, president; Donald W. Smith, vice-president and general manager; William L. Wheaton, treasurer; and others on the board of directors are: Edward H. Deavitt, of Montpelier, and J. Wendell Smith, who is general superintendent of the quarries. Outside of his important business duties, Mr. Smith enjoys a hobby, that of farming, and owns a farm of a hundred and ten acres, upon which he has recently set out an apple orchard of over five hundred trees. He has been the president of the Washington County Agricultural Association for the past seven years and is a member of the State Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association. He is also one of the directors of the Barre Hotel Company. He and his family are members of the Congregational Church. Mr. Smith belongs to several social and fraternal organizations, among them being the Clan Gordon, the Exchange Club and the Barre Country Club, being president of the latter organization in 1927 and 1928. He is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and with Granite Lodge, No. 35, Free and Accepted Masons; with Granite Chapter, No. 26, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is Past High Priest; with the Council of Royal and Select Masters; with St. Aldemar Commandery, No. 11, Knights Templar; and Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star. His college fraternity is Beta Theta Pi. During the World War, Mr. Smith received a commission as second lieutenant of Field Artillery at Camp Jackson, South Carolina, and was honorably discharged on December 4, 1918, at Camp

Taylor, Louisville, Kentucky. He consequently is a member of the American Legion.

Donald W. Smith was married, in 1922, to Freda Helen Ladd, daughter of Frederick Day and Mary A. (Wilcox) Ladd, of Barre. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two children: Donald Ladd, and Caroline Elizabeth.

**CLIFTON LUCIEN SHERMAN**, editor, was born in East Dover, Vermont, September 1, 1866, son of Sidney Harvey and Mary Elizabeth (Farnsworth) Sherman. His lineal ancestry is traced on the paternal side to Captain John Sherman, who came from England to Watertown, Massachusetts, in 1634. Captain John Sherman was of the fifth generation of the English Shermans with descent as follows: John, Sir Henry of Dedham, Sir Henry of Colchester and Thomas of Yoxley.

Clifton L. Sherman's mother numbered among her forebears six Revolutionary soldiers, and was the great-granddaughter of Colonel Benjamin Carpenter, one of the founders of the Constitution and Governor of the State of Vermont, a field officer in the Revolutionary War and lieutenant-governor in 1778. Lineal descent is traced through the Farnsworth side to John Whitney, who came to America in June, 1635, and to Saher De Quincey and Robert De Vere, two of the Barons of Runnemede selected to sign and to enforce the Magna Charta in 1215.

This branch of the Sherman family moved from Massachusetts to Vermont soon after the Revolutionary War and settled in East Dover where the members of two generations are buried. Sidney H. Sherman was a storekeeper and mill owner. For years he was postmaster, he held all the town offices, had been a representative in the Legislature and a delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1870. In order to give their children educational advantages Mr. and Mrs. Sherman moved from East Dover to Brattleboro, in 1875.

Clifton L. Sherman was graduated from the Brattleboro High School in 1883 and from Amherst College with a degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1888. In the fall of that year he began his newspaper career on the Springfield, Massachusetts, "Union," where he remained until January, 1890, when he became State and telegraph editor of the Hartford, Connecticut, "Courant." Three years later he was made managing editor, which post he held until 1900, to be resumed after four years on the New York "Sun," and continued until 1919, when he resigned. Later in that year he was made managing editor of the Hartford "Times," and upon the death of its editor, W. O. Burr, in 1921, was made editor, which post he has since held. The year 1928 marked for him forty years in newspaper work.

Mr. Sherman married Edith Holton of Brattleboro, April 25, 1899, and has two daughters, Ellen Holton (Mrs. Sanford B. Perkins) and Dorothy Mary (Mrs. Thorsten E. Lommen). He has three grandchildren, Ellen H. Perkins and Sanford B. Perkins, Jr., and Barbara Lommen. He is a member of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and of the Sons of the American Revolution. He has been president of the Sun Alumni Association and his clubs are: The Hartford Club, Hartford Golf Club, Farmington Country Club and the New York Amherst Club. His home is No. 11 Myrtle Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

Mr. Sherman has two sisters, Mrs. Ida May (Sherman) Jenne, of Hartford, widow of Clarence F. R. Jenne, formerly of Brattleboro, and Miss Della M. Sherman, of Brattleboro, both born in East Dover, Vermont.

Mrs. Jenne has been active in club and patriotic activities, and is now honorary president of National United States Daughters of 1812; honorary organizing president of Vermont Society of United States Daughters of 1812; honorary organizing president of Connecticut Chapter Daughters of American Colonists; honorary organizing







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president of Hartford Colony of New England Women; honorary State president of Connecticut Society of United States Daughters of 1812; past president of Hartford Woman's Club, Hartford, Connecticut; member of the National Society Colonial Dames of America; member of Daughters of the Barons of Runnemede; life member of the Daughters of American Revolution, and belongs to the Connecticut Chapter Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America. She has two children, Mary Pauline (Mrs. Henry W. Warren), and Sherman Austin who married Elva W. Hawkes; and three grandchildren.

Miss Della M. Sherman taught for many years in the public schools of Brattleboro and has held offices in several patriotic societies. She is State president of the Vermont Society of United States Daughters of 1812 and a member of the Vermont Society of Colonial Dames, and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

**MARCELLUS EDGAR WHEELER**—For many years one of the leading business men of Rutland, Vermont, and for some twenty-five years a member of the board of directors of the American Agricultural Chemical Company, the late Marcellus E. Wheeler was one of the leading figures in the fertilizer industry of the United States. He also owned a very large estate in Mendon, Vermont, on which he carried on extensive agricultural operations in accordance with the latest and most scientific methods. Naturally he held a place of great prominence and distinction in his native State of Vermont, and his well known business ability, which was of an exceptional quality, was placed by him at the command of several important financial and educational institutions. There was no cause for the improvement of his fellowmen in which he was not interested, so wide and varied were the activities which enlisted his sympathies and attention; and he was ever ready and willing to support those movements which he believed destined to bring about some lasting benefit to his State or its people. So it was that he came, in the course of a busy and useful career, to be considered one of the most valuable and desirable of citizens and to win the esteem and respect of many men.

Marcellus Edgar Wheeler was born at Wells, Vermont, April 14, 1850, a son of Lyman and Sally (Johnson) Wheeler. While he was still a child the family moved to Pawlet, and it was in the district schools of that town that he received his early education. Later he attended Dean Academy, Franklin, Massachusetts. His father died when he was only nineteen years of age and at that time Mr. Wheeler left school and returned home to carry on the farm and the cattle business previously operated by his father and to take care of his mother and help in the rearing and educating of his brothers and sisters. For a few years he also sold nursery stock for Samuel Moulson, a Rochester, New York, concern, and later he took up the sale of fertilizer for the Crocker Fertilizer Company of Buffalo, New York. With Mr. Moulson, he acquired his first insight and start in big business. In 1887 he removed to Rutland and there established a business of his own, selling fertilizer all over the Eastern States, this business quickly assuming very large proportions. Before long he formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, George Sheldon, under the firm name of Wheeler and Sheldon. This business occupied his attention during the greater part of his life, covering a period of some forty years. Eventually he bought out Mr. Sheldon, and at that time the name of the firm was changed to M. E. Wheeler and Company, its business growing constantly. In 1900 he sold his business to the American Agricultural Chemical Company, the business being continued from then on as the Rutland branch of this large corporation. Mr. Wheeler was elected a member of the board of directors of the American Agricultural Chemical Com-

pany, a position which he continued to hold until his death, and he also served for many years as general sales manager of the company. He owned large tracts of phosphate lands in Tennessee and Alabama and for many years after 1897 he was identified with large business interests at Mount Pleasant, Tennessee. In the spring of 1897, very soon after the discovery of phosphorite in Tennessee, he went to Mt. Pleasant where, with Colonel G. M. Fogg and G. W. Killebrew, he purchased the control of some small companies and personally a very large acreage of undeveloped phosphate bearing land. This was sold to the Charleston, South Carolina, Mining & Manufacturing Company in 1916. In 1907 he, with some of his associates, organized the Mt. Pleasant Fertilizer Company, which was a growing and successful corporation, when it was bought by the Virginia Chemical Company. For thirty years his influence in Maury County, Tennessee, was felt in building up—not only the large phosphate industry, but any enterprise for the improvement of that section. His son, Frank Sheldon Wheeler, went to Mt. Pleasant in September, 1898, to superintend these purchases and developments, and still lives there on a private estate Mr. Wheeler built and maintained in connection with large farm operations, which are still growing and the work going on.

M. E. Wheeler, as he was always called, was active in the Mt. Pleasant Bank as president. He promoted the first sidewalks, making a gift to the city of the walks on North Main Street. He erected several beautiful buildings, and gave good advice as well as invested his money there. When he died the Mt. Pleasant paper said in part: "He had a wide circle of friends from the less fortunate to the most prominent people of our country. We can not do him justice in a short article but will say as a man his advice was good, his influence great, his character of the highest standing and he will ever live in the hearts of Mt. Pleasant citizens."

Though, of course, these large and varied business interests constantly made heavy demands on Mr. Wheeler's time and energy, his attention and interest was by no means restricted to them. In 1898 he acquired control of the Dana Hall School, Wellesley, Massachusetts, and from then on until his death he was the president and the financial director of this large and well-known educational institution. Beginning with 1903 he was also a trustee of the Marble Savings Bank of Rutland and in 1926 he succeeded Charles E. Ross as vice-president of this institution, which latter position he still held at the time of his death. During the last twenty years of his life he was also identified as an executive officer and director with several other large business concerns, all of which greatly benefited by his wise counsel and energetic direction. The greater part of his life was devoted to business. He was a born trader. In addition to his fertilizer business, he bought and sold large tracts of standing timber and farm lands in Vermont, Tennessee and Alabama. He would often say, as he looked over his broad fields, "The joy of it all is knowing it is mine." And he loved and admired trees. He felt as the poet wrote, "Only God can make a tree." Mr. Wheeler was a writer of no mean ability. He wrote admirable rhymes and jingles as a boy, and all through life. Letter writing was a joy to him and he expressed his thoughts beautifully. There was poetry in his soul. He watched the sunset every evening.

Mr. Wheeler was six feet tall, very commanding, ruddy complexion; his thick black hair turned to silver after he was fifty. He was very strict in his personal habits; he spent his leisure time at home; was always a teetotaler, and he never used tobacco in any form. He was as solid as the Vermont Mountains in his character and principles. For twenty years Mr. Wheeler owned Mount Killington, and for a short time he ran the hotel there and



kept the road open at his own expense. In 1900 he bought up many farms at Mendon, Vermont, until he finally owned an estate of some 5,000 acres, known as "Deermont." This large property he constantly improved and beautified, and on it he maintained a very attractive summer home for his entire family. Its eight miles of stream were stocked by him with brook trout and, being a keen and able fisherman, he greatly enjoyed spending some of his leisure hours in fishing his own waters. He was also very fond of horseback riding and, indeed, of all forms of outdoor life. Greatly interested in stock raising, he had some fine stock on his farm, in the care of which he took a great delight. He was a lover of all animals, especially of birds and wild deer, which latter he protected to the best of his ability. Quite in accordance with his sympathetic nature was his interest in flowers and music, he loved roses, and his favorite songs were "The Old Oaken Bucket," "The Last Rose of Summer" and "Home Sweet Home." He enjoyed long summers at Deermont with his wife, children and grandchildren. He was a man of innate kindness and was always ready to help those in need or in trouble, finding pleasure in doing for other people. To him it was more pleasure to give than to receive. He was a faithful attendant and a liberal supporter of the Congregational Church. Though often urged to take public office, he never cared to become active in politics, though he was always a staunch supporter of the Republican party and of the cause of prohibition.

Mr. Wheeler married Julia Sheldon, a daughter of Joel Hanchet and Marcia (Farrar) Sheldon, the former a successful farmer of Pawlet. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler were the parents of three children: 1. Jaynes Marcellus, who died at the age of five years. 2. Franklin Sheldon, who married Marie Louise Stitzel, of Louisville, Kentucky; makes his home at Mount Pleasant, Tennessee; and is the father of two daughters: Emma Louise, who married Charles Barham, Jr., of Nashville, Tennessee, and Helen Marie. 3. Helen Julia, who married Charles Francis Hutchins, of Worcester, Massachusetts, and who is the mother of three children: Helen Julia, who married John Henry Orr, Jr., of Worcester, Massachusetts; and who has two children, Helen Julia and Joan; George Francis II; and Charles Wheeler. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler celebrated their golden wedding anniversary September 18, 1923, at Deermont, with their entire family.

The death of Marcellus E. Wheeler, which occurred February 1, 1927, was a cause of profound sorrow among his many friends throughout Vermont, partly because they felt a deep sense of loss upon being deprived of one who had been so warm a personal friend to a large number of them and to the civic interests of the State, but also because they admired his unusual achievements. Starting the serious work of life as a very young man, without financial aid, he overcame all obstacles and built up a large and successful business. He always succeeded because of his untiring energy, his quiet, determined and resourceful manner. His motto in business was "I Lead." Business to him was like a fine game, and he always played it with the strictest honesty and fairness. He would say, "I can give the other man an advantage and then win." Farseeing, keen and kindly, his gifts and his generosity were far-reaching and helped many, but were always given without ostentation.

During the last fifteen years of his life his time was largely occupied with banking and investments and managing his farms and financial interests. Mr. Wheeler made one trip to California with his wife, and he took the cruise to the West Indies and the Panama Canal. He spent several winters in Florida, but the greater part of his life was devoted to business, and until one week before he died he looked after his business and attended his bank meetings regularly.

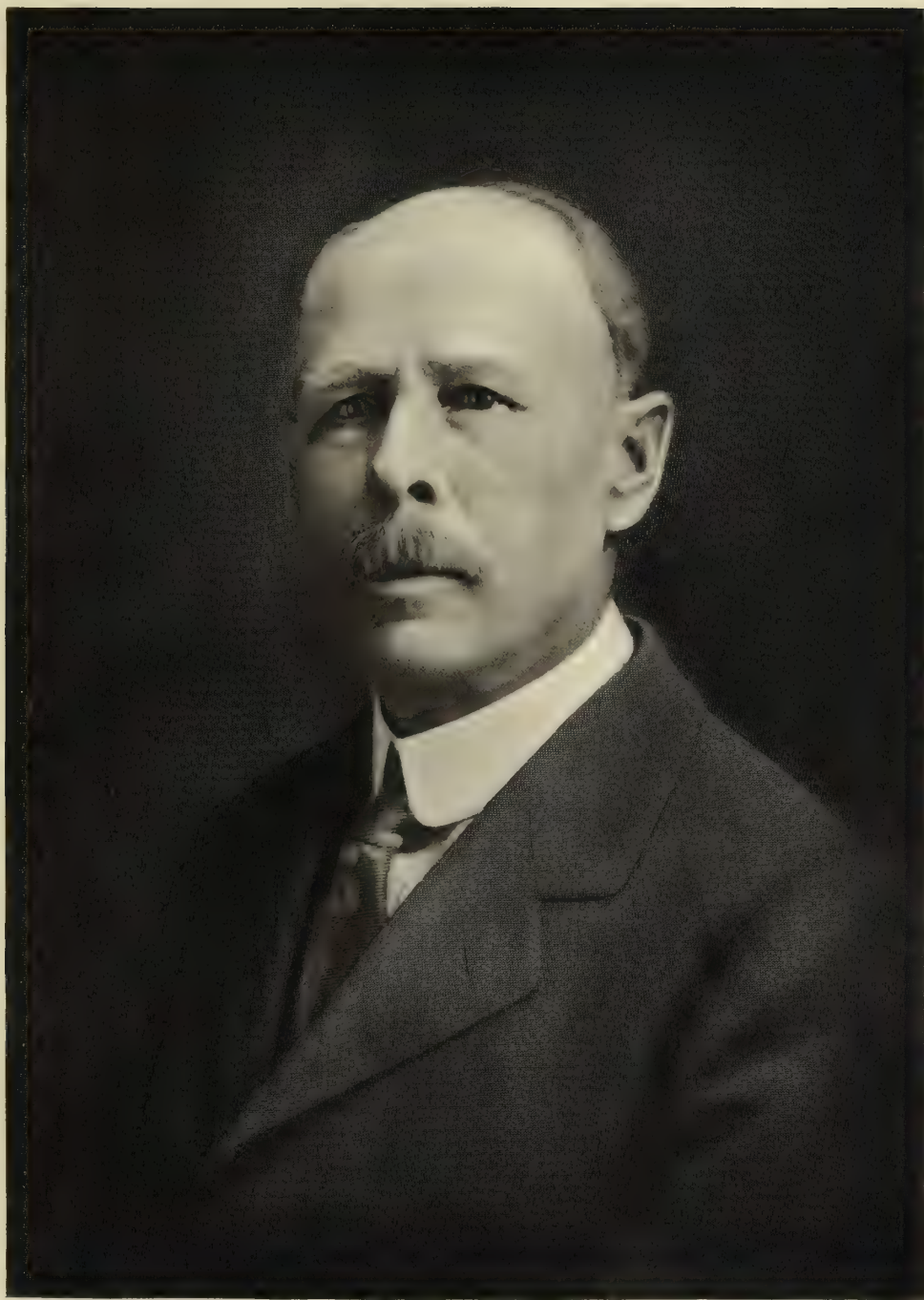
Though the greater part of his life was devoted to business, his devotion to his business enterprises was not based on a desire to increase his personal fortune, but rather on a desire to serve others, and, indeed, his entire career clearly stamps him as a humanitarian of broad vision and sympathy. In his own community, as well as throughout his native State, he will long be remembered as one of Vermont's outstanding citizens and as one whose influence upon others was always exerted for their benefit and for the general good.

**ARTHUR WORDEN PERKINS**—Having been elected mayor of Rutland in 1927, Arthur Worden Perkins came into that office well qualified for his duties, through a long and constructive business experience. He is now (1928) giving his city a good, common-sense, business administration, the office of mayor having been practically forced upon him and his election uncontested. He is best known, however, as the owner and developer of large deposits of fire resistant clays and other materials and as a manufacturer of products widely used in fireproofing and building construction. Mr. Perkins, whose middle name, Worden, was bestowed upon him in honor of Commander Worden of the "Monitor," a name that was to be immortalized in the following year (1862) was born December 28, 1861, at East Middlebury, Vermont, the son of Rufus Lyman and Olive N. (Smith) Perkins.

He received his education in the Rutland public schools but early went to work as a railroad newsboy. He expanded this field until, while not yet sixteen, he had control of all outside newspapers coming into Rutland. Finding this work not entirely to his liking, and thinking there might be more of a future in some mercantile employment, he got a job in a country store at Perkinsville, Vermont, where a sister was already employed. About the time of his marriage, he returned to Rutland and became interested in a deposit of fire resistant clay which his father had discovered in the town of Rutland. This interest led to experiments which resulted in the production of a plastic lining for stoves, to be used in place of the ordinary fitted brick lining. In 1883, in association with his father, Mr. Perkins started the manufacture of Rutland plastic stove lining. The business, which has occupied most of his time since, was developed from this beginning.

As the adaptability of his product became apparent and the demand for it increased, it became necessary to expand the business from time to time. Other products were developed, the plant extended, equipment increased and new sales areas opened up. This program of growth was initiated in 1893 and has continued through marked expansions in 1903, 1910 and 1913 to the present development and high financial rating of the firm. The Rutland Fire Clay Company, which began as a mere hole in the ground, is now the largest shipper in tonnage from Rutland and the largest patron of the Rutland post office. It is one of the important business concerns of Vermont. Incidentally, it is the only known business of its kind in the country as no deposits of similar material have been found elsewhere. It is a national advertiser and has a sales force covering the entire country. All of its products bear the "Rutland" brand and are known as "Rutland Useful Products." All appear under a red and green checkerboard label, and are handled by over 25,000 dealers in all the States in the Union, by dealers in Canada and also abroad. A successful business has been constructively developed from "a handful of mud."

Originally a resident of the town of Rutland, Mr. Perkins served in various town offices and for several terms as selectman. He represented the town in the State Legislature of 1908, his election being unopposed. Mr. Perkins also served the City of Rutland as a mem-



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ber of the Board of Aldermen. He has always rendered every possible assistance toward the progress of the city and has taken part in all community enterprises. This service, combined with his personal popularity and known business ability, resulted in the people of Rutland drafting Mr. Perkins into the office of mayor in 1927. He has aided his community in other ways, giving freely of his talents toward public welfare. He attends St. Paul's Universalist Church.

Arthur Worden Perkins married, April 21, 1883, at Rutland, Louise Sarah Fisher, daughter of Lyman M. and Eliza A. (Craigue) Fisher, of Weathersfield, Vermont. They have two sons: 1. Cleon A., born February 21, 1896, graduated in 1917 from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, a member of Theta Tau Omega fraternity, served overseas in the World War as corporal, Company A, 318th Engineers, United States Army; married, October 1, 1921, Shirley Gibson of Meriden, Connecticut. They have twin daughters, Barbara Louise and Janet Ella, born May 16, 1924. He is associated with his father in business as head of the advertising department. 2. Craigue S., born January 9, 1903, graduated in 1924 from Worcester Polytechnic Institute; married, on August 30, 1926, to Mary A. Leary of Worcester, Massachusetts. They have a son, Robert, born May 25, 1927, and a daughter, Dorothy, born June 16, 1928. He is also associated with his father in business, being chemist in charge of research work. There are also two daughters: 3. Amy L., a graduate of the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and at present executive secretary of the Rutland County Chapter, American Red Cross. 4. Vera A., a graduate of Simmons College, Boston, and a teacher of home economics in the Rutland High School. Mr. Perkins resides at No. 242 South Main Street. His business address is either as mayor at the City Hall or as president of the Rutland Fire Clay Company.

**JOHN LATHROP BURDETT**—One of the oldest practical railroad men in the United States in active service, John Lathrop Burdett, vice-president of the New York Central Railroad Company, is a splendid example in his personality and achievement of the Vermont Yankee. It is doubtful if in all his lineage there is a single strain of blood that does not trace back directly to pioneer Puritans of New England. His ancestors, both paternal and maternal were of that sturdy stock that braved the savage Redskin and a hostile wilderness to plant on this continent the high ideals of liberty, religious, political and industrial, that gave their peculiar color and characteristics to American institutions and placed this country in the forefront of the nations of the world. But Mr. Burdett's position and reputation do not rest upon his ancestry; unflagging industry, unswerving loyalty and those high moral ideals that win confidence, respect and lasting friendships—these are the qualities and attributes by which he has raised himself from a humble clerkship in a railroad office to the vice-presidency of one of the most important railroad systems in the United States. His career offers lessons of inspiration and encouragement to every ambitious youth who reads these pages.

The Burdett family was established in this country by Robert Burdett, who was born in 1633 and who, in 1653, married Hannah Winter in Malden, Massachusetts. From him the line descends through Thomas, born in September, 1655; Thomas, born in 1683; Jabez, born in 1713; Jacob; Jacob, born in 1771; Jacob, born March 3, 1793, to Jesse Burdett, the father of our subject. Jacob Burdett, the great-grandfather, of John L. Burdett, married a Miss Simmons, a descendant in the sixth generation from William Simmons, who was born in 1644. From him the line descends through his son James, born in 1658; Lieutenant James, born in 1686; Caleb, born

1714; Jesse, born in 1748 in Billerica, Massachusetts, was a noted musician, a composer of ability and the first organist employed professionally in Boston. He was the father of the Miss Simmons who married Jacob Burdett. Their son Jacob Burdett married Rebecca Talbot, and they were the parents of Jesse Burdett, the father of John Lathrop Burdett.

Jesse Burdett was born in Brookline, this State, January 19, 1826. His parents became residents of Newfane, where he received such education as the public schools of the time afforded and then served an apprenticeship at the trade of blacksmith. This he followed for a number of years. In 1849 he removed to Arlington. The Western Vermont Railway was completed in 1852, and he gave up blacksmithing to become a conductor on that road. In 1854 he became a conductor on the Troy and Boston Railroad, leaving them in 1860 to accept a similar position with the Hudson River Railway. Here his ability and experience won just recognition and the following year he was made trainmaster. Later he was appointed assistant superintendent and from that was promoted to the superintendency of the road, a position he held for two years. In 1871 Mr. Burdett was appointed superintendent of the Rutland Division of the Vermont Central Railway, a position he filled with ability for a quarter of a century. In 1896, when the Rutland Railway Company regained possession of the Rutland Railway, through the expiration of a lease, he was made general superintendent of the road and continued in that position until his death in Rutland on February 23, 1897. He was a Democrat in a State overwhelmingly Republican, and not an aspirant for political preferment; yet he was elected to various town offices in Arlington and was a member of the State Legislature in 1867. For twenty years he was a vestryman of St. James Episcopal Church and was its senior warden at the time of his death. Of him one of his contemporaries wrote: "He was a man of sterling integrity and worth, well meriting the high esteem in which he was held, and his death was mourned by a wide circle of friends."

On October 21, 1851, Jesse Burdett married Cornelia C. Lathrop, who was for many years State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a descendant of in the eleventh generation from John Lowthrop, who owned extensive estates in Cherry Burton, England, in the sixteenth century, and who is the earliest ancestor to whom this family has been traced. His descendant, Rev. John Lothrop, was baptized in Yorkshire, England, December 20, 1584, and came to Scituate, Massachusetts, in 1634, thus establishing the family in this country. He married Anna Hammond, and the line descends through their son Samuel, his son Israel, who married Mary Adgate, a direct descendant of Elder William Brewster, who came in the "Mayflower." The next in line was their son Benjamin Lathrop, who married Caroline Cornelia Brownson, daughter of General Gideon Brownson, a distinguished soldier in the Revolutionary War. Their son, John Brownson Lathrop, was born in Sunderland. He settled in Arlington in 1829, where he kept a hotel until 1854 when he became station agent of the Western Vermont Railroad Company. He held many important public offices in the town, which he represented in the Legislature in 1849. He was also active in the affairs of St. James Episcopal Church and a charter member of Green Mountain Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He married Olive Amanda Hill and their only child was Cornelia C., who was born August 5, 1831, and who married Jesse Burdett, as above noted.

John Lathrop Burdett was the one child from this union. He was born in Arlington, October 7, 1852. His early education was received under private tutors and in Dr. Hunter's School, out of which grew Hunter College, New York City. It is no wonder that young Bur-



dett decided to make railroading his vocation in life; for, as we have seen, both his father and maternal grandfather had taken up railroad work early in the history of that mode of transportation in the State. The family had become residents of New York City in 1866, and Mr. Burdett has made his home in that city ever since. It was on January 1, 1870, that young "Johnnie" Burdett, then a little past his seventeenth birthday, began work as messenger for C. H. Kendrick, then general passenger agent of the New York Central Railway, and his name has been on the payroll of that road ever since—for more than fifty-nine years. A pleasant recollection of that time is that on his second day of work he was sent with a message to the office of the Erie Railroad and there met and had a few minutes conversation with the famous financier, Jim Fiske, who, he found, was a friend of his father. Young Burdett remained in that position for a little more than two years. Then, when the lines west of Albany were added to the paymaster's labors, he called for an additional clerk, and Burdett was assigned to the job. From that time until well into the nineties the pay car carried Burdett every time it went over the road. On April 1, 1883, he was made paymaster. In the half century between 1872 and 1922, Mr. Burdett handed out in wages \$1,275,000,000. On January 1, 1920, he was made supervising paymaster, and on May 10, 1922, he was elected vice-president of the road, with special duties. Since the death of Chauncey M. Depew, Mr. Burdett is the oldest man in the employ of the New York Central both in point of age and length of service. These two men were friends for many years. Probably no officer of the road has ever had such a wide personal acquaintance among the road's employees, as Mr. Burdett, and he is popular with every one of them as he is with his very wide circle of friends in all walks of life.

His outstanding hobby is music. In his younger days he sang in various churches, was a member of the Mendelssohn Glee Club, a regular patron of the Philharmonic concerts and took part in such other musical activities as his duties in the paymaster's office permitted. Few men of Mr. Burdett's age have the same degree of health and vigor. This is the reward of temperate living and the practical application in daily life of those high moral principles which are part of the inherited traditions of every old Vermont family. Mr. Burdett is treasurer of the Vermont Society of New York City, of which he has been a member for many years. His religious affiliation is with the Protestant Episcopal church.

Once Mr. Burdett was asked what advice he thought should be given to the young man who would get on in the world, and his reply was, "Be honest, thrifty and industrious, and remember that 'a rolling stone gathers no moss.'" His own life, it is needless to say, has been a splendid exemplification of these virtues, which, as he says, everyone can practice. In connection with the second of these the following historical note is interesting. In July, 1855, when the boy was less than three years old, his father deposited for him ten dollars in the Windom County Savings Bank in Newfane. Mr. Burdett has touched neither interest nor principal, nor has he made any additional deposit during all the intervening years. That deposit has grown until it now amounts to more than \$310. Like Henry Ford, he believes in the gospel of work—intelligently directed, unremitting industry. He believes that character and ability can not fail of due recognition and ultimate adequate reward.

**CAPTAIN PHILIP VINCENT SHERMAN**—Honored in perpetuity by a grateful community, Philip Vincent Sherman, the first graduate of Norwich University of Northfield, Vermont, to meet death at the hands of his country's enemies, was at the beginning of a promising career as a civil engineer when he was removed from life's activities. He had already achieved distinc-

tion in his profession and had in him the ambition, the energy and the knowledge that gave bright promise for a successful future. Although not a native of Vermont, he had lived in this State from childhood and here and elsewhere, wherever his occupation carried him, he made firm friends by the power of an attractive personality and retained them through his undeviating principles of rectitude and loyalty. Popular at college, he was equally so in his professional associations and in his social and fraternal relations, a fine, upstanding character that the people could ill afford to lose.

He was a native of the Province of Ontario, Dominion of Canada, born in Cornwall, September 11, 1885, a son of George and Mary (Raymond) Sherman. In 1891 he came to this State and to live in Burlington with his aunt, Mrs. A. B. Kingsland, who reared him. He received his education in the Burlington public schools, afterward matriculating at Norwich University and graduating from that institution with the class of 1907 and receiving the science degree of Civil Engineer. During his university days he was interested in the military training of that institution and rose in that service to the rank of first lieutenant, with command of the artillery platoon and the signal corps of cadets. For two summers he worked at his profession in association with McIntosh and Crandall, civil engineers and contractors of Burlington, after his graduation entering the employ of the Missouri Pacific Railroad as assistant engineer in the Maintenance of Ways Department, where he remained from July, 1907, to July, 1910. From the last-named date until October, 1917, he served in the main offices of the Northern Division of the Missouri Pacific Railroad as assistant engineer in the offices of the principal assistant engineer at Kansas City, Missouri, when he was called by his country and detailed to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for instruction in the Officers' Training School at that post. In October, 1917, he was sent to Camp Meade, Maryland, with the 23rd Engineers and from there went overseas with a contingent of the American Expeditionary Forces, sailing on the troopship "Tuscania." This vessel was torpedoed by an enemy submarine off the coast of Scotland and sank February 5, 1918, when he lost his life. The body of this gallant soldier and capable engineer was interred in the cemetery given by Hugh Morrison, at Port Charlotte, Islay Island, Scotland, but was later exhumed and transferred to Mount Hope Cemetery, Northfield, Vermont, August 27, 1920. At the time of the Norwich University centennial anniversary in October, 1919, there was dedicated a memorial stairway of forty steps, commemorating the graduates and students of the institution who had given their lives for their country. The name of Captain Philip Vincent Sherman is carved in one of those steps and the honor of unveiling the memorial and loosening the colors was given to his three sons, who walked slowly down the forty steps after their part in the ceremony. Captain Sherman was one of the charter members of the college fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and was a member of Ivanhoe Lodge, of Kansas City, Missouri, Free and Accepted Masons. His church was St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal, of Burlington, Vermont.

Philip Vincent Sherman married in Northfield, July 8, 1908, Beryl Hildreth, daughter of T. B. Ransom and Emma (Wardner) Hildreth. Their children are 1. Philip Kingsland, born October 13, 1909, at St. Louis, Missouri, now a student midshipman, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. 2. Randall Hildreth, born August 13, 1912, in Northfield, Vermont. 3. Allan Vincent, born July 1, 1915, in Wichita, Kansas.

Captain Sherman was a man of great ambition, hard working and accomplished. He was loyal in his friendships, and strong in his patriotism, tender as a husband and loving as a father, a man who gave all he possessed to his work, his family and to his country.



**MIRIAM IRENE KIMBALL**—Since the turn of the seventeenth century, records and histories of Vermont have been written, re-written and continuously altered, and brought down to date. Miriam Irene Kimball, historian and sociological writer of note, native of Vermont, has contributed to the evolution of the State's history. In clear, choice diction she has set down that portion of the State's annals which form a background for contemporary history, then has proceeded to the more difficult task of bringing this book matter down to the year 1928. The volume here referred to, and of which more will be said in the course of this biographical narrative, is entitled, "Vermont for Young Vermonters." It is an unusually readable history, replete of interest to native Vermonters and those outside. In the field of sociology, studying the manners, customs and environment of a selected community, Miss Kimball's foremost work is known under the title, "At a French Chateau"; and of this also, more follows. Miss Kimball won a reputation as an educator before her writings achieved for her a wider fame. She is a distinguished resident of Montpelier, and accounted an outstanding woman of the State at large.

Miss Kimball was born at East Roxbury, Vermont, daughter of Francis S. and Calista Blodgett (Edson) Kimball, the family moving to Northfield when she was a small child. Her father was a man of prominence in the Northfield territory as a cattle buyer. The family is old in New England. In its line have been many members whose gifts gave them high position in walks of life chosen; and early in life Miss Kimball demonstrated a facility of mind and expression which pleased her father and mother and caught the attention of her instructors at school. Her gift of clear thought and expression, verbal and written, helped her to choose the profession of teacher as a career. After completing her academic training in Northfield's public schools, she took special courses in French at the Sauveur School and at Mt. St. Marie's School of Montreal. In Montreal she secured a sound practical knowledge of the language, there being so many persons native to the language there; and this, with her excellent theoretical or "school" French, so perfected her talent at the language as to make her a master in its usage.

While still a student Miss Kimball taught in rural schools of Vermont, in the vicinity of Northfield. This experience helped materially in the building of her mind, and was furthered when she took a primary grade at Northfield, Vermont, and three years later one at Waterbury. Child psychology absorbed her attention for a lengthy period. Sympathetic study of the child nature and viewpoint in its formative processes stimulated her own effort as an instructor, and her success with the teaching of young children brought most favorable comment from the authorities. Her next post was one of greatly increased importance, as principal of Hartford Grammar School. Still later she taught English classics and English composition for several years in Montpelier Seminary and at Montpelier High School. She was now well known in educational circles, and retained the fires of enthusiasm which first inspired her to become an instructor. Her facility at teaching was now at its height. She owned a positive genius at making "dull" subjects interesting to her pupils, succeeding in making an enduring picture of the subject in receptive minds. As there was a scarcity of texts on the History of Vermont, for students of younger years, Miss Kimball while at Hartford independently prepared daily lessons, which she wrote down, furnishing to each child a copy by means of a duplex printer. For two years she tried out these lessons on her Hartford pupils, later edited, and finally put into book form. She inspired a real affection for the native soil in those under her charge. The ultimate result of her history instruction appeared in the volume,

"Vermont for Young Vermonters," first off the press in 1904. A large sale met the treatise. It filled a decided want, and brought the history of the State down to the then-present time. Since that first edition, the book has become a standard history. Many interesting and important changes took place in the government of the State during the twenty-four years which followed initial publication, and the author revised the work to include these, writing two new chapters, adding thirty-seven pages to the historical part of the book, with new halftones and maps. Among newer topics contained in the second printing, 1928, are the development of education in the State's schools and colleges, universal suffrage, the World War, reforestation, the Long Trail, and winter sports. New biographical material also is presented concerning President Coolidge, Admiral Mayo, Senator Dillingham, and recent Vermont writers. Every paragraph concerning civil government appearing in 1904 was rewritten for the 1928 edition of "Vermont for Young Vermonters."

Other books, and magazine articles, have been produced by Miss Kimball since the appearance of her historical work. Chief of these is perhaps, "At a French Chateau," a pleasing and thorough sketch of French provincial home life. The press of Vermont and other States greeted this volume with words of appreciation. Individuals of the State were even more appreciative. The Hon. Mason S. Stone, commissioner of education for the State, said: "A charming little book. It is one of those delightful and restful little friends that are always companionable and enjoyable." The scene of the book is laid in and around the Chateau de Soisy, at Soisy-sous-Etoilles, a picturesque, quaint little community having for a background the forest of Senart. This volume appeared in 1915. "The Story of Nan," a tiny book for tiny tots, is another work from the pen of Miss Kimball. In all her writing she sets forth her thought concisely, pleasingly, in straightforward wording, giving color to the subject matter in diction as the painter gives right shades to his canvas with blended palette. Perhaps this is but natural for besides being a lady of unusual literary ability, Miss Kimball is somewhat of an artist as well. She has traveled extensively, having made visits to Europe in 1906, 1910 and 1913, residing at the Chateau de Soisy, several weeks during the summer of 1913 and where she wrote "At a French Chateau."

**COLONEL ROBERT HAYES WESCOTT**—No better man nor officer ever served his country throughout his mature years than the late Colonel Robert Hayes Wescott, executive officer of the 388th Infantry, 97th Division, Organized Reserves, stationed at Burlington, Vermont. From college, during his Junior year, he answered the call of his country during the Spanish-American War, and he continued faithfully to serve as a soldier bent on mastering his profession and on offering his country all he gained in the way of knowledge and experience. Many medals testified to his courage and ability, as did the following letter from the Chief of Staff, in Washington:

Mrs. Robert H. Wescott,  
212 College Street,  
Burlington, Vermont.

August 31, 1928.

My Dear Mrs. Wescott:—I wish to extend to you on behalf of the officers of the War Department, and for myself personally, our sincere sympathy in the death of your husband, Col. Robert H. Wescott, Infantry.

Colonel Wescott first entered the service as a member of the 2d Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, May 12, 1893, and served with that organization until November 10, 1893. He was appointed 2d Lieutenant of the Regular Army, April 10, 1899; promoted First Lieutenant, February 2, 1901; Captain, October 19, 1908; Major, June 16, 1917; Lieutenant Colonel July 1, 1920; and Colonel, July 24, 1924. During the World War he



served as Lieutenant Colonel of Infantry, National Army, from August 22, 1917, to June 22, 1918.

Colonel Wescott's first service as a commissioned officer was with the 2d Infantry in Cuba, where he remained approximately one year after which he accompanied his regulars to the Philippine Islands for a two-year tour of duty. Upon his return to the United States in 1902, he remained on duty at various stations in the United States for a period of about three years, when he was again sent to the Philippine Islands for another tour of duty. During the remainder of his military career, Colonel Wescott's assignments were varied. He was a student at the School of the Line, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, and of the advanced course at the Infantry School, Camp Benning, Georgia; mustering officer of militia; on duty at Headquarters, Central Department; executive officer at Camp Stephen D. Little, Arizona, and an Infantry Brigade at Worcester, Massachusetts; and with the 97th Division Organized Reserves.

The records show that Colonel Wescott was an officer of excellent attainments and had acquired a thorough knowledge of his profession. He had been highly commended by his superior officers for his devotion to duty, and for the conscientious and efficient performance of all duties assigned him. His death is deeply regretted by all who knew him.

Very sincerely yours,

CHAS. P. SUMMERALL,  
Maj. General Chief of Staff.

Robert Hayes Wescott was born in Shawano, Wisconsin, November 7, 1876, son of Judge Marion and Margaret (Crone) Wescott, and of illustrious American ancestry. His father was very prominent in country affairs and a man of substance financially and intellectually. The son was well-educated and was attending Lawrence College in Appleton, Wisconsin, when he withdrew to enlist for service in the Spanish-American War. He had already given evidence of his interest in military affairs, for he had been a member of the Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. From this time on he remained in the regular United States Army, serving, as related in the letter of Major General Summerall, in Cuba and the Philippines as well as in this country, and participating in the Spanish-American and World wars. He won steady advancement by virtue of his intelligence, ambition, loyalty, and courage. He received a medal in 1898 in commendation of his work in the Spanish-American War, one in 1899 because of his courage and efficiency in connection with a Philippine insurrection, a medal for three years of service in the pacification of Cuba, from 1906 to 1909, and one for his services in the World War. He was a graduate of the Army School of the Line at Fort Leavenworth and from the Infantry Advanced Course at Fort Benning, Georgia. Rare, indeed, is this combination of faithful adherence to duty and the ambition to enrich and extend one's powers for its performance. Death came to Colonel Wescott in his fifty-second year, August 13, 1928.

His fraternal affiliations were with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he held the thirty-second degree. He was a member of El Zaribah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Phoenix, Arizona, and of the Ethan Allen Club at Burlington.

On September 5, 1910, Colonel Robert H. Wescott married Henrietta Learoyd Fuller, of Appleton, Wisconsin, daughter of Jesse Franklin and Sarah (Learoyd) Fuller, and a woman of wide culture and much personal charm. Children: 1. Sara Learoyd, a student at the University of Vermont, and selected because of her scholarship to join a picked group of students for study abroad. 2. Robert Hayes, Jr., a student who already displays the military characteristics and preferences of his father.

His early death robbed his country of an able and patriotic defender. Colonel Wescott was as popular socially as in the army, and is mourned by a wide circle of friends all over the world. A military funeral was held at Fort Ethan Allen, attended by a detachment of soldiers and officers to perform full military honors, and

the body was interred in the Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, resting-place of the military heroes of the Nation.

**DONLY CURTIS HAWLEY, M. D.**—An elder statesman of the Vermont Commonwealth, twice mayor of the city of Burlington, and otherwise a servant of the people in public office, Dr. Donly Curtis Hawley was known throughout the State and far beyond its confines as an able physician and surgeon and a humanitarian of the deepest and practical sympathies. He belonged to that old school, fast dwindling, of practitioners, beloved by their people, who also fill the rôle of public benefactor. A man of versatile gifts and rare personality, he possessed the unusual faculty of being enabled to perform a great variety of duties in a finished manner. Never did he, however, lose sight of the supreme mission which he illumined so brilliantly over a long and useful career.

Descendant of a family, representatives of which have been resident in New England from 1666, Dr. Donly Curtis Hawley was born in Fletcher, this State, October 31, 1855, the son of Dr. Curtis F. and Louise Ann (Boynton) Hawley. He received a liberal education; graduated from the New Hampton Institute at Fairfax in 1873, from Barre Academy in 1874, having been a pupil of Jacob S. Spaulding, who was also his father's preceptor at Bakersfield Academy, and from the University of Vermont in 1878, receiving from the last-named institution the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

Direct from the university, he entered the mercantile business at Fairfax in association with his father, under the firm name of C. F. & D. C. Hawley. In the meantime he took up the study of medicine under the supervision of his father, who practiced the medical profession in Fairfax and the vicinity from 1848 until his death, which occurred in 1900. Dr. Hawley pursued his medical studies in the office of Dr. L. M. Bingham at Burlington, and then entered the medical college of the University of Vermont, where he achieved an outstanding student record, and was graduated in the class of 1884 with the significant distinction of being the valedictorian of his class of one hundred and one students.

Dr. Hawley first practiced at Brattleboro, and in January, 1885, he removed to Burlington, where he opened an office. From the beginning he found his way to the hearts of the people, who came to know him as a skilful, reliable physician, who combined the desirable attributes of manliness, sympathy and sincerity with his professional talent. Despite the fact that his practice steadily increased, making exacting demands upon his time and strength, he gave a great deal of attention to institutional and hospital work. For years he was surgeon at the Mary Fletcher and the Fanny Allen hospitals, later attending proctologist there, and served in a similar capacity at the new De Goesbriand Hospital in Burlington. He was a lecturer on surgical nursing in the training school for nurses at the Mary Fletcher Hospital.

The high professional standing to which Dr. Hawley attained was given still further attest through his election to membership in leading medical organizations, as the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Medicine, of which he was president in 1905-06; the Vermont State Medical Society, in which also he held high office; the Burlington and Chittenden County Clinical Society, of which he was a former president; the Vermont Society for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, of which he was its first president; the American Proctologic Society, the American Association for the Study and Prevention of Infant Mortality, the American Public Health Association, the Vermont State Tuberculosis Commission, on which he served in 1907-08, and the Vermont State Board for Registration of Nurses.

Dr. Hawley was the delegate of the Vermont State



Douglas C. Hawley M.D.





Medical Society to the meeting of the British Medical Association in 1897, and was the first delegate from the Vermont society to the American Medical Association, after its organization, being the member from Vermont to sit in the house of delegates at the meeting at Saratoga Springs, New York, in 1902, and at the meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1903. He was a prolific writer on medical subjects and frequently contributed timely articles to leading medical journals and other periodicals which were accorded a wide reading. He was a director of the Burlington Trust Company and the Burlington Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

The public career of Dr. Hawley was both important and covered a very wide range. A staunchly loyal Republican all his adult life, he held many responsible public offices, beginning as superintendent of public schools of Fairfax, 1881-82; school commissioner in Burlington, 1893-1901; mayor of Burlington, in 1901, and reelected in 1902; member of the Burlington Board of Park Commissioners; member of the board of the United States Examining Surgeons for Pensions, and a member of the Vermont State Senate in 1917-18.

Dr. Hawley enthusiastically lent his influence as a member of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce for the initiation and promotion of that body's program for municipal and commercial betterment. An ardent fraternal society man, he was affiliated with Champlain Lodge, Knights of Pythias; Mansfield Council, Royal Arcanum; and Alpha Camp, Modern Woodmen of America. He was a member and former president of the Ethan Allen Club.

Dr. Donly Curtis Hawley married, November 28, 1878, Jessie Roberts Hill, daughter of William and Janet Hill, of Burlington. They were the parents of two daughters: Mrs. Charles R. Wilder, of Bronxville, New York, and she has a son, Donly Hawley Wilder; and Mrs. James S. Bixby, of Poughkeepsie, New York. For many years the family residence was on Pearl Street, Burlington, but about two years before the doctor's passing they removed to Maple Street and occupied the old home of Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, wife of the President.

The death of Dr. Hawley occurred January 27, 1926, at Daytona, Florida, where he had planned, with Mrs. Hawley, to spend the rest of the winter in the hope of receiving benefit from the milder climate. A contemporary wrote of his passing as leaving "a striking void in the ranks of the older physicians and surgeons of Burlington. He was a lovable man as well as a public benefactor. To live near to the common heart is a wonderful privilege. It betokens the possession of qualities that are not worn on the sleeve. And yet it would be a mistake to assume that this was merely a personal estimate—that Dr. Hawley 'was one grand man.'" Mention was made of the splendid administration the doctor rendered so wisely and unselfishly as mayor of Burlington for two terms, and of the great impulse given to building expansion and business prestige through its effects. He was "one with various others in the medical profession who are doing a tremendous amount of public service and charitable work of which the world at large 'wots not of.'"

"The manifold good that Dr. Hawley did for Burlington and all Vermont will live long after him."

**LUTHER FLETCHER PARKER, M. D.**—A native of Coventry, Orleans County, Vermont, where he was born September 22, 1821, the second of a family of eleven children, Luther Fletcher Parker, M. D., was a son of the Hon. Isaac Parker, who was himself a native of this State, having been born in the town of Cavendish. The elder Mr. Parker was a graduate of Middlebury College and a man of considerable note, both as a scholar and an educator, while the entire family was a noted one in its different branches, so that it was not surprising

that Luther F. Parker should attain to eminence in the field of medicine. His paternal grandfather, also named Isaac, was born in Westford, Massachusetts, August 22, 1760, and he enlisted in the War of the Revolution as a drummer before he reached his fifteenth birthday; he took part in the battles of Concord and Bunker Hill, as well as several others. The immigrant ancestor of the Parker line was Abraham Parker, one of the founders of the community of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, which was established in 1655, and the ancestor of a host of men of prominence in professional and business life. Dr. Parker's mother was Arabella Cobb, who was born in Westmoreland, New Hampshire, June 24, 1795, daughter of Samuel and Silence (Barney) Cobb, whose family was noted for its superior physique and mechanical skill, having been descended from John Cobb, the immigrant ancestor, who settled in Taunton, Massachusetts, about 1650, and Samuel Cobb, a soldier in the War of the Revolution and a pioneer settler of Coventry, Vermont.

Dr. Luther Fletcher Parker, of whom this is a record, received his early education in the local schools of Coventry, and also in the Brownington and Peacham academies. In 1845 and 1846 he attended the University of Vermont, but ill health obliged him, after a time, to relinquish his studies, whereupon, for a period of two years, he taught school at Coventry Falls, Vermont. He commenced the study of medicine in the offices of Dr. G. W. Cobb, of Peacham, and after his death, together with his successor, Dr. Farr, he attended the lectures on medicine at Dartmouth and Woodstock, Vermont. He assumed the large practice of Dr. Brewer, of Barnet, removing, however, to Peacham, on March 16, 1854, purchasing the professional connection with Dr. Farr. He received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from Dartmouth College in 1865, and thereafter continued his practice in Peacham, Vermont, until his death.

During the Civil War, Dr. Parker was sent to the front in charge of a sum of money collected in Peacham for the Sanitary Commission; and, arriving soon after the Battle of the Wilderness, he found the exigency of the occasion so great that he gave up his professional work at home in order to give his time freely to the wounded of the war. For more than fifty years his practice was an extensive one, and during all those years he kept fully abreast of the times and acquainted with all the great advances of medical science, and gained a high reputation as a consulting physician. Also keenly interested in politics, he was at first a Whig and later a Republican; and he represented Peacham in the Vermont State Legislature's Lower House from 1886 to 1888. He belonged to several medical societies, as well as to the Peacham Congregational Church and the Vermont Home Missionary Society.

Dr. Parker married, June 6, 1850, Louisa Martin, daughter of Deacon Moses and Jane A. Martin, of Peacham. She was born June 10, 1822, and died May 28, 1896. Moses Martin, her father, was the third son of Captain Ashbel and Lydia (Chamberlain) Martin, and was a prominent and active citizen of the pioneer settlement of this region, and a man noted for his great physical prowess; he held many town offices, represented Peacham in the State Legislature several times, and was elected captain of the State Militia. The children of Dr. Luther Fletcher and Louisa (Martin) Parker were: 1. Jane Martin, who became the wife of E. C. Hardy, and they have two children of their own, Lawrence and Louise. 2. Hazen Merrill, who married Julia Douglass, of Middlebury, Vermont, and is a lawyer in Billings, Montana, at the time of writing. 3. Elizabeth A., who lives at home in Peacham, Vermont. 4. Ellen L., who became the wife of W. H. Bayley, of Springfield, Massachusetts; their children are, Louise, Agnes, Luther, Alma and Ellen. 5. Alma A., who became the wife of Colonel George Harvey, one of Vermont's foremost citizens, now



deceased; Mrs. Harvey resides at Deal Beach, New Jersey.

The death of Dr. Luther F. Parker occurred September 13, 1898, and produced a most profound sense of sorrow and regret among his many friends in this community and State. For he had served well in his time and place, had done more than the ordinary citizen to alleviate pain and suffering in the physical world, and had lived up fully to the reputation established by his distinguished forebears. It is of men like the Parker men that the history of the great State of Vermont has been made; and this Commonwealth need have no fear for her future as long as such virility and strength dominate her life and her institutions.

**WILLARD B. HOWE**—Publishing and banking were two fields in which Willard B. Howe labored with success throughout life; Vermont journalism lost one of its most valuable members at his death. For many years he published the Burlington "Free Press," and as the head of the company which issued this important paper he held a high place not only in the life of Burlington, but throughout the State, into all parts of which this publication circulated. He was also president of the Howard National Bank and the City Trust Company, and so filled a place of leadership in banking and finance. In the later years of his life, as Mr. Howe became more engrossed in banking, he turned over to his son, David W. Howe, as trustee, active management of the "Free Press," which maintained, however, the sound principles upon which it was operated by the father.

Mr. Howe, who was the only son of George Wilson and Anne Eliza (Bean) Howe, was born in Buxton, Maine, December 7, 1864. He spent his earliest days there, where his father was both minister and teacher, but later attended the public schools of Lowell, Massachusetts, preparing for Harvard University, from which he graduated in 1887 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. For the next three years he engaged in the wholesale hay and grain business in Melrose, Massachusetts, and for a year and a half during this period was owner of the Melrose "Journal," a weekly newspaper. In November, 1890, he moved to Burlington, to become business manager of the Burlington "Free Press." Later he purchased a controlling interest and became its publisher.

Mr. Howe was more than a commercial publisher; he was a man who took an active interest in the affairs of his city and State and was ever eager to advance the best interests of both. One of the voluntary understandings to which he became a party at the time he bought control of the "Free Press" was that it should continue to advocate and support the principles for which it had come to be recognized by Charles A. Dana as one of the leading one hundred newspapers in the United States during the editorship of Professor George W. Benedict of the University of Vermont. This reputation it had maintained later under the editorship of Professor Benedict's son, George Grenville Benedict; and Mr. Howe determined it should retain its favorable name in the ranks of American journalism. So it is that, for three-quarters of a century, a long period of time for anything to endure in this rapidly changing civilization, this paper continued to stand for the same principles to which it had become devoted in the pre-Civil War days. Mr. Howe aided the "Free Press" materially in its growth and development by his remarkable selling ability. At the same time he built up a substantial job printing business which was conducted apart from the paper. In 1896 he became, also, publisher of "Walton's Vermont Register," the State business directory and gazetteer, which had been published yearly since 1817 and was sold by him several years later, to the Tuttle Company, of Rutland.

In the business life of Vermont, Mr. Howe took an

active part, evidenced from the position that he held in the banking profession. In 1920, after he had been for several years a director of the Howard National Bank, of Burlington, he was elected president of the institution at a time of countrywide business depression. He had served for several years as a trustee of the Burlington Savings Bank, and had shown marked ability in finance. In this enlarged business field he was enabled to extend helpful service to many industries and individuals. He became president of the City Trust Company and also a director of O. C. Taylor and Company, Charles P. Smith, Jr., Incorporated, and the E. B. and A. C. Whiting Company, Inc., of Burlington. Under his presidency, the Howard National Bank and City Trust Company flourished.

Mr. Howe was also a leader in community affairs, having been a trustee of the Mary Fletcher Hospital, a member of the Burlington school commissioners' board, and for a time an active figure in the Rotary Club and the Ethan Allen Club. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Vermont Historical Society, as well as an active Mason. An excellent and a substantial citizen, he always connected himself with those projects which tended toward community and State advancement, and was especially active in church work as a member of the First Congregational Church, which he served for several years as deacon and Sunday school superintendent. Moreover, he represented the State of Vermont at several conventions on deep waterways.

Willard B. Howe married, October 21, 1890, Annie Bean, daughter of Rev. David Marks and Fanny (Hoyt) Bean. She was, at the time of their marriage, a resident of Stamford, Connecticut, although born in Everett, Massachusetts. She received her education in the public schools of that State, later attended Colorado College. Her father was a Congregational clergyman. Shortly after her marriage to Mr. Howe she came to Burlington and since then has made her home there.

To this marriage, seven children were born: 1. David Willard, who was graduated from the University of Vermont and is now business manager of the Burlington "Free Press" and a resident of Burlington; he married Marjorie Roberts, of Boston, Massachusetts, and they have two children, Lois and Nancy. 2. Ruby, who was graduated from the University of Vermont, and is now the assistant to the Dean of Women at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. 3. Katharine, who was graduated from Smith College, is the wife of Arthur H. Torrey, art editor, of New York City, and is on the editorial staff of the Woman's Home Companion. 4. Elizabeth, who was graduated from the University of Vermont, and is now the wife of Willis R. Putney, head of the Latin Department of Burlington High School; they have one son, Richard Knight Putney. 5. George Frederick, who was graduated from the University of Vermont, has an advanced degree from Harvard University, and is now instructor in American history at the University of Cincinnati; he married Esther Babbitt, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and they have one child, Janet Howe. 6. Edward Gilman, also a graduate of the University of Vermont, now employed in the meter department of the General Electric Company, Schenectady, New York. 7. Lawrence Prescott, a graduate of Harvard College and of the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, where he finished his work in June, 1929; he now lives in Burlington.

The death of Willard B. Howe, former publisher of the Burlington "Free Press," and father of the family listed above, occurred July 13, 1929, following several months of illness. Tributes to his life and works were many in number and varied in style, but that comment which perhaps most adequately summed up the character of the man and gave a notion of the esteem in which he was held by his fellows was the editorial written by







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Mr. Howe's newspaper associate of many years' standing, John L. Southwick, who, at the time of writing (1929), is editor of the "Free Press." Summarizing the activities of Mr. Howe, Mr. Southwick went on to write of some of his characteristics, notable among which was his idea of organized effort and teamwork; and cited as an example of this trait a remark that Mr. Howe had made to him soon after they had begun to work together on the "Free Press." "You like politics," Mr. Howe had said, "and I do not. You attend to the politics and I will look after the business."

It would be difficult to find a more charming associate in business or journalism than was Mr. Howe, wrote his colleague, during the nearly forty years of our association in newspaper work. Individual ideas naturally differed at times, but he always exemplified the broadest possible policy of journalism. He recognized the fact that the principles of a newspaper are superior to the interests of any individual whatsoever associated with it. He insisted that the traditions of the "Free Press" should be upheld no matter whom or what interest it hit.

Mr. Howe was allowably proud of the growth of the "Free Press." We recall one conversation some years ago in which it was agreed that if a circulation of 10,000 were reached, it was about all we could reasonably expect, shut in as we are by Lake Champlain to the West and Canada to the North. When the number of papers distributed daily had passed that mark by sixty per cent., he saw still further fields to conquer.

The hold which Mr. Howe enjoyed on the affections of the employees of the "Free Press" and the Free Press Printing Company was never better illustrated than in connection with the observance of the one hundredth anniversary of the "Free Press" in June, 1927. One of the centenary celebrations was the presentation of a handsome gold watch and chain to Mr. Howe by the employees of two corporations, and the way in which they enthusiastically entered into the project showed it was truly a work of love, and deservedly so.

Mr. Howe never waited for some adventitious influence to compel him to look after the interests and welfare of the workers in the "Free Press" establishment. A faithful employee did not have to ask for consideration. The pension system was voluntary with him. His interest and sympathy followed them into their homes. He cooperated with those who sought to provide their own homes and gave freely of his talented advice in helping them to work out plans. All "Free Press" people recognized in him a sincere friend and well-wisher.

It was his nature to be doing something to help, and often to lead, in deserving ways. He could think of so many different things that could be done in any given cause or situation, that he was a natural leader.

While Mr. Howe was recognized as a splendid citizen and Christian gentleman, it was in the home, as husband and father, that his fine qualities best shone. He had a beautiful home life. In our communion with him he often spoke intimately of his children and his plans to make them self-reliant and helpful. He delighted ever in service for others and his good works will live long after him.

**JOHN PETER LONERGAN**—Few newspaper owners have come into their executive positions better equipped therefor than did John Peter Lonergan, founder and owner of the "Twin City Advertiser," of Winooski, which is circulated widely throughout Chittenden County. Mr. Lonergan not only knows the business and editorial departments of publishing, but he also is thoroughly familiar with every phase of newspaper-making, having begun as a printer's apprentice, and thereafter occupied every post connected with this industry, which culminated in the establishment of his own journal.

Mr. Lonergan's parents, father now deceased, were James Bernard and Agnes Mary (Coughlin) Lonergan. The father, a native of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, died in 1882, at the early age of twenty-two years. He was a son of Peter Pendergast and Katherine (Daly) Lonergan, his mother having been a teacher in the national schools of Ireland at one time. Agnes Mary (Coughlin) Lonergan was born in Winthrop, Massachusetts, March 14, 1861, daughter of Patrick and Johanna (Cullen)

Coughlin, both her parents being natives of the Emerald Isle.

John Peter Lonergan was born May 27, 1881, in Lyndonville, Caledonia County, Vermont. Soon thereafter his parents brought him to Winooski, and here he attended the public schools, being especially fortunate in receiving his early training under his mother's preceptorship, she having taught school here for a time. His more advanced studies Mr. Lonergan followed in the public schools of Burlington, and after seven years therein, completed his training in the Burlington Business College. Thus splendidly equipped from a business standpoint, Mr. Lonergan chose the publishing business for his life's work, and evidenced his wisdom by entering the "Burlington Daily News" in a minor capacity. It was not long that he was to remain in this position, however, and soon his promotions carried him through practically every department and every position associated with the production of a newspaper. Within a few years Mr. Lonergan was elevated to the post of advertising manager of the "Daily News," and after having served this publication for more than twenty years, realized that long-cherished ambition of owning his own newspaper. Thus, in 1920, he came to Winooski and launched the "Twin City Advertiser." Acquainted as he is with the complicated ramifications of publishing, and with business training and experience of the highest caliber, Mr. Lonergan's enterprise was prosperous from its first publication day. Each day finds the "Twin City Advertiser" increasing its circulation lists, and adding new advertisers to its columns. This increase in circulation, with its attending volume of advertising, is being founded on a firm basis, for the paper is published and edited with the object of providing the readers thereof with complete reports of all local events—social, civic and commercial—a policy that Mr. Lonergan long ago learned to be the best. The "Advertiser," a clean newspaper, with its pleasing typographical makeup, is eagerly anticipated by its readers, scattered throughout Winooski, Burlington, Colchester, Essex Junction, and numerous other centers of population in Chittenden County.

Since coming to Winooski, Mr. Lonergan has entered heartily into the conduct of civic, commercial and benevolent works, and has been a material aid therein. His efforts for community development are centered in the organizations which, in his opinion, are best qualified for such work, and he is a popular member of Burlington Lodge, No. 916, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Burlington Chamber of Commerce oftentimes finds his advice valuable, while Mr. Lonergan belongs to St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church, being secretary of the Holy Name Society, a church department. Other Catholic organizations of which he is a member include St. Stephen's Council, Knights of Columbus, and Bishop DeGoesbriand Council, fourth degree.

John Peter Lonergan married, June 18, 1918, at Winooski, Anna Loretta Deady, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Father McGarry. Mrs. Lonergan's father was John Deady, while her mother, Catherine (Cordon) Deady, is now (1928) in her sixty-seventh year. John Peter and Anna Loretta (Deady) Lonergan reside at No. 13 Maple Street, Winooski.

**GEORGE R. ANDERSON, M. D.**—Honored by his *alma mater* for early distinction in his profession of surgery, George R. Anderson, now resident of Brattleboro, is also held in high esteem by his fellow practitioners, who recognize in him a scientist of accomplishment above the average. Prior to establishing himself in practice he fortified himself by wide studies in various hospitals of reputation and under masters of the profession. This care in advance of undertak-



ing the serious work he had outlined as a life career made a deep and favorable impression upon professional and lay mind alike, for it is easily understood that confidence in a surgeon is one of the most essential features in a patient that assist both him and the operator in achieving a happy result. Confidence brings friendship and it follows that Dr. Anderson has made a legion of friends, both through his professional erudition and successful work and by his personal attractions, which are such as to hold permanently those who once are gained. Such men make worthy citizens and Dr. Anderson stands high in this regard, both his civic interest and his proven patriotism making a deep impression upon the descendants of colonial pioneers among whom he has cast his lot.

He was born in Plattsburg, New York, September 14, 1875, a son of Moses R. Anderson, an iron manufacturer of that place, and Emma J. (Riley) Anderson. Dr. Anderson's father is now retired, and the doctor makes his home with his parents, here in Brattleboro. His education began in the public schools of his native town, after which he attended the Rutland English Classical Institute and followed this with the full medical course at the University of Vermont, from which he was graduated with the class of 1898 and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For the following eighteen months he devoted his studies to an internship at the Mary Fletcher Hospital and followed this with a post-graduate course in operative surgery at the New York Post-graduate College. Not satisfied, he undertook still further surgical studies at the famous Mayo clinic and at other hospitals. The Spanish-American War called him to the colors and he entered the service, being commissioned a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps and attached to the First Vermont Volunteer Infantry. His work was of such high character that he was promoted to major and chief surgeon. At the conclusion of his hospital service he began the practice of medicine in Pittsford, Vermont, as assistant with Dr. H. H. Swift, with whom he remained for one year. In 1901 he came to Brattleboro, where he established himself in the practice of medicine and surgery, maintaining the double occupation until 1911, when he abandoned the first and since has confined his work to surgery. His offices are at No. 103 Main Street, Brattleboro. He is a Fellow of the American Medical Association and of the American College of Surgeons, also a member of the Vermont State and Windham County medical societies, being past president of the last named; the Connecticut Valley Medical Society, of which he is past secretary. He is a member of the New England Surgical Society; member of the Association of Military Surgeons and of the Association of Railroad Surgeons; surgeon in chief of the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital; surgeon of the Austine Institute; surgeon to the Brattleboro Retreat and surgeon for the Boston & Maine Railroad at Brattleboro. For fifteen years he was a surgeon in the First Regiment, Vermont National Guard. In 1927 he was honored by the University of Vermont, which conferred upon him, in recognition of his high ability and record, the honorary degree of Master of Science. He is a Republican in politics and attends the Presbyterian church. He has two hobbies, his work and his home. In fraternal circles he is affiliated with the Masons, having membership in the Brattleboro Lodge, No. 102, Free and Accepted Masons; Fort Dummer Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Beauseant Commandery, Knights Templar. He is a member of the Brattleboro Club and of the Brattleboro Country Club and the Kiwanis Club.

**W. CURTIS JOHNSON, JR.**—Engaged in banking ever since his early youth, Mr. Johnson has to his credit a long and successful career in the field of finance.

Today he is considered one of Vermont's leading bankers, and his work as a bank executive has been officially recognized by his fellow-bankers, who have honored him by election to the presidency of their State association. He is also prominently active in fraternal, religious and educational affairs and in every respect represents the highest type of useful citizenship.

W. Curtis Johnson, Jr., was born at Derby, Orleans County, a son of Rev. W. C. and Julia M. (Chandler) Johnson. His father, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was born at Bradford, Orange County, while his mother is a native of Dorset, Bennington County. Mr. Johnson was educated at the Barton Academy, Barton, Orleans County, from which he graduated when he was only fifteen years old. He then attended the University of Vermont, but left without completing his course, in order to enter the banking business. He gained his initial training with the Barton Savings Bank and Trust Company, with which he remained three years. At the end of this period he resigned and accepted the position of assistant cashier of the Peoples' National Bank of Barre, Washington County. Later he became cashier and is now vice-president and a member of the board of directors of this bank, both of which offices he still holds. He is also a director of the Standard Granite Company, Inc. He is a member of the Vermont State Bankers' Association, of which he was president in 1927. He is also a member of the Barre Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Barre Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and the Knights of Pythias. As a result of his interest in educational affairs he has been elected a member of the board of trustees of Goddard Seminary, of the investment committee of which he is also a member. In politics he is a supporter of the Republican party, having been chairman of the Republican City Committee.

Mr. Johnson married, in 1916, Alice N. Averill, a native of Montpelier, Washington County, and a daughter of Arthur and Stella C. Averill.

**WILLIAM THYNNE**—Representing his fraternal order, the Modern Woodmen of America, as District Deputy in four counties in this State, William Thynne has won a notable record for efficiency and increasing success in his chosen line, substantial results proving his value to his constituency. He is active also in Burlington's civic life, and has held public office to the satisfaction of his fellow-citizens by whom he is held in great esteem.

William Thynne was born July 21, 1875, at Gault, Ontario, a son of Robert Thynne, who was born in 1842, in Glasgow, Scotland, and died in 1883, in Burlington, where he is buried, and of Margaret (Smith) Thynne, a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, who died in Burlington in 1910, in her sixty-third year. Mr. Thynne's parents removed from Gault, Ontario, when he was one year old, to Burlington, and he began his education in the old Pine Street School, one of his classmates being Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, who at that time was Grace Goodhue, of Burlington. Later, he attended the Adams School, on South Union Street, and the Junior High School. When he was thirteen years old, he began work in the old Boston Store, as an errand boy, remaining there until his seventeenth year. He then went to work for the firm of Wells, Richardson, as pressman in their printing department, and after rounding out twenty-five years in the employ of this company, he decided to take up fraternal insurance for the Modern Woodmen of America, of which he was a popular member. In 1917, the head office appointed him District Deputy in charge of the four counties of Chittenden, Grand Isle, Addison, and Lamoille, a position he continues to fill.

For several years, Mr. Thynne served as an alderman in the Third Ward in Burlington. Besides his Dis-



strict Deputyship of the Modern Woodmen of America, also clerk in Alpha Camp, No. 7227, Mr. Thynne is affiliated with Burlington Lodge, No. 100, Free and Accepted Masons; Burlington Lodge, No. 916, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Queen City Lodge, No. 1550, Loyal Order of Moose; Champlain Lodge, No. 7, Knights of Pythias; Champlain Aerie, No. 916, Fraternal Order of Eagles; James W. Flynn Camp, No. 9, United Spanish-American War Veterans, and the Automobile Club, of Montpelier, Vermont.

William Thynne married (first), September 5, 1900, Carrie E. Courcy, daughter of Peter Courcy, of Burlington, and Florence E. (Goselin) Courcy. Mrs. Thynne died November 25, 1915. Mr. Thynne married (second), June 10, 1921, at Plattsburg, New York (the ceremony being performed by the pastor of the Baptist Church), Mrs. Gertrude E. (Clapp) Henry, daughter of George and Harriette (McDonald) Henry, both natives of Royalton.

**FRANK LESTER GREENE**, son of Lester Bruce and Mary Elizabeth (Hoadley) Greene, was born in St. Albans, February 10, 1870. The family removed to Cleveland, Ohio, in 1873, where the elder Greene, as secretary and treasurer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, was for some years intimately associated with the late Peter M. Arthur, the noted grand chief of the order. Here the first two years of Mr. Greene's brief schooling were passed. In 1878, his father being stricken with a fatal illness with which he lingered nine years, the family, now increased by an infant son, returned to St. Albans.

From that time, Mr. Greene being eight years old, was put to all kinds of honorable labor in order to help support the family and keep himself in school a little while longer. He sold newspapers on the streets; ran errands; was janitor in a store, opening it early in the morning and taking care of fires, etc.; shoveled paths in the winter time; worked on a farm in vacations; learned to weave cane-seats in chairs and went about from home to home soliciting and doing this kind of work. By this means and the ceaseless labors of a noble mother, he was kept in school until he was thirteen years old, when, practically the last cent gone, on September 3, 1883, the lad went to work as an errand boy in the auditing department of the Central Vermont Railroad, and his school days were over. Having studied shorthand during spare time for several years, the boy was transferred to the general freight department of the railroad in 1884 and made a stenographer there, shorthand writers in those days being few. From this position he made his way to be chief clerk of the department in 1887.

Owing to the lack of advanced schooling, he purchased books of general information and studied far into the night hours in order to bring his education up to something like a fair standard, and he regularly entered himself in a lawyer's office and read law in every hour at his command for three years on the same lines as if he were to take the examinations for admission to the bar, which he never did, however, simply following his chosen newspaper profession with his additional equipment for a study of public affairs.

As early as 1888 Mr. Greene began occasional newspaper work and soon became a regular correspondent for the "Boston Globe," the "Troy Northern Budget," and the "Rutland Herald," besides doing other work for other papers. On March 1, 1891, he began his career as a newspaper man in permanent employment by entering the service of the "St. Albans Daily Messenger" as local reporter. Upon reorganization of that publishing company, January 1, 1892, he was made associate editor of "The Messenger," and September 18, 1899, he was made editor. He made a six-months' tour of Europe in 1893

and contributed daily letters descriptive of his travels and observations to "The Messenger" during his absence. For several years he furnished a "Vermont Letter" for the Sunday edition of the "Boston Globe" that became a well-known feature of Vermont news service. He was once treasurer of the Vermont Press Association and served two terms (1904-05), as its president.

Mr. Greene was early interested in public affairs and held the office of secretary of the St. Albans Board of Trade for many years. He has been more or less active in public affairs and was for a long time previous to the organization of the St. Albans City government chairman of the Republican Town Committee. As a lad he carried a torch in a Boys' Blaine and Logan Club in an old time rally in 1884, and when in 1892 he was able to cast his first vote, he organized and was made president of a Republican First Voters Club in St. Albans that numbered over a hundred young men "started right." He was at one time secretary of the Young Men's Republican Club of Vermont, an organization that cut a somewhat influential figure in its day, and took great interest in the propagation of the ideas of progress and reform in State politics that it advocated. Mr. Greene was chairman of the committee on resolutions of the Republican State Convention in 1910 and prepared the draft of the platform, and was chairman of the Vermont Republican Convention in 1914. He was elected alternate-at-large to the Republican National Convention of 1908 at Chicago.

Mr. Greene was chosen one of the aides on the staff of the chief marshal at the celebration of the centennial of St. Albans in 1888. In 1891 he was one of the aides to the chief marshal in the celebration at Bennington of the centennial anniversary of Vermont's admission to Statehood. He was toastmaster at the Fish and Game League banquet at Isle La Motte attended by President McKinley in 1897. He was one of the committee of escort for Vice-President Theodore Roosevelt on the occasion of his visit to Isle La Motte September 6, 1901. On that latter occasion he was with Mr. Roosevelt at the home of Lieutenant-Governor Nelson W. Fish when news of the assassination of President McKinley was received. Mr. Greene was selected for the Vermont Day orator at the Jamestown Exposition in 1909 but declined the honor.

In 1906 Mr. Greene served, by appointment of Governor Fletcher D. Proctor, as chairman of the State commission to examine the normal schools, and, in 1908, by appointment of Governor George H. Prouty, was a member of the State commission to prepare proposals of amendment to the constitution of Vermont. Mr. Greene was also commissioned by Governor John A. Mead to be one of the delegates representing Vermont at the meeting of the National Civic Federation held in Washington, District of Columbia.

Mr. Greene has written many special articles for newspapers and periodicals, in addition to his daily grind of editorial work, and was the compiler of the much complimented pamphlet on Vermont that was distributed by the State commission at the Jamestown Exposition in 1909. He was selected by the State publicity bureau to make the official reply to the much discussed "Ros-siter" article, the circulation of which in metropolitan newspapers was doing so much to injure the good name of the State. He made occasional public speeches and in this capacity he had appeared on the platform in probably one hundred and seventy-five towns in Vermont, and in Montreal, New York, Providence, Rhode Island; Hartford, Connecticut; Boston, Massachusetts; Manchester and Concord, New Hampshire; Worcester, Massachusetts, and other cities.

Enlisting in Company B, 1st Vermont National Guard, October 4, 1888, Mr. Greene served successively in the various grades of rank (with the exception of first lieu-



tenant) from private to captain, inclusive. As captain of Company B, he took the command to Montreal in 1897 upon the invitation of the 6th Fusiliers of that city and participated in the celebration of Queen Victoria's Jubilee, afterwards responding to the toast "The President of the United States" at the ceremonial luncheon given at the Windsor Hotel. Company B was the only command of blue coats on British soil on that occasion and the fact was commented on by the "London Times."

Upon the call of President McKinley for volunteers in the war with Spain, he offered his services, raised and recruited Company B, 1st Infantry Vermont Volunteers, and was commissioned its captain, being mustered into the United States service May 16, 1898. During the war he served for some time as adjutant-general of the 3d Brigade, 1st Division, 3d Army Corps. He was mustered out of the United States service with his regiment November 5, 1898, being confined at the time to his bed with what threatened to be a fatal illness of typhoid fever contracted in a southern camp. He was thereafter commissioned aide-de-camp with rank of colonel to date from October 15, 1898, upon the personal staff of Governor Edward C. Smith, and designated by seniority of appointment, chief of staff. Proposed for colonel of the 1st Infantry Vermont National Guard in 1899, adjutant-general in 1900, Secretary of State in 1907, and Governor in 1910, he was not inclined to accept public office during that period.

In 1912, following his admission to the House of Representatives in Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Greene went on a voyage to Colon, Canal Zone, touching at Jamaica. From Colon, they went to Cartagena, Porto Colombia, and Santa Marta, Colombia. In 1913, Mr. and Mrs. Greene made a trip down the coast by boat to Florida and return.

In 1919 Mr. Greene went with the Military Affairs Committee of the House on a trip through the battlefields of France. The tour was an extensive one, also taking in the Service of Supply in the sections back of the front, the purpose being to familiarize the committee with conditions in connection with the reorganization of the Army following the World War. On this trip Mr. Greene went into Germany and Belgium and later saw a good deal of Nice, Monte Carlo, and other French cities for the second time. He returned home after six weeks abroad.

Senator Greene with his wife and younger son, Stuart, sailed on an army transport March 4, 1925, from New York to San Francisco by way of the Panama Canal. After a stop of about four days in the California port, they sailed on another transport for Manila, stopping at Honolulu and Guam. After a visit in the Philippines with his son, Captain R. L. Greene, and family, they left the islands and visited Chin Wang Tao and Shan Hai Kuan, China, and Nagasaki, Japan, on their way back to San Francisco. After a short stay in California, they sailed once more through the canal to New York.

Senator Greene received from Norwich University in 1908 the honorary degree of Master of Arts "in recognition of your accomplishments in literature and your services in promotion of the general welfare." In 1915, the same university conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Laws.

Senator Greene was elected to the Sixty-second Congress to fill the unexpired term of the late David J. Foster; reelected to the Sixty-third, Sixty-fourth, Sixty-fifth, Sixty-sixth, and Sixty-seventh congresses as Representative from the First District of Vermont; and was elected to the Sixty-eighth Congress as United States Senator in place of Hon. Carroll S. Page who retired because of ill health. This election was for the six years ending March 4, 1929.

While in the House Mr. Greene devoted himself exclu-

sively to the work of the Committee on Military Affairs and participated in all national defense legislation for some time previous to, during and since the World War. During the latter part of his service in the House, he was a member of the much anathematized "Steering Committee," or higher council of the House Republican organization. Upon taking his seat in the Senate he was given good committee assignments, including Military Affairs. When the Senate organized for the Sixty-ninth Congress, Senator Greene was made chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Greene is a member of the Sons of Veterans, and has held various offices in the order. He was twice (1892 and 1894) unanimously elected Commander of the Division of Vermont. He is a member of the United Spanish War Veterans and was the first commander of Sergeant William H. Sullivan Camp, No. 7, of St. Albans. In 1906 he was elected Department Commander of the Department of Vermont. He holds membership in the Vermont Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and is a holder of the Medal of Honor voted by the National Society for Spanish War service. He has been president and has held various offices in the State society. He is a member of the Vermont Commandery, Military Order of Foreign Wars, and was its first commander.

In his fraternal affiliations Mr. Greene is a member of the various Masonic bodies up to and including the Commandery of Knights Templar and the Mystic Shrine, and has from time to time held offices in the various organizations, and served a term (1897-98) as the Worshipful Master of Englesby Lodge, No. 84, Free and Accepted Masons of St. Albans. He is also a member and has held several offices in the Vermont Historical Society, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Vermont Fish and Game League. He is an honorary member of the Vermont Veterans Association of Boston, and a member of the Owl Club of St. Albans, St. Albans Rotary Club, the St. Albans Rod and Gun Club, and Lakeside Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He also belongs to the National Press Club and the Army and Navy Club of Washington. Mr. Greene served as a regent of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington from 1917 to 1923, and was a trustee of the Vermont Soldiers' Home and Lyndon Institute.

Frank Lester Greene married, February 20, 1895, Jessie Emma Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ahira S. Richardson, of St. Albans, and three children have been born to them: Richardson L., born in 1896; Dorothy, in 1897; and Stuart, born in 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Greene have four grandchildren, Mary Elizabeth Greene, and Frank Greene, children of Captain and Mrs. Richardson L. Greene, and Ernest John Alexander, and Betsy Cutler Alexander, children of Mr. and Mrs. Harris W. Alexander.

**LUTHER B. JOHNSON**—Within a year after his graduation from college Mr. Johnson entered upon a journalistic career and during the forty years elapsed since then he has continued to be active as a publisher and editor of Vermont newspapers. Having owned for some thirty-five years the Randolph "Herald and News" and the publications associated with this paper, he is considered today one of the the leaders in Vermont journalism. Of course, he is one of the most widely known and most highly respected citizens of the town in which he has made his home and which has been the center of his activities for so many years. He has been prominently active in public life, holding several local positions and serving in the State Senate. Still another field, in which he has made valuable contributions to the welfare and development of his native State, has been that of education and, at one time, he was a member of the State Board of Education for ten years. He has also done much to advance the interests of his







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profession, the highest ideals of which he has always preached and practiced throughout his entire career.

Luther B. Johnson was born at Northfield, Washington County, December 8, 1869, only child of James Nathaniel and Eloisa (Burnham) Johnson, the former for many years a successful lawyer. He was educated in the public grammar and high schools of his native town. In 1885, he entered Norwich University, Northfield, from which he graduated with the class of 1888. One year later, July 1, 1889, he became local editor and business manager of the Northfield "News," Northfield. By degrees he acquired full ownership of this paper and finally became its editor and proprietor. He sold this publication in March, 1894, and at that time acquired the Burlington "Clipper," which he edited and conducted for a few months. At the end of this period he disposed of that property, too, and then purchased the "Herald and News," Randolph, Orange County, as well as several other publications allied with this newspaper, taking possession October 1, 1894. Since then he has been the sole proprietor, editor and publisher of the White River Valley List of five local weekly editions. For many years he has been a member of the Vermont Press Association and he has served as its secretary and president. He has also held the offices of water commissioner and village trustee. Active in the affairs of the Republican party, during 1906-08 he was a member of the Vermont Senate. Throughout his life he has been deeply interested in furthering the cause of education. He has been a member of the local graded school prudential committee and, during 1913-23, was a member of the State Board of Education, of which he was chairman from 1920 until 1923. He is a member of the University Club and of the Christian Brotherhood, both of Randolph. His religious affiliations are with the Congregational Church, and more particularly with Bethany Church of Randolph, of which he is a member.

Mr. Johnson married at Berlin, Washington County, May 6, 1891, Martha A. Willey, a daughter of George J. and Mandana B. Willey. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson had three children: Paul Willey Johnson, who was born July 16, 1892, and who died July 6, 1917; Roy Luther Johnson, born June 9, 1895; and Alice Martha Johnson, born February 6, 1911, and who died August 27, 1924.

**FRANKLIN A. DWINELL**—An important and familiar figure in Vermont life for many years, Franklin A. Dwinell rose through his own efforts to a position of prominence in business and financial affairs. At various times he filled high executive offices with several large corporations of the State, and always in a manner reflecting great credit upon himself personally and upon the institutions which he served. As a previous biographer has written, Mr. Dwinell's career was not achieved through accident or wealth or the influence of powerful friends. He was in the broadest sense a self-made man, being both the architect and builder of his own fortune.

Mr. Dwinell was born in East Calais, Vermont, on May 23, 1847, a son of Albert and Irene Davis (Rich) Dwinell. The family, originally of France, was established in this country by Michael Dannel who, in 1660, settled in Topsfield, Massachusetts. Since that time its members in each generation have figured prominently in New England life, including in the line of descent Archelaus Dwinell, who served in the French and Indian War, and his son, also Archelaus, who was a soldier of the American Revolution.

Israel Dwinell, Mr. Dwinell's grandfather, born at Croyden, New Hampshire, on October 8, 1789, was the first of the family to settle in Vermont, coming to this State as a young man, where his death occurred on February 20, 1874.

Albert Dwinell, father of Franklin A. Dwinell, was a lifelong resident of Vermont. He was born at East Calais, fifth in a family of ten children, and there grew to manhood, engaged in general farming and merchandising pursuits. His was a useful life and one of service to community and State. He was frequently honored by election to local office, and also represented his district in both branches of the State Legislature, where his loyal support of the measures in which he believed proved an important factor in moulding the laws enacted during his terms of service. He was a Republican in politics, standing high in party councils of the State, and was long a faithful member of the Congregational Church, to which he contributed generously of his time and substance, and in which he served as superintendent of the Sunday school for over a quarter of a century. He married Irene Davis Rich, daughter of Samuel and Dolly (Davis) Rich, and of this marriage three children were born: Franklin Albert, Clarence Rich, and Dell Burton.

Franklin A. Dwinell, of this record, received his early education in the public schools of East Calais, and afterwards entered Barre Academy, from which he was graduated as a member of the class of 1868. In the following year he began his business career as an employee in his father's store at East Calais, where he remained until 1874. Even so early in his business life the fine spirit of independence and the ability which always characterized him were manifest. Although winning steady advancement in his work, and honored by election to several important town offices, he was constantly alert for larger opportunities than the present seemed to offer, and in 1874 went to Plainfield, where he engaged independently in a merchandising enterprise, carrying on operations successfully at that point for a number of years. In 1885 the Farmers' Trust Company was organized and Mr. Dwinell was elected its president, taking an active interest and part in its management at once. His services here were of the greatest value and frequently played a decisive part in the growth and progress of this institution. In the meantime, however, in the spring of 1890, Mr. Dwinell removed to Montpelier and here he remained actively engaged in business until the time of his death. In 1898 he accepted the position of inspector of investments, mortgages, loans, etc., of the National Life Insurance Company, and was later made a member of its board of finance. Through the period of thirty years which remained to him of life, he filled this important position with his company with rare judgment and with every success. His knowledge of business trends and property values was most complete, and only with the greatest infrequency were his decisions found to be incorrect. Mr. Dwinell also became interested in a number of local business enterprises, including the First National Bank, of which he was vice-president and a director; the Wetmore and Morse Granite Company, of which he was a director from the time of its organization, and for several years vice-president; the Montpelier Building and Construction Company, of which he was a director.

Mr. Dwinell always considered service in the public interest as worthy of his best attention as his own affairs, and while still a resident of East Calais, was elected superintendent of schools for the town, and appointed postmaster of that place. After his removal to Plainfield, he was elected town clerk and treasurer for that town in 1877, and in the following year represented Plainfield in the lower house of the State Legislature. In 1890 he was elected State Senator from Washington County, and during his term acted as president pro tem of the senate, serving with distinction in the best interest of the State.

At Montpelier Mr. Dwinell was always active in civic affairs and various other phases of the community life. A loyal member of the Congregational Society, his interest was manifest in regular attendance at the services, and



generous support of all its work, to which he gave freely both of his time and attention. He was a prominent member of the Free and Accepted Masons, Past Master of the Blue Lodge, and a member of the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Commandery of the Knights Templar and the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. An honored and respected citizen of the Green Mountain State, he was well called, who attained a distinguished position in its life, solely through his own fine energy and ability, and whose personal warmth and charm of character won him high place in the affectionate esteem of all who knew him.

On December 15, 1869, in East Montpelier, Franklin A. Dwinell married Hattie A. Hammett, daughter of Lawson and Asenath (Clark) Hammett, of this city. Two children were born of their marriage: 1. Elbert Hammett, born April 6, 1874, a graduate of Harvard University in 1896, and of the Harvard Law School in 1900, was a successful practicing attorney in Kansas City, Missouri, for a few years, when his health gave way and for seven years he traveled, eventually recovering his health at his home in Montpelier; married, in 1912, Mrs. Lilius (Allred) Palmer, of Washington, Georgia. He died at Montpelier July 29, 1918. 2. Melvin R. (M. Raymond), a record of whose life appears elsewhere in these pages. Mrs. Dwinell died on November 15, 1884, and ten years later, on June 5, 1894, Mr. Dwinell married (second) Anna J. Chandler, a daughter of the late Dr. C. M. Chandler, of Montpelier (see accompanying biography). Mrs. Dwinell continues her residence in this city at the family home, No. 27 School Street.

Mr. Dwinell's death occurred at Montpelier on December 3, 1928. His passing brought to its close a long and honorable career in the State which he always loved, and of which he was proud to be accounted a citizen.

#### CHARLES MARCELLUS CHANDLER, M. D.—

A member of an old and distinguished American family, Charles Marcellus Chandler was one of the most prominent members of the medical profession in the Vermont of his day. Thoroughly trained in the healing science and art, and a veteran of much medical service during the Civil War, he practiced for many years at Montpelier where his name is still affectionately recalled. Dr. Chandler considered his personal convenience or safety as nothing when opposed to his professional duties, and quite as much as for his many successes, he was honored by all those who knew him for his constant allegiance to the highest ideals of thought and conduct.

Dr. Chandler was born at Tunbridge, Vermont, on July 1, 1827, a son of Charles B. and Nancy (Atherton) Chandler of that place. His father was also a well-known Vermont physician, born at Chester, who came to Tunbridge in 1823 and was there engaged in professional work until 1856. At that time he removed to Montpelier and here continued to make his home until death came to him. He died very suddenly just after his return from a professional visit at Plainfield. Dr. Chandler was equally distinguished in his practice and in his activity for the public welfare. He represented Tunbridge in the State Legislature several times and was town clerk there for fifteen years, while his generous support of all worthy movements and liberal contributions to benevolent enterprises were well known.

Charles Marcellus Chandler, of this record, received his preliminary education in the Vermont schools, and later entered Harvard University from which he was graduated with the Doctor of Medicine degree in 1854. Beginning practice soon afterwards, he remained for some years at South Strafford, Vermont, removing to Montpelier shortly before the Civil War. After the outbreak of the conflict on October 19, 1861, he went to Washington as surgeon of the Sixth Vermont Volunteers, and there became surgeon in chief of the 1st Vermont

Brigade. A severe attack of pneumonia contracted in the discharge of his duties, forced him to return to Montpelier in October, 1863, but in the following May he again returned to duty at the request of the Governor of Vermont, who sent him to care for the Vermont soldiers who fell in the terrific fighting before Richmond. In 1865, Dr. Chandler had charge of the military hospital at Montpelier.

With the return of peace to the war-torn nation, he resumed his private practice at Montpelier, and to this work he gave his time and attention until the time of his death on March 19, 1889. Thoroughly trained in his profession, he kept constantly abreast of latest developments in the medical sciences by research and study, and in the large circle of his practice he was both beloved physician and friend.

Dr. Chandler was always a loyal Republican in political convictions, while fraternally he was affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons. With his family he was a member of the Bethany Congregational Society, active in its work and a liberal supporter of all church causes. Dr. Chandler was known to many hundreds in Montpelier and throughout Washington County, and his place in the deep affections of the community was notably secure.

On May 15, 1860, at Peekskill, New York, Dr. Charles Marcellus Chandler married Abby Josephine Hazen, daughter of Noah Bartholomew and Freedom (Norton) Hazen, of that place. Of this marriage there were two children: 1. Dr. Charles Elmer, born on May 24, 1861, died on April 30, 1928. Following in his father's footsteps he took up the practice of medicine at Montpelier where he too won distinguished success. For many years he did practically all the surgery of Washington County, and now his son, Dr. Charles Porter Chandler, the fourth member of his family in successive generations to give his life to medical work, is practicing in Montpelier. Dr. Charles Porter Chandler served as surgeon during the period of American participation in the World War. 2. Anna Josephine born on October 17, 1863, married Franklin A. Dwinell, of previous mention.

Dr. Chandler's death occurred at Montpelier, on March 19, 1889. His passing was a source of very deep sorrow to the community which had come to know him so well through years of intimate acquaintance, and to the wide circle of his friends everywhere. His life was a career of service, and the memory of his work will long remain.

**HON. WILLIAM CARLOS GIPSON**—In the development of one of the most important industries of Vermont, as in his contribution to the progress of the city of Brandon along various lines, William Carlos Gipson has played a distinctive part. He is engaged in the lumber business with the firm of Gipson Brothers, and he has filled both local and State political offices. Whenever a progressive movement is afoot, and whenever the persuasive influence of some strong local leader is needed to stimulate developments, Mr. Gipson is waited on by his fellow-citizens, who are sure both of his advocacy and power.

William Carlos Gipson was born in Brandon, April 2, 1886, the son of Henry M. and Nellie (Waterhouse) Gipson. The father also was a long-established and leading citizen of Brandon, where he prospered in the lumber trade for more than half a century. He occupied the community position of prominence now held by his son and participated in all promising measures of public betterment. He was selectman, overseer of the poor, and represented the district in the State Legislature in 1890. Henry Gipson died in 1916, but his widow survives. The son of this progressive and broad-minded couple was offered unusual educational advantages in preparation for a successful business career. He completed the Brandon public school and high school course and attended Burlington Business College. He and his



brother, Arthur H. Gipson, then established the enterprise in which they have since prospered, the lumber business of Gipson Brothers, of Brandon and Middlebury, carrying a complete line of building materials, and noted for quality of service and for integrity in their merchandise and their methods of doing business.

Like his father, Mr. Gipson is active in public affairs. He was town representative to the State Legislature in 1927 and 1929 and served on the Committees on Banking and Insurance and on State Institutions, with the position of chairman of the latter committee in 1929. He was chairman of the Board of Selectmen from 1923 to 1925 and president of the Brandon Chamber of Commerce for three years, as well as president of the Brandon Red Cross. His business acumen is recognized and utilized as director of the Brandon National Bank. With his geniality and agreeable personality, Mr. Gipson enjoys wide personal popularity. He belongs to St. Paul's Lodge, No. 25, Free and Accepted Masons; Farmers Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Farmers Council, Royal and Select Masters; Killington Commandery of Rutland Knights Templar; and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His other affiliations are with the Rutland Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Silver Lake Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Rotary Club of Brandon, and the Brandon Concert Band, in which he has for fifteen years played bass drum. He attends the Episcopal Church.

William Carlos Gipson married, in 1904, Florence R. Shattuck of Burlington, and they are the parents of two children: Frances, wife of Kenneth R. Bourne of Templeton, Massachusetts, and E. Merrell Gipson, in the senior class of the Brandon High School.

**EDWARD BALDWIN FLINN**—Chosen for many important public offices by his fellow-citizens, honored by Governors of the State of Vermont who imposed in him their confidence by special appointments, esteemed by the people and held in close affection by a legion of loyal friends, Edward Baldwin Flinn was one of the ablest citizens of his day and a credit to the Green Mountain State, of which he was a native. He located in Springfield in 1895 and lived here until his death, building up a reputation for honest achievement and progressiveness in many walks that will long endure in the historical records of the State. He was a man of forceful personality, a clear and vigorous speaker, a logician of unusual power, intimately acquainted with the history of the Commonwealth from earliest colonial days and a debater of great power. He had a keen humor and a strong sense of repartee, all of which attributes were coupled with a geniality and kindness that made friends wherever he appeared and retained them throughout life. He was a valuable citizen and a loyal friend, a patriot and a scholarly gentleman, an able lawyer and a just judge, of whom the State of Vermont and the community wherein he lived was justly proud.

He was born in Milton, Vermont, October 24, 1863, a son of Richard and Margaret (Poyfair) Flinn, his father having been the originator of sheep raising on one of the islands off the town of Georgia in Lake Champlain, an industry in which he and his brothers were very successful. He later added contracting and building to his occupations and became well and favorably known in that capacity. Edward B., who was the eldest of four children, received his education in the local schools of Milton and at Essex Classical Institute, then taking up the study of law in the offices of Noble and Smith, the senior member having served as Governor of Vermont. The offices of the firm were in St. Albans and the young student remained there, was admitted to the bar and practiced there for a number of years. He took an early and deep interest in civic affairs and held a number of public offices in Milton and St. Albans, having been superintendent of

Schools in the last named place in 1892. In 1895 he came to Springfield, where he established himself in practice and immediately entered into political activities. At this period he gave considerable attention to campaigning through the medium of the press and his editorials in the Springfield "Reporter," that appeared during the campaign of former Governor Mead attracted State-wide attention by their brilliance and argumentative force. Here he held the offices of town moderator and school director and served as judge of the Municipal Court of Springfield under appointment of Governor John A. Mead and Governor Allen M. Fletcher, an office he held at the time of his death. In 1904 he served as Presidential Elector when Theodore Roosevelt was elected and in 1906 represented Springfield in the State Legislature and held the office of Judge of the Court of Claims in the same year. During his term as representative he served as a member of the judiciary committee and as chairman of the committee on corporations. He was also chairman of a special investigating committee of certain State commissions, including the Railroad Commission, which resulted satisfactorily under his leadership, so much so that in 1908 he was elected to the State Senate from Windsor County, an office in which he served with great ability. In religion he was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, with affiliation with St. Paul's, of St. Albans. In fraternal circles he held the thirty-second degree of the Free and Accepted Masons. His death occurred March 2, 1913.

Edward Baldwin Flinn married, November 17, 1892, Ada C. Fisher, of Virginia, daughter of Milo R. and Catherine (Richards) Fisher. Mr. and Mrs. Flinn were the parents of two children: 1. Henry Booth, who attended Dartmouth for two years but was called home by his father's illness, when he became associated in business with the Fellows Gear Shaper Company, and later became assistant to the engineer in charge of experimental work there. He served during the World War in the 302d Machinist Repair Unit of the American Expeditionary Forces from the Fellows Gear Shaper Company and after returning from the front assisted Major Munsell in organizing the Springfield Post, No. 18, of the American Legion, of which he served as commander. He holds the thirty-second degree in Free and Accepted Masonry, and is Past Master of his lodge. He married Constance Haley, of Providence, Rhode Island. 2. Margaret Ruth, a graduate of Simmons College and now a teacher in the high school commercial course.

Edward Baldwin Flinn will long be remembered for the very important and useful part he played in the civic, legal and social activities of Vermont. He possessed a nobility of character that endeared him to the people and abiding loyalty to their causes that set him above and beyond question of doubtful purpose. His mind was keen, his abilities superior, his character irreplicable. A great citizen was lost to Vermont when his call came to leave the scenes of his successful labors.

**CHARLES HARVEY WILLIAMS**—Throughout the greater part of his productive career a leading practitioner of the legal profession, as well as a holder of numerous public offices, Charles Harvey Williams occupied a place of prominence in the affairs of Bellows Falls and this region of Vermont that caused him to be highly regarded by his fellowmen. In the course of his residence here, which covered more than three decades and brought him to the fore in several different fields of endeavor, he acquired a large number of personal friends among the populace, and they all came to admire and respect him for his abilities and attainments, and to like him for his thorough integrity and his genial qualities of personality. His death, it is hardly necessary to point out, could not but bring widespread sorrow to the community and sadden the hearts of all who had



known him; for he was a man whose influence was beneficial and whose life was useful.

Mr. Williams was born in Cornish, New Hampshire, September 21, 1855, son of Harvey and Olivia (Flanders) Williams. When he was only two years old, his parents removed to Woodstock, Vermont, where he attended the graded public schools and the high school. Upon completion of his academic education, he entered the law office of Washburn and Marsh, one of the strongest law firms in the State at that time, while, for three years, he attended the lectures given by the late Judge James Barrett, a leader in legal affairs in Vermont. Mr. Williams was admitted to the Windham County Bar in 1876, and practiced for a short time in Woodstock; then he went to Bethel, Vermont, where he practiced his profession. In 1881 he came to Bellows Falls as manager for a Mr. Coy, who was engaged in the paper stock business, and later bought the business from Mr. Coy. In 1894 Mr. Williams started a book and stationery store in Bellows Falls, continuing in business until 1897, when he returned to his professional work, which, although not actively engaged in it, he had never altogether dropped. Peculiarly adapted to the law, he became eminently successful in his practice, while his office became one of the foremost in his county and State. In 1906 he and George H. Thompson became associated, but never actually organized a firm; they continued to work together, however, until about 1911, when the condition of Mr. Williams' health necessitated his retirement.

Eager at all times to promote the best interests of Bellows Falls and the State of Vermont, Mr. Williams held many important offices, and was a leader in the civic life of his town and village. In 1883 and 1884 he was a member of the committee which had charge of the present sewer system, while in 1888 he was elected to the board of selectmen for the village of Rockingham. With the selectmen of that village he served for twelve years, most of the time as chairman. Also village bailiff, he won, in this office, the name of "Mayor," and in it devoted his energies tirelessly to a number of causes for the growth and betterment of the town. In 1889 the electric lighting system was first installed in Bellows Falls, and it was under Mr. Williams' supervision that much of the work was done. In 1892 he was elected justice of the peace, and until the organization of the present municipal court he was a trial justice of the town, and in this connection heard many important cases from every part of the county. He had been for years a member of the Windham County Republican committee, and was prominent in the counsels of his party, of which he was a staunch supporter. Mr. Williams was nominated for the office of State's attorney for Windham County in July, 1908, and was elected to this position, in which he served from December, 1908, to December, 1910. Active in fraternal work, he was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, was a Past Master of the lodge of the temple and of King Solomon's Lodge; Past High Priest of Abenaki Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; Past Eminent Commander of Holy Cross Commandery of Knights Templar, (this Commandery was organized by Mr. Williams and he was its first Commander); a member of the Bellows Falls Council of Royal and Select Masters; a thirty-second degree Mason in the Scottish Rite; and Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Vermont. Before 1899 members of the Royal Arch Chapter who wished to take the Temple degree went to Beauseant Commandery, at Brattleboro, or were members at Keene, New Hampshire; there having been until that year no local commandery. On April 20, 1898, a petition was signed for the institution of a commandery in Bellows Falls. Mr. Williams, along with C. W. Black and Dr. G. H. Gorham, were among the signers, and the petition was granted on June 14, 1898. On January 27, 1899, the

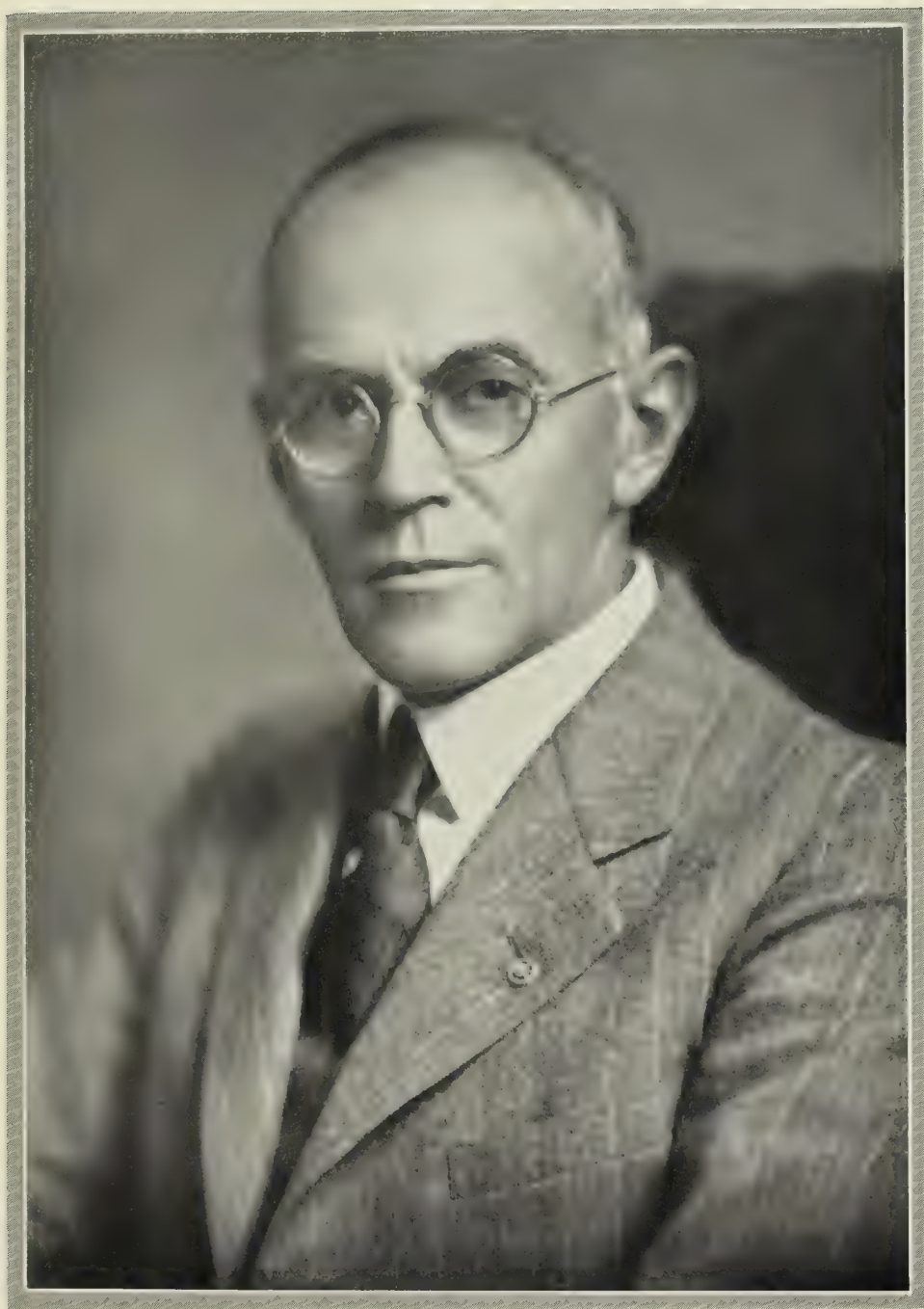
officers of the Grand Commandery of Vermont made a pilgrimage to this village, and the officers of Holy Cross Commandery were installed, with Mr. Williams as Eminent Commander. His work in the Masonic fraternity was recognized as being accomplished without selfish motives, and throughout Vermont he came to be known as a man thoroughly interested in the welfare of the order. In recognition of his services, he was presented, on Thanksgiving Day, 1909, with a handsome gold medal, the donors having been the Grand Commandery of Vermont; and this medal became one of his cherished possessions. Mr. Williams also was instrumental in having established in Bellows Falls one of the finest Masonic temples in the State.

Mr. Williams was twice married (first), November 20, 1878, to Delia Coy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Coy, of Bethel, Vermont, the former of whom was a dealer in paper stocks in Bellows Falls, and she died in Claremont, New Hampshire, May 14, 1881; and (second) to Fanny L. Farr, daughter of Norman H. and Lucia (Lathrop) Farr. He had three children Mrs. F. J. Perry, of Claremont, New Hampshire (by first marriage); and Mrs. Henry C. Capron, of Bellows Falls, and Marion L. Williams, now Mrs. George H. Thompson, also of this place (by second marriage). Mrs. Fanny L. (Farr) Williams has always been an ardent worker in the Immanuel Episcopal Church, and has been for many years vice-president of the ladies' organization of her parish.

The death of Charles Harvey Williams, which came on May 22, 1913, brought profound grief to all who knew him; for he was a man of wide acquaintance and kindly attitude toward his fellowmen, a true friend to all, and one whose memory will always be cherished.

**CLARENCE HENRY BEECHER, M. D.**—Combining the practice and teaching of medicine with the duties of mayor of Burlington, Clarence Henry Beecher not only is known as one of the foremost authorities in medicine in the State of Vermont, but also has carved a career equally substantial in the teaching profession and in public office. It is men of the calibre of Dr. Beecher that have built and maintained the high standards of Burlington not only morally, but industrially and financially. Few indeed are the public projects of this city that do not enjoy the aid of Dr. Beecher, and some of the largest municipal and educational buildings in this city have been erected under his wise supervision. Dr. Beecher has been the chief executive of Burlington for little more than three years, but his achievements during this brief period have won for him the admiration and esteem of his constituents. Fraternal organizations listing him as a member are many, and he is, of course, a valued member of various professional societies. Dr. Beecher is the son of David O. and Mary E. (Waring) Beecher. David O. Beecher early in his life was a farmer, but his later career covered merchandising and the slate business. He moved to Vermont in 1881, and it was at that time he became interested in the slate industry. He now (1928) has retired and is spending the remainder of his days peacefully at West Pawlet, Vermont.

Clarence Henry Beecher was born October 9, 1877, at Granville, New York, and received his elementary education which included graduation from the grammar schools at West Pawlet, Vermont, and in 1894 he attended the courses prescribed by the Granville (New York) High School. While a high school student, he chose medicine for his life work and thereafter matriculated at the Medical School, University of Vermont, from which institution he was graduated in 1900, and honored with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Dr. Beecher had determined to give himself the best training possible for his profession, which caused him to take up



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post-graduate courses at Boston, Massachusetts; New York City, New York, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He rounded out his training by a period of study in Vienna, Austria, in 1910. Returning to the United States, Dr. Beecher came to Burlington where he previously had practiced, his first experience here as a practitioner beginning in January, 1901. He specialized in internal medicine, and in 1901 was an instructor in anatomy at Vermont University. From 1901 until 1907 he was a demonstrator in this department of his profession, and from 1904 until 1909 was an instructor in medicine. In the last-named year he became assistant professor of Medicine and was so occupied until 1911. His advancement to full professor in this subject came in 1911, and he still carries on this work in addition to his numerous other duties.

Ever since his early days in Burlington Dr. Beecher has been a conspicuous figure in civic spheres. He served two terms as a member of the Board of Aldermen, 1919-20, 1923-24, and was president of the board in 1924. In that year he also was chosen a member of the Board of School Commissioners and held that post until 1925, when he was elected mayor of Burlington. This executive office Dr. Beecher assumed in April, 1925, and he was reelected in 1927 for a term that expires in April, 1929. During his administration Burlington and its institutions have experienced a period of growth and development heretofore unequalled in the annals of the city. Among the civic improvements attained during this time may be listed the new City Hall, constructed at a cost of five hundred thousand dollars; the Auditorium, costing two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars; the Central Fire Station, one hundred thousand dollars; the Junior High School and Gymnasium, at a combined cost of four hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars, and the Winooski Bridge, which involved the expenditure of two hundred thousand dollars. Mayor Beecher's administration has been responsible for the development of the aviation field here, which necessitated the long-leasing of land for this purpose at a most reasonable figure.

Dr. Beecher's fraternal affiliations comprise membership in the Vermont State Medical Society, the Chittenden County Medical Society, the American Medical Association, and he is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and Surgeons. He is popular and well-liked in social circles, as is attested by his membership in the Burlington Country Club, and the Ethan Allen Club, as well as the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he is past president of the Rotary Club. Dr. Beecher stands especially high in the ranks of Freemasonry, being a member of Burlington Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Burlington Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Burlington Commandery, Knights Templar; the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

In August, 1904, Dr. Clarence Henry Beecher married Florence Jeannette Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Russell, of Burlington, and this union has been blessed with three children: John Edward, Jeannette and Russell Beecher. The Beecher family resides at No. 42 North Winooski Avenue, Burlington, while Mayor Beecher's official headquarters are in the Burlington City Hall.

**THEOPHILUS GROUT**, who is connected with the United States Revenue Department and has been stationed for years in New York City as special agent, is the oldest living member of a family that has emblazoned a number of names on the pages of Vermont history. The family became identified with this State a few years after the Revolutionary War and has played an important part in making its history. It has furnished a Governor, a Congressman—brothers of Theophilus Grout—a num-

ber of legislators and many town officials. All have proven themselves efficient public servants and have in their personal character and conduct sustained the best of New England traditions, setting fine examples of industry, thrift and patriotism.

The family was established in this country by Captain John Grout, surgeon, who was born in England about 1615. With his first wife, Mary, he settled in Watertown, Massachusetts, about 1640. Three years later he removed to Sudbury, and after residing there ten years he was made freeman. He became one of the principal proprietors and citizens of the town and served for thirty years as selectman. From the time he became a resident of the town until old age compelled him to retire, he was in command of the training band and rose from sergeant to the rank of captain. For his meritorious service in defending the town from Indians he received special mention by the General Court. About 1642 he married, for his second wife, Sarah (Busby) Cakebread, widow of the renowned Captain Thomas Cakebread, and daughter of Nicholas Busby. She inherited a mill from her first husband, and this Captain Grout continued in operation. He died July 25, 1697.

(II) Jonathan Grout, the next in this line of descent, was born August 1, 1658, and died in 1730. He settled upon the homestead in Sudbury and became a wealthy man for his day. He married Abigail Dix, born March 15, 1676-77, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Barnard) Dix.

(III) John Grout, son of Jonathan and Abigail (Dix) Grout, was born October 14, 1704, and died in June, 1771. He was a man of superior natural talents and education. He studied law and practiced it as a profession during the latter half of his life, if not before. He married Joanna Boynton of Rowley. They became residents of Rindge, New Hampshire, where he died.

(IV) Elijah Grout, son of John and Joanna (Boynton) Grout, was born October 29, 1732, and died in March, 1807. About 1766 he settled in the valley of the Connecticut River in Charlestown, New Hampshire. He was justice of the peace and held other town offices there. In the Revolutionary War he served as commissary to the army. He married, in 1758, Molly Willard, who died in 1786.

(V) Theophilus Grout, son of Elijah and Molly (Willard) Grout, was born August 29, 1768. He was one of the first settlers in Kirby, this State. The land on which he settled in 1792 has remained in the family to the present day. He represented the town in the Legislature ten times, was justice of the peace for many years and was the first collector of United States revenue for that district. He was a very influential citizen. He was a Democrat. A man of great piety, he took keen pleasure in discussing theological questions. He married Joanna Willard, who was born in Hartland, this State, August 6, 1776, and who lived to the age of eighty-six years. He died April 5, 1852, in Concord.

(VI) Josiah Grout, son of Theophilus and Joanna (Willard) Grout, was born October 20, 1805. He lived for a time after his marriage in Canaan, but then removed to Compton, Province of Quebec, where his father-in-law had preceded him; but in 1848, he returned to the old homestead and took title to it. There he spent the remainder of his days. He was a Democrat until the Missouri Compromise was repealed in 1820; then he became a Whig and, later, a Republican. He cast his first Republican vote for Abraham Lincoln. While he was not a politician and never aspired to political preferment, he served his fellow-citizens in a number of local offices such as constable, selectman, etc. Josiah Grout married, in St. Johnsbury, September 29, 1830, Sophronia Ayer, daughter of Carleton Ayer of that town. She was a



woman of superior mental and moral qualities. Ten children were born from this union: Helen M., William Wallace, a biography of whom follows this; George W., Josiah, Sophronia, Mary, Victoria, Theophilus, of whom further; Susan, and James.

(VII) Theophilus Grout, the eighth child of Josiah and Sophronia (Ayer) Grout, was born at Compton, Province of Quebec, September 3, 1848. His education was received in the common schools and in the academies in Newbury, McIndoes Falls and St. Johnsbury. In order to meet the expenses of his schooling he taught in the schools of Barton, Concord, Passumpsic and Brighton. In the spring of 1870 he began the study of law in the office of Bisbee and Grout in Newport, and at the September term in 1871 he was admitted to the bar of Orleans County. On the 14th of the same month he was appointed inspector of customs at Newport. About a year later he formed a copartnership with his brother, Major Josiah Grout, whose partner, L. H. Bisbee, had removed to Chicago. This partnership prospered and continued until 1875, when Major Grout withdrew and removed to Chicago. Theophilus Grout then continued in the practice of his profession alone and with success until November, 1901, when he went to Boston as special agent of the United States Treasury Department. He was stationed there for sixteen years. The office of special agent was created about 1863 to do a work the custom house could not do—to detect and prevent frauds on the customs revenues and other kinds of work related to customs. While he was practicing his profession in Newport, Mr. Grout served as State's attorney for the years 1878 and 1879. Then he represented the town in the Legislature in the sessions of 1880 and 1881, taking a leading and influential part as a member of the committee on revision of laws and on joint rules, and in championing some of the most important measures that were enacted into laws. In 1891 he purchased the "Express and Standard" and continued its publication until 1898, writing all the editorials and attending to the business details in addition to his law practice and other interests.

In 1917 Mr. Grout was transferred to New York City where he has continued to officiate in the same capacity in the revenue service. When he went into this service, customs collectors were permitted to charge a fee for all blanks that had to be used in transacting customs business in Vermont. While the salaries of these officials were nominal, this fee perquisite made the office of customs collector one of the fattest plums at the disposal of the party in power. Mr. Grout was one of the leaders in the movement that finally resulted in the ruling that the income from the sale of blanks must be turned over to the Government, and thus huge sums have since been saved to the general treasury.

Mr. Grout is an enthusiastic member of the Masonic fraternity, having taken all the degrees in the York Rite and in the Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree. He is a member of Memphremagog Lodge, No. 65, Free and Accepted Masons. In 1887 he helped to organize Malta Commandery, Knights Templar, at Newport, and he served as its Eminent Commander for the years 1896, 1897 and 1898. He had served as prelate of that body from the time of its organization until he became its chief officer. He is also a member of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Montpelier. He is also a member of the Vermont Society of New York City.

November 25, 1873, Theophilus Grout married Ellen A. Black, daughter of Charles Black of Galveston, Texas. Two children were born to them: 1. Charles T., of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, who married Alice B. Canon, and has two children: William Wallace and Rosana. 2. Addie Lou, married W. G. Roseberry and had

two children: Ellen A., deceased, and Theophilus Grout, who resides with his mother in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Grout have been lifelong adherents of the Episcopal Church. While he was a resident of Newport, Vermont, he was a zealous and efficient worker in the church there, and it was said by a local writer that "to his liberality, energy and perseverance, as much as to that of any other, is that society indebted for their beautiful church edifice and their flourishing condition." He was a lay reader of that church from the time of its organization until he removed to Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Grout are now members of the Episcopal Church at Washington Heights, New York, where they reside.

#### GENERAL WILLIAM WALLACE GROUT—

The late General William W. Grout was a man who endeared himself to his community by his charity, honesty and public spirit. He contributed largely to all churches and was liberal in his gifts to schools and other institutions. Essentially religious, he was broad and tolerant in his views and attitude toward those who upheld the cardinal principles set down in the Bible. He was always ready to assist in any enterprise that promised to enhance the public welfare. Industrious, persistent, able, honest, courageous and ambitious, General Grout was an honor to his profession and his State, according to George H. Blake, who wrote a sketch of General Grout's life, the "Biography of the Bar," of Orleans County, from which part of the data was taken on which this sketch is based.

William Wallace Grout was a member of a family that has been identified with Vermont since 1792. His ancestry will be found in the preceding biography of Theophilus Grout. He was born in Compton, Province of Quebec, May 24, 1836, son of Josiah and Sophronia (Ayer) Grout. His early educational opportunities were limited to the public schools; but he was ambitious to become a lawyer and realized the importance of an education. His leisure hours were devoted to study and reading and later he was able to obtain a good academic education. He graduated from the Poughkeepsie Law School in 1857, and after a few months in the office of Hon. Thomas Bartlett of Lyndon, he was admitted to the bar of Caledonia County in December of the same year. In 1858, he went to Barton and formed a partnership with George Tucker. At that time the town was the terminus of the Passumpsic Railroad and the business center of the county. Other lawyers were already established there, some of whom had already earned enviable reputations; but young Grout held his own against them in the litigations in which he participated and won for himself a name for ability and dependability.

In 1862 he declined the Republican nomination for State's attorney of his county in order to enter the army. He recruited a company in Barton of which he was chosen captain. This company was made part of the 15th Regiment, Vermont Volunteer Infantry, and he was appointed lieutenant-colonel when that regiment was organized. They were sent to Virginia and participated in the Gettysburg campaign. Unmindful of personal danger, he proved himself an efficient officer and won the confidence and esteem of the other officers and the rank and file of his regiment. He was mustered out with his regiment in August, 1863. He had contracted malaria (which ever after preyed upon his health) and this condition together with the delicate health of his wife made it impossible for him to reenlist. In the spring of 1864 he had recovered his strength sufficiently to resume the practice of his profession, becoming one of the foremost lawyers of the State. The famous St. Albans raid occurred in the fall of 1864, and he was placed in charge of the defense of the State's frontier. In 1865, William



W. Grout was one of three men chosen as brigadier-generals of the newly created State Militia. He was elected State's attorney in 1864 and held the office for two years. About this time he began to take an active part in politics. He was elected to the Legislature in 1868 and was returned for the two succeeding sessions. His career in the Legislature was marked by faithful attention to duty and a careful regard for the interests of the common people. He was one of the most active in the war against the Shylocks who were trying to raise the rate of legal interest above six per cent. He was chosen delegate to the national convention which first nominated General Grant for the Presidency. General Grout was again a member of the State House of Representatives in 1874 and in 1876 was elected to the State Senate and served as president *pro tem.* of that body. Two years later he was nominated for Congress but was defeated by a fusion of Greenbackers with Democrats. In 1880 he was again nominated, almost unanimously, and was sent to the forty-seventh Congress by a triumphant election. He began his work under the handicap of disadvantages usual to a new member, but the "Congressional Record" shows that he was neither idle nor silent. Among the more important measures which he advocated in this Congress may be mentioned the creation of a cabinet officer as the head of the Department of Agriculture, one of the most important acts ever passed by Congress; the Geneva Award, the American Shipping Bill, the North Dakota Territory Bill and the bill dealing with the French Spoliation Claims. He fought long and vigorously for the passage of the Oleomargarine Statute, and he was the author of and was almost entirely instrumental in securing passage of the bill giving to the city of Washington its now famous Rock Creek Park. Toward the close of his work in this session he was prostrated with an illness that, for a time, threatened his life, and which incapacitated him for any labor for some months. Before the next election the State was divided into two districts, and owing to his inability to participate personally in the canvass, his friends, who were many, were not able to prevail over the rival candidate, Judge Poland, so General Grout failed of renomination. But he was sent back to Congress to succeed Judge Poland by one of the largest votes any Vermont Congressman had received up to that time. Altogether, his service in Congress covered a period of eighteen years and, excepting the forty-ninth Congress, was continuous. He introduced some seventy bills which were enacted into law; but this is not the full measure of his service; for in defeating the passage of undesirable legislation he was just as active, and he won for himself a reputation as a ready debater, a good parliamentarian and a good fighter. His speeches were learned and able, and his efforts were always of a constructive character. He served on the committee on appropriations from 1892 until the close of his Congressional career. Details of his notable service to State and Nation will be found in a book entitled: "Memoir of Gen'l William Wallace Grout and Autobiography of Josiah Grout." General Grout survived by only about two years the completion of his term in the fifty-sixth Congress. In the meantime he was defeated for the nomination for the United States Senate as a result of the tricks of the political game, to which he was no stranger; for, as the "Burlington News" said: "His political life was the most stormful recorded in the modern history of Vermont." and in commenting on this defeat in his obituary, the "Montpelier Journal" said: "No sound of anguish escaped him and he met his opponents with that grim good cheer born of a quarter of a century of political strife." There can be no question that in this defeat of his senatorial aspirations General Grout was sorely disappointed, and no doubt it hastened his death.

General Grout did not abandon his law practice during these political activities. He was counsel in many important civil and criminal proceedings and was exceptionally successful in winning verdicts favorable to his clients. Of his ability as a lawyer, the writer (Blake) already referred to says: "It is a somewhat singular circumstance that in a large practice of several years Gen. Grout only lost a single case, where he brought the suit, prepared and tried the case. Whenever he has put himself into a case, he has managed it with admirable skill and great wisdom. As an advocate he is pleasing, persuasive and able; he seeks to convince a jury by plain and vigorous arguments, caring more to present his case clearly by simple language, than to charm the ear with smooth and elegant phrases. He is intuitively familiar with the principles of justice and seeks to attain what is right, regardless of the technicalities and the intricacies of law. Had he concentrated his thoughts and his energies upon the law alone, few lawyers would have been his superior."

General Grout had capacity for managing many broad and varied interests at once. He never lost his love for the soil, and to gratify it, he purchased the old Grout homestead in Caledonia County. This had been allowed to get into a badly run-down condition. But he made his brother-in-law, Captain George O. Ford, manager of the farm, purchased thoroughbred stock, erected the largest barns in that vicinity to house them, built silos, put in underdrainage and by the introduction of modern farming methods not only reclaimed the farm, but made it an outstanding demonstration that farming might still be a profitable vocation in the old Green Mountain State.

General Grout married, in 1860, Loraine M. Smith of Glover, a woman of most lovely and amiable disposition, highly esteemed for her intelligence and womanly virtues. Two children were born from this union; but they passed away at an early age. The mother, stricken and bereft, survived them but a brief period and died in 1868. General Grout never remarried; for he felt that his loss was irreparable.

He died in 1902, closing a career of distinguished public service. The State Senate and House of Representatives passed an appropriate resolution upon his decease, and practically every newspaper in the State published a eulogistic obituary, of which the following quotation from the "Burlington Clipper" may be taken as typical:

General Grout loved Vermont. He loved the people of the State and he was ever doing that which would do her good. Few men have ever held the old commonwealth more dearly than he. Throughout his public life he never lost an opportunity that would benefit his State. Hundreds of citizens, especially the old soldiers, never had a better or stronger friend.

Genial in spirit, approachable at all times, he constantly added to his friends and decreased his enemies. True, he was a fighter in his political contests and his opponents knew they had work ahead, that if they won it would require the limit of their energy. Yet, he was a fair fighter. With him there were no ghosts lurking in ambush, no niggers in woodpiles, no transaction that needed a mask. His adversaries were well aware of his above board dealings. His word was as good as a government bond—the gold bearing kind. He never forsook a friend and he never ran from an enemy. And such men make and build a nation.

#### JUDGE TIMOTHY PARKER REDFIELD—

Vermont is justly proud of the record of Judge Timothy Parker Redfield, who for many years served the bar as one of its distinguished members in this State, and then took his place on the bench at a time long before this country had attained to its present state of prosperity and world-wide position. As judge in the Supreme Court of the State of Vermont, he fulfilled his duties faithfully and well, and won the esteem and respect of a host of his fellow-citizens. Those who knew him and his work could not but believe that his death was one of the



saddest events that had transpired in this community; and while many of them have now, too, passed to their eternal rewards, the name of Judge Redfield lives on in the minds and hearts of those who knew him on this earth.

He first saw life in the trying days of 1812, having been born in Coventry, Orleans County, Vermont, November 3 of that year, one of the twelve children, six sons and six daughters, born to Dr. Peleg and Hannah (Parker) Redfield. His father, Dr. Peleg Redfield, was of English descent, and was a grandson of the Colonial soldier, Captain Peleg Redfield. Dr. Peleg Redfield was born in Killingworth, Connecticut, but settled on a farm in Coventry, which is still owned by descendants. He was the first physician to settle in Coventry, having gone there in 1805, and the fourth in Orleans County. His practice was extensive and arduous. Such was the condition of the country and the roads that he had to visit his patients on horseback and not unfrequently to go on foot through the forests. He was a man of vigorous mind, sound judgment and good practical common sense. He stood high in his profession, and was honored and respected by all who knew him. His wife, Judge Redfield's mother, Hannah (Parker) Redfield, was a daughter of Isaac and Bridget (Fletcher) Parker, and was born in Milford, Massachusetts, November 17, 1785. She was married at Weathersfield, Vermont, in March, 1803. A remarkable woman, who faithfully performed her maternal duties in rearing and training her large family, she was ever the presiding genius in the home, and to her, husband and children always turned for cheer and inspiration. Possessed of strong character and remarkable intellectual ability, she was an avid reader of the best literature of her time, and also took a keen interest in current topics and events of the day. Her conversational powers were fine and charming. Although separated to a great extent by her lot in life from the refinements and social intercourse of educated and refined society, her attainments and her sterling worth and her native sense were such that she would have adorned the best society and would have won admiration for her charming qualities and inherent worth. From her Timothy Parker Redfield inherited characteristics and mental qualities which with his industry brought well-deserved success and eminence.

His own early life was attended by privations and discomforts which inevitably go with pioneer life. His older brother, Isaac F. Redfield, determined to go to college, and after eight months in preparatory school entered Dartmouth. Moved by his brother's example, Timothy also decided to obtain the best education that facilities would permit. His father was financially unable to assist him to any extent, and he was forced to teach for three months each winter to help pay his expenses. In 1836 he was graduated with honors from Dartmouth. Immediately he entered the office of his elder brother, Isaac, as a law student, and while studying there taught for a time at Brownington Academy, taking the place of the Rev. Alexander Twilight, who for twenty-two years was head of the academy. In 1838 he was admitted to the bar, and in the same year began practice in Irasburg, Vermont. From then until 1848 he remained in Irasburg, and it was early in this period that he was married. Then, in 1848, he removed to Montpelier. In 1870 he was elected a judge of the Supreme Court of Vermont, and held this office until 1884. From the very outset of his professional career he commanded the respect and confidence of the people, and, from 1856 to 1870, the period in which he practiced law in the courts of Orleans, Caledonia and Washington counties, he was engaged in many important trials. As a lawyer he ranked as one of the State's ablest. Sound memory, excellent judgment, fine reasoning powers, a judicial temperament and a most subtle intellect rendered him a safe counsel and a dangerous adversary. When he took his seat on the

bench, he did so at the sacrifice of a lucrative practice, for few lawyers had a larger clientele than he. As a practitioner, he was self-possessed, cautious, skillful, clear-headed, quick to discern the weak points in his adversary's case and to grasp the strong ones in his own. An opponent who required constant attention, he was most skillful in cross-examination of witnesses. His dignified bearing, apparent fairness and candor impressed juries, who were ready to believe that so straightforward and pleasing a lawyer must be on the right side. Judge Redfield never forgot that one of the requisites of a judge was good manners. And, on the bench, he was always a gentleman, never lost his temper or self-control, and treated the bar with a courtesy that was ever reciprocated. In addition to his numerous other qualities, Judge Redfield was an accomplished classical scholar. He read widely of the best English literature, the beauties and strength of which he keenly appreciated. English history always had an appeal for him, too, especially Constitutional history.

Judge Redfield's political allegiance was always given to the Democratic party, whose policies and principles he always supported, although he had the honor to be elected to the bench by a Republican Legislature. It was probably well for his standing as a lawyer that he belonged to the minority party; for otherwise he would almost surely have been drawn into political life. In 1884 he was a candidate of his party for the office of United States Senator against the Republican candidate, the Hon. Justin S. Morrill. Under President Buchanan, he served as postmaster in Montpelier. Also, he was once Democratic candidate for Governor. He was also greatly interested in the National Life Insurance Company, having been one of its first directors and having held that office at the time of his death. He was the company's legal advisor when it was first organized. He was also a director of the Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance Company from 1851 to 1887, and vice-president in it from 1857 to 1873. From early life Judge Redfield was a communicant of the Christ Episcopal Church, in which he held many offices. He had, all his life, entertained a desire to visit England and European countries; and, because of his poor state of health, he took this trip in the summer of 1883, visiting England and France and wintering in Italy. From those lands he wrote many interesting letters which were published in Montpelier in the press. Amid the historic and classic scenes of Italy, especially, he found the realization of the dreams of his college days.

Timothy Parker Redfield married, February 6, 1840, Helen W. Grannis, of Stanstead, Quebec. To them four children were born, of whom one daughter survives, Mrs. Alice (Redfield) Phillips, of Montpelier, a biography of her late husband, Andrew J. Phillips, accompanying this. Mrs. Redfield's ancestry was of New England, for she is a direct descendant of Hannah Dustin and a granddaughter of Major Dustin, of Revolutionary fame, who was a minute-man at Concord. Her parents went to Canada and took up land that was granted by the King of England, and so it was that she was born in Canada.

Judge Redfield's death, which occurred March 27, 1888, was a cause of widespread sorrow and bereavement among his many friends and fellow-citizens. For his had been an exemplary life, free from qualities that so often tarnish the otherwise fair names of public men. Taught by the struggles and hardships of early days the true value of money, he was ever frugal in his habits and simple in his manner of life. After his retirement from the bench, surrounded by appreciative friends, he enjoyed the quiet of his beautiful home and the well-earned leisure of a well-spent life. Judge Redfield was a model of all that constitutes a conscientious, Christian gentleman, and an able, upright, impartial judge. To







Andrew J. Phillips



*W. Raymond Bailey*





speak thus of his record is but the "just meed of praise to acknowledged worth," and to keep the memory of such men green is but to strengthen and stimulate public virtue.

**ANDREW J. PHILLIPS**—Prominent in the life of Vermont, and later in St. Louis, Missouri, and Chicago. Illinois, where he performed his professional labors as musician and choirmaster, Andrew J. Phillips had, in Montpelier and the communities in which he was personally known in this State, a host of warm friends and a large number of acquaintances. Born in this State, he early in life displayed noteworthy talent in music, and as a teacher and conductor of choral work was widely recognized as a leader; and, after he had worked for many years in these fields, doing what was to him a labor of love and to others one of beauty and usefulness, he returned once more to his native Vermont, where he spent his last years.

This talented native of the "Green Mountain State" was born August 21, 1842, at Hartford, Vermont, son of Professor Nelson L. and Cynthia (Swan) Phillips, of Medina, New York. His mother was a sister of Isaac Swan, who was appointed by President Lincoln as harbor master of the Port of New York and acted in that capacity during the Civil War. Andrew J. Phillips, when only a boy, removed with his parents to Barre, Vermont, where he was educated at Spaulding Academy under the tutorage of Professor Goodell. Inheriting his father's superb voice, he became, at the age of seventeen, director of the Methodist Church choir in Montpelier, resigning to go to Boston to study under Dr. Guilmeut and Professor Wheeler, both celebrated instructors in music. Returning to Montpelier, he took charge of the choir of Christ Episcopal Church, teaching at the same time in Montpelier, Barre and Burlington, and also directing choral societies in different parts of Vermont. In 1879 he accepted a position as choirmaster in the Pilgrim Congregational Church in St. Louis, Missouri, and there taught for four years with marked success, having extremely large classes, while one of the unique features of his work there was that the pastor of the church was none other than his old teacher at Spaulding Academy, in Barre, Professor Goodell, whose wife was also a Vermont native, daughter of Governor Fairbanks, of St. Johnsbury. After a time, because of the effect of the climate upon his family, Mr. Phillips gave up his work in St. Louis, and reluctantly left that city to take a position as choirmaster in Trinity Church, Chicago. The following paragraph was taken from the St. Louis "Republican," and was written at the time of Mr. Phillips' removal to Chicago:

Among the many changes taking place in musical circles this year none will be more keenly felt by the community than that of the departure from this city of Prof. A. J. Phillips. During his stay here he has endeared himself to all with whom he had any acquaintance. As a vocal instructor his career has been very successful. His time has been fully occupied by his classes both at his studio and at Mrs. Cuthbert's school. Prof. Phillips goes to Chicago where he has been elected tenor and director of the music of Emanuel Church. While in this city he was the tenor and leader of the Pilgrim Choir. Mr. Phillips was for four years director of the vocal department of the Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois.

In Chicago he continued his professional work for many years until, at length, for family reasons and because of his own desire for a less strenuous life, he returned to his native State, where his death, on June 24, 1908, in Montpelier, caused widespread sorrow among his fellowmen and all who knew him, especially in the circle of organists and choirmasters, among whom he was so dearly beloved.

Andrew J. Phillips married, August 21, 1872, Alice

Redfield, daughter of Timothy Parker Redfield, Judge of the Supreme Court of Vermont, and Helen W. (Granis) Redfield. A record of Judge Redfield's life and works accompanies this biography. To this union two children were born: 1. Helen, who died in Chicago, Illinois, in 1892. 2. Timothy R. (T. Redfield), of whom further.

Timothy Redfield Phillips, son of Andrew J. and Alice (Redfield) Phillips, and grandson of Timothy Parker Redfield, Judge of the Supreme Court of Vermont, was born in Montpelier, Vermont, August 12, 1879. In the same year he was taken by his parents to St. Louis, Missouri, to live, and there and in Chicago, Illinois, he spent his early life. He was educated in St. Albans Academy, Knoxville, Illinois, under Dr. Leffingwell, and at Boston University Law School. He was graduated with the class of 1903, and was admitted to the Vermont Bar in 1903. After five years' practice of law, in Montpelier, his health compelled him to abandon his chosen profession, and, upon the advice of his physician, to take up an outdoor life. The disappointment was great, but he had to meet it as best he could, and his first thought turned to the breeding of pure blood cattle of the Guernsey breed. Good fortune brought him, at this juncture, the opportunity to buy a farm, which had been one of his boyhood dreams. His property was a place chosen by one of the first settlers and about one mile from the business center of town, overlooking both Montpelier and the broad range of the Green Mountains, and enjoying a splendid view of the "Golden Dome" of the Capitol Building. Here he set about a study of the science of breeding pure blooded Guernseys. Like others, he has experienced both "ups" and "downs," but courage, perseverance, good business judgment, love of cattle and strict honesty have made him outstandingly successful in his chosen work.

Timothy Redfield Phillips married, in 1903, Cora King Johannott, of Montpelier. They have three children: Alice, Mary, and Arthur Redfield.

**KEMP RUSSELL BLANCHARD FLINT**, Professor of Political Science at Norwich University, is one of the outstanding educators of Vermont, esteemed and admired by the people of Northfield, where he has made his home for years.

Deeply interested in the welfare of his fellows, Professor Flint has made intensive studies of civic, social and economic conditions throughout the State, the results of which he has incorporated in monographs and in lectures that he has given before Chautauqua audiences and civic organizations. He has been complimented by call to public office, in which he has acquitted himself with credit and to the great advantage of the people of the State. He is looked upon as an authority on municipal affairs and as one of the ablest and most valuable citizens of the State of Vermont.

He was born in Middlesex, Vermont, September 1, 1880, a son of Leroy Adelbert and Lanette (Kemp) Flint, and attended the public schools, graduating from the high school at Montpelier in 1899. He then entered Norwich University and was graduated from that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1903, while, in 1909, the university conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts. From 1903 until 1907 he was engaged in the grocery business in Montpelier and in Northfield, in which last noted year he was appointed an instructor in English and history at Norwich University, his promotion to assistant professor coming in the following year and a full professorship being given him in 1909. In 1914 and 1915 he attended the University of Wisconsin, where he studied political science and in 1915 became professor of that course at Norwich University, retaining the post to this time. He is also head of the department of social sciences there, and director of the Bureau of Municipal Affairs. In 1916 he made



an exhaustive study of social conditions in their relation to the dependent poor of Vermont and made public his findings in a pamphlet; "Poor Relief in Vermont," at the same time making certain recommendations to the Legislature that were enacted into law. For three years he served as president of the Vermont Conference on Social Work. In 1917 he was selected by the university authorities to act as Commandant of the Military Training Camp which was conducted by the institution during that summer, and a series of lectures which he delivered while serving in this capacity was published as a manual by the State of Vermont in 1918 by authority of the adjutant-general, under the title, "Military Law in Vermont." In 1919, after much research work, he prepared a bulletin on "Town Planning—A Program of Civic Preparedness for Vermont Communities," which was published by the university and which has been a great factor in improving economic conditions and making more efficient the work of municipal administration. Resultant from these practical demonstrations of his interest in the welfare of the people was his election to the State Legislature in 1921, when he represented Northfield in that body, and while in office introduced a bill that authorized planning commissions for the cities, towns, and villages of the State. In this year he also prepared a plan for the establishment of a Bureau of Municipal Affairs within the department of political science at Norwich University, which was adopted and which has been developed to a point where it is of great assistance in the solution of problems peculiar to municipal corporations. During the summers of 1922 and 1923 he was in charge of the courses in economics at the New York State College for Teachers and in 1928 gave lectures on political science at the same institution.

For several years he was vice-president of the National (General) Alumni Association of Norwich University and is now serving his third year as president of that organization. He was also the Vermont representative at the recently organized New England Planning Conference and for two years, 1925 to 1927, served a very successful administration as president of the Vermont Forestry Association. He was one of the founders of the Green Mountain Club in 1911, was chairman of the Centennial Committee of Norwich University in 1919 and is now a member of the American Political Science Association and of the Vermont Historical Society. He belongs to the Northfield Rotary Club and is a thirty-second degree member of the Masonic body, being affiliated with DeWitt Clinton Lodge, of Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master; Mount Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and intermediate bodies. He is a member and former president of the Northfield Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

Kemp Russell Blanchard Flint married, September 12, 1905, Lena Berniece Thomas, of Middlebury, Vermont, a graduate of Middlebury College, and they are the parents of one son, Winston Allen, born September 20, 1906. He is a graduate of Norwich University, class of 1928, and is now teaching English and history at Castle Heights Military Academy, Lebanon, Tennessee.

**JAMES S. GILL**—Representing the second generation of his family, which for more than half a century has been prominently identified with the woolen manufacturing industry of Ludlow, Mr. Gill was, at the beginning of this century, one of the leading figures in the organization of the Jewell Brook Woolen Company, of Ludlow, of which he has been the treasurer and manager ever since its foundation. The developing and managing of this important industrial enterprise has always been the chief interest of Mr. Gill's life, and

much of its constant growth and continuous success must be attributed to his devotion to its interests, his exceptional business and executive ability and his untiring energy. Samuel Gill, the father of the subject of this article, was born at Leeds, Yorkshire, England, May 4, 1833, the third of the six sons of Thomas and Elizabeth Gill, and a younger brother of the late James S. Gill. Samuel Gill came to the United States in 1840, when he was only seven years of age, and at first lived, for a total of some twelve years, in Northampton and in Lee, Massachusetts, until 1852. In that year he went to California, attracted to the State by the reports of the discovery of large gold pockets. However, he did not remain there very long, but returned to Massachusetts and settled at that time in Worcester. Most of his life was spent in the woolen manufacturing business and the greater part of his active life was spent in Ludlow. There he was connected with the Ludlow Woolen Mills, with which his older brother, James S. Gill, was also connected. After having successively held the positions of chief dyer and superintendent, he later became a partner in the business, sharing its management with his brother, James S. Gill, and with G. H. Levey and F. O. Knight. He retired from active business in 1896, four years before his death, which occurred September 5, 1900. He married (first) at Worcester, Massachusetts, Emma Lord, who died May 6, 1872. He married (second), in 1873, Hannah Lord, a sister of his first wife, and soon afterwards removed with her to Ludlow, where their three children were born: Ella M., James S., the subject of this review, and of whom later, and Mary Etta.

James S. (1) Gill, the oldest paternal uncle of the subject of this article, was born at Leeds, Yorkshire, England, in 1828, the eldest son of Thomas and Elizabeth Gill. At the age of twelve years, in 1840, he came to the United States and settled at Northampton, Massachusetts, where he learned the dyer's trade. In 1868 he became a member of George W. Harding & Company, of Ludlow, this firm operating a Ludlow woolen mill. Ten years later, in 1878, he purchased the entire plant. James S. Gill was not only one of the leading industrialists of Ludlow and Vermont, but also was one of the most liberal benefactors to the town of his adoption. In 1894 he built the Gill Odd Fellows Home, which he deeded to this fraternal organization as a free gift in July, 1895. After his adopted daughter, Florence Harding, died in 1886, he founded in her memory the Florence Memorial Library, which is now known as the Fletcher Public Library of Ludlow. In 1889 he built a beautiful summer residence in Ludlow. He was a member of the Masonic Order, while in politics he was a supporter of the Republican party. He married, in 1848, Rachel M. Woods.

James S. (2) Gill, named after his uncle, was born at Ludlow, one of the three children and the only son of the late Samuel and Hannah (Lord) Gill. He received his education at the Black River Academy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and then went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he attended the Philadelphia Textile School. Like his father and uncle before him he has spent his entire life in the woolen manufacturing industry. After leaving school he entered the employ of the Ludlow Woolen Mills, in which his father and his uncle were part-owners. However, Mr. Gill began at the bottom and thus acquired an exceptionally thorough knowledge of all branches of the business. Eventually he became manager and superintendent of the Ludlow Mills. In 1901 he conceived the idea of buying the old Eli P. Kingsbury Saw Mill and the Sawyer Tanning Plant, together with their valuable waterpower. He then organized the Jewell Brook Woolen Company, which was incorporated with a capital of \$100,000. Mr. Gill







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assumed the office of treasurer and manager being assisted in the management of the new company by the following: George P. Levey, (q. v.), president; George W. Raymond, clerk; Frank W. Agan, vice-president. The necessary buildings for the new company were erected by A. J. Cross & Company, of Worcester, Massachusetts, under the personal supervision of Mr. Gill, and manufacturing was begun in the new plant in 1906. The depression in business, which occurred in 1907-10, induced Mr. Gill to turn his company's plant into the manufacture of material for making light colored spats and similar articles. In more recent years the principal output has been Kersey cloth (for men's overcoatings), of which some 300,000 yards are produced annually. The plant has been operated very successfully from the start, largely as the result of Mr. Gill's efforts and ability. He devotes himself to the management of the business to the exclusion of almost all other interests. He is a Mason and interested in the Ludlow Savings Bank and Trust Company, and is a director in the Vermont Mills Company.

#### COLONEL LYMAN FREDERICK ABBOTT—

A leader in the manufacture of knitted goods in the community in and near Bennington, Vermont, Colonel Lyman Frederick Abbott held a place of prominence in the life of this town and in the State of Vermont. Here he was, in his later years, senior member and manager of the firm known as H. E. Bradford and Company, and was a leader in town affairs, having held different public offices of importance. There was no phase of community life in which he was not interested, and his friends were legion. They included some of the most worthy citizens of Bennington and nearby regions of Vermont, and without exception they were bowed down with grief upon the sad occasion of his passing, so highly did they esteem him and his work and love him for his tender and kindly qualities of character, in the abundance of which few men excelled him.

Colonel Abbott was born at Holden, Worcester County, Massachusetts, January 13, 1839, son of Asa and Sally (Morse) Abbott, and the youngest of their eight children. He came to Bennington with his parents when he was only eight years old, and here attended the public schools, thus completing the elementary school training that he had begun in the vicinity of his birthplace. Later he studied at college in Troy, New York, and then began his business career in Holden, Massachusetts. In April, 1854, he came again to Bennington, Vermont, where he became associated with the manufacturing firm of H. E. Bradford and Company. In 1863 he was made a member of the company which made knitted goods and was a leader in the type of manufacturing in which it was engaged. The senior partner in this enterprise was Henry E. Bradford; and when he died, Colonel Abbott became the senior member and manager of the firm. Associated with him were two sons of H. E. Bradford; they were named Edward and William Bradford. A man whose thorough knowledge of his industry fitted him for sound and useful endeavor in the field of textiles, Mr. Abbott naturally became a foremost figure in this trade.

But he also had a number of other interests in Bennington, where he was vice-president of the First National Bank. In 1880 he represented the town in the lower house of the Vermont State Legislature; while in 1890 he was State Senator from Bennington County. He was aide-de-camp with the title of colonel on the staff of Governor C. S. Page in 1890. Also active in the social and religious affairs of Bennington, he was a member and senior warden of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, as well as a member of the Bennington Club and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Into

his work with these different organizations Colonel Abbott put the same vigor and enthusiasm that characterized his activity in the textile industry, and as a result came to be highly regarded and admired among those who knew him because of his unusual versatility and his efficiency in disposing of whatever task he undertook.

Colonel Abbott married, in 1869, Laura Tirzah Hancock, daughter of Frederick and Laura (Squires) Hancock, of Bennington. Mrs. Abbott died in 1911. Colonel Lyman Frederick and Laura Tirzah (Hancock) Abbott became the parents of the following children: 1. Eliza Squires, who became the wife of Joseph M. Ayres, a native of Bennington, where he was born June 3, 1877, is a retired druggist and a member of the Board of Health of the town, and is active in Bennington affairs. 2. Fanny, who has been twice married—(first) to a Mr. Blackmer, who died, and (second) to Judge William J. Meagher, of the municipal courts.

The death of Colonel Lyman Frederick Abbott, which occurred October 12, 1920, caused widespread sorrow among his many friends. He was a lovable, kindly man, whose very presence created an atmosphere of good fellowship, whose consideration for others on all occasions was a remarkable manifestation of his generous temperament, and whose numerous acts of liberality gave him a lasting place in the memories of hundreds of his townspeople. His keen business judgment was ever at the disposal of his friends, and his was a large share in the building up of the industrial life of Bennington. His attributes for which he was widely known and recognized as a most desirable type of citizen were kindness, forbearance and brotherly love.

#### FREDERICK HORTON FARRINGTON—A

prominent member of the community in and near Brandon, Vermont, and a member of one of the State's and Nation's oldest families, Frederick Horton Farrington holds a place of importance and esteem in the business world, as well as in civic life. Banking has occupied the greatest part of his time and attention, and he was president of the Brandon Investment and Guarantee Company, and is an officer in several other banking organizations. Keenly interested in promotion of those enterprises tending toward the public welfare, he has aligned himself with many worthy causes, and some of the projects with which he has connected himself are outstanding in the life of the State. Mr. Farrington is fully deserving of the high place that he holds in the affections of his fellow-men, for he has done much, indeed, to advance community life. The family from which he is descended is one of the oldest and most honored in New England history.

Jacob Farrington, his great-grandfather, was born on July 3, 1729, and settled in Brandon in 1786; he married Abigail Sexton, eldest daughter of Amos and Elizabeth Sexton, born August 22, 1732. Jacob Farrington was a soldier from New York State in the War of the American Revolution.

Captain Daniel Farrington, his youngest son, grandfather of the man whose name heads this review, was born May 31, 1773, died October 7, 1865, on the homestead in Brandon; he was a member of the Constitutional Convention in 1828, represented the town in the Legislature, and filled many other posts of honor and responsibility in both town and county, having been a prominent and influential citizen in the town of Brandon; he was commissioned lieutenant in the Brandon Militia, and was a captain in 1813, his commission to the captaincy having been signed by President James Madison and Secretary of War James Monroe and being one of the treasured possessions of Frederick H. Farrington today; he was a soldier of intrepidity and coolness, and his character as a man of courage was fairly established; throughout the War of 1812 he was actively engaged in



service, having been on duty at Plattsburg and vicinity, where he had charge of the building of barracks and also of the rebuilding of them after their destruction; he cast his first vote for Thomas Jefferson for President, and his last for Abraham Lincoln, and was a charter member of St. Paul's Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, as well as its first treasurer. Captain Daniel Farrington married, January 7, 1796, Lois Drury, born August 9, 1776, died December 4, 1841, and one of their six children was Franklin Farrington, of whom further.

Franklin Farrington, third son of Captain Daniel and Lois (Drury) Farrington, was born September 3, 1806, and lived on the ancestral homestead through the eighty-seven years of his life, his death having occurred on June 30, 1892. He was prominent in town affairs, a member of the Vermont State Legislature's lower house in 1837 and 1838, and a director of the Brandon National Bank. He married Adelia A. Horton, born in Hortonville, Vermont, June 7, 1817, daughter of Daniel G. and Mary Stephens (Denison) Horton, and granddaughter of Major Gideon Horton. Daniel Horton owned sawmills and woolen mills, water power and other property in Hortonville, and was prominent also in county affairs. One of Franklin Farrington's children, a sister of Frederick Horton Farrington, Ella Farrington by name, became the wife of Major James K. Polk Campbell, of the Confederate Army, assistant postmaster general under President Buchanan, and a nephew of President James K. Polk of the United States. Another sister, Frankie Farrington, married John W. Morrill, of Chicago, where they now live.

Frederick Horton Farrington, of whom this is primarily a record, son of Franklin and Adelia A. (Horton) Farrington, was born on December 14, 1851, in the old Farrington homestead in Brandon, Vermont, where his father and grandfather had spent their entire lives, and he received his early education in Brandon. He still lives on the Farrington homestead, which originally contained more than three hundred acres of land, and on which the house was built in 1799. Some of the farmland has been sold since that time. Early in his career Mr. Farrington became interested in business affairs in Brandon, as well as in public life. He is vice-president of the Rutland Savings Bank, director of the Brandon National Bank, director of the National Bank of Vergennes, and also director of the Proctor Trust Company. Deposits in these banks combined amount to more than \$16,000,000. Mr. Farrington has also been president of the Vermont State Bankers' Association, and was a member of the commission appointed by Governor George H. Prouty to revise State banking laws in Vermont. The other members of that commission were the Hon. Fred A. Howland, of Montpelier, and Colonel Olin Merrill, of Enosburg. Mr. Farrington also served as vice-president for Vermont of the American Bankers' Association. He is also a trustee of estates, having about \$200,000 in trust for investment. He has been elected a member of the executive council of the American Bankers' Association for three years, representing the banks of Vermont and New Hampshire. He was also formerly president of the People's Telephone Company, and was for two terms chairman of the State Board of Cattle Commissioners. He was likewise a director and secretary of the Vermont Horse Breeders' Association, as well as treasurer of the Vermont State Agricultural Society, and treasurer of the Brandon Cemetery Association.

He has taken his full share in the advancement of different educational enterprises, and was a member of the board of trustees of the State Fund of Middlebury College, having been appointed to this post by the Governor of the State. He is also president of the Brandon Free Public Library Association.

Long a leader in politics and an influential Republican

in his party allegiance, Mr. Farrington has held different public offices, having represented Brandon in the lower house of the State Legislature in 1888, and having been chosen, in 1896, as State Senator from Rutland County. For many years he was a prominent breeder of thoroughbred Merino sheep, and was financially interested in the first shipments made from Vermont to Australia. He was also a director and treasurer of the Vermont Merino Sheep Breeders' Association. His religious faith is that of the Congregational Church. In the Free and Accepted Masons he is a Past Master of St. Paul's Lodge, of Brandon, and for many years chairman of the Finance Committee of the lodge.

Frederick Horton Farrington married, on September 10, 1873, Ella E. Reynolds, of Brandon, daughter of William W. and Louisa (Kibling) Reynolds. They became the parents of five children, three of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Farrington died in August, 1925. Mr. Farrington married (second) Ida M. Pierce, of Brandon, daughter of Francis Marion and Amelia (Trader) Pierce, that union having taken place in October, 1926. Miss Pierce was born in Ohio, but has spent most of her life in Brandon, having come to this place with her parents in 1872. Mr. Farrington's two children, who attained maturity, were:

1. Franklin Reynolds Farrington, born May 31, 1875, educated in Brandon, and graduated from the University of Vermont in 1897. He became interested then in granite and marble, with which he has been continuously identified up to the time of writing. He is president of the Farrington, Gould and Hoagland Memorial Corporation, of New York City, architects and builders of cemetery monuments and mausoleums, and director and former president of the Memorial Crafts Institute of New York. He is a member of St. Michael's Church, of New York, and of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 25, Free and Accepted Masons, of Brandon, of which his great-grandfather was a charter member. He is also a member of the Hamilton Republican Club, the Lake Champlain Association, the Vermont Society of New York, the New York Alumni Association of the University of Vermont, and the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. Mr. Farrington was a member of the American Protection League. This league was a special branch of the United States Secret Service during the World War. He was designated "Operative Zone 9-B" and received a certificate of exceptional service from the United States Government. He married, January 22, 1907, Lola Brown, daughter of Dudley C. and Cleora (Barton) Brown, of Brandon.

2. William Reynolds Farrington, born January 1, 1881, died October 10, 1912, at Big Stone City, South Dakota. He was graduated from Brandon High School, and studied for one year at Norwich University at Northfield, then completed the prescribed course of study at the University of Vermont in three years, and received his diploma. He completed his education at Boston University Law School, doing there three years' work in two years, and was admitted to the bar. He was a member of the Congregational Church, the Vermont Bar Association, Neshobe Grange, Dunmore Hose Company, and the Free and Accepted Masons, in which his affiliations are with St. Paul's Lodge; Farmer's Chapter, No. 9, of Royal Arch Masons, which he had served as secretary. He was also a member of Company C of the Vermont National Guard, from which he retired with the rank of lieutenant. After his admission to the bar, he opened an office in Brandon, but ill health forced him to give up his professional work. He then took up outdoor life on his father's farm, and took an active interest in local affairs. He was secretary of the Brandon Improvement Association, justice of the peace, and town grand juror. His health improved after a time, and he took a position with the Gold Brothers Securities Company, of



Big Stone City, South Dakota, where he went in May, 1912, a few months before his death. He was connected with the Farm Mortgage Loan Department of the business, and his duties included inspection of properties and searching and certifying titles. He was successful in his work with this firm in both legal and business ways.

It may thus be seen that the name of Farrington is an important one in Vermont life, and that the different members of the family have done their best for State and fellowmen.

**COLONEL EDWARD AIKEN SHUTTLEWORTH**—During a lifetime of wandering as a soldier over land and sea Colonel Edward A. Shuttleworth never lost his interest in the old home State, and upon his retirement from active service in the United States Army in May, 1929, he returned to the old Bradford homestead in Northfield, there to enjoy a well-earned leisure in the quiet of an ideal rural environment. Colonel Shuttleworth was born in Boston; but that will never be held against him; for his mother was a native of the Green Mountain State and carried in her veins the blood of paternal and maternal ancestors who were identified with the beginnings of Vermont history and went back to an early date in the settlement of New England.

John Shuttleworth, the colonel's father, was born in Stockport, England, May 9, 1835. He came to America as a very young man and located in Boston, Massachusetts. There he met and married Lorana Arvilla Tupper, who was born in Barnard, Vermont, June 27, 1835, daughter of Edmund and Roxcy (Aiken) Tupper and granddaughter of Israel Tupper. John Shuttleworth was a mechanic. He served in the Confederate Army in the war between the States.

Colonel Edward A. Shuttleworth was born September 15, 1865. When he was three years old his parents removed from Boston to Barnard, this State. There young Shuttleworth grew to manhood. He began his education in the public school of the Chateaugay District of Barnard, graduated from the Bellows Falls High School in 1886, and from Norwich University in 1891 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then entered the United States Infantry and Cavalry School at Fort Leavenworth, from which he graduated in 1895. In later years he took a course in the United States Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, from which he graduated in 1923.

The colonel's military career began with his appointment as second lieutenant of infantry (the 11th) on August 1, 1891. He served in Arizona Territory from that year until 1898. He participated in Indian campaigns, served on company and staff duty and Progressive Map until the outbreak of the Spanish-American War. During that conflict he served on the staffs of Generals Copping, Schwan, Lawton and Joe Wheeler and in the Porto Rico expedition under Miles. Shuttleworth assisted in the organization of the Porto Rican civil government and remained there with his regiment until promoted to captain in 1901. He then assisted in organizing the 27th Infantry and accompanied, as regimental quartermaster, that regiment to the Philippine Islands in January, 1902. There he took part in the Moro campaign in Mindanao with Generals Baldwin and Pershing. Captain Shuttleworth was detailed to the quartermaster's department from 1903 to 1907. During that period he was in charge of land transportation in Manila and served as constructing quartermaster at Fort Wright, Washington. From there he was sent again to the Philippines and served in the Pulijanes campaign in Samar.

He then returned to the United States, visiting Java, India, Egypt and Europe on the way. During the next two years he was in command of Fort Assiniboine, Montana. Then, after a time at Fort Thomas, Kentucky, he served at several stations in the Hawaiian Islands on

staff duty and as battalion commander. He returned to this country as Inspector-Instructor for Connecticut until the outbreak of the World War. He assisted in organizing the 26th and 81st divisions. He had been promoted to colonel and was under orders for overseas duty with his regiment when the signing of the Armistice made it unnecessary to send more troops abroad.

Since the World War closed Colonel Shuttleworth has served in various important positions in Ohio, Kentucky, Texas and New Jersey. Among his assignments was the restoration of order in the West Virginia coal fields. He was next appointed as chief of Staff, 78th Division, with headquarters at Newark, New Jersey, serving until May, 1929.

Colonel Shuttleworth is a member of Theta Chi Fraternity at Norwich University and in New York City. He is a member of the University Club, Honolulu, Hawaii; Army and Navy clubs in Manila and Washington, District of Columbia; the Spokane Club, Spokane, Washington; the Hartford Club, Hartford, Connecticut, and the Essex Club of Newark, New Jersey.

Colonel Shuttleworth married, December 16, 1891, in St. Mary's Church, Northfield, Vermont, Minnie Moore Walling of Northfield. The entire faculty and corps of Cadets of Norwich University were present at the wedding. Minnie Moore Walling was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Hobart Walling of Orange Park, Florida, and formerly of Barbadoes, West Indies, where Mrs. Shuttleworth spent her childhood; her mother was Eunice A. Moore, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Hiram Moore of Sharon, this State. After the death of Hiram Moore, his widow married Hon. Dr. Philander D. Bradford, who was born in Randolph, April 11, 1811. He was graduated from Woodstock Medical College, then a branch of Middlebury College, in 1833. Dr. Bradford became one of the most prominent men in the State, not only in his profession but politically also. He served in both the State Legislature and Senate. He was a member of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He became a resident of Northfield in 1854. His estate has long been in the possession of Colonel Shuttleworth and it is there that he resides since his retirement from the military service of his country.

Colonel and Mrs. Shuttleworth are members of St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Northfield. That town has always been their legal residence.

**HERBERT N. WILLIAMS**—Politics, business and farming have for years occupied chiefly the attentions of Herbert N. Williams, who is one of the esteemed and respected residents of Dorset, Vermont. Here he has been engaged in several different types of activity, industrial and civic, and has acquired a host of friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Williams was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, on November 18, 1875, son of George H. and Helen E. (Sykes) Williams. His father, born in Dorset, Vermont, was a harness maker by trade, and was also selectman at different times, treasurer of the Dorset Congregational Church, a prominent worker and charter member of the local post of Grand Army of the Republic, while at one time he was active in the military service of his country, having been for three years a soldier on the Union side in the Civil War. He began his service in that conflict as a private in the 11th Vermont Regiment in 1863, and was discharged as sergeant at the close of hostilities.

Herbert N. Williams received his early training in the Dorset district school, and subsequently studied at Fairfield Military Academy, Fairfield, New York, and at the Burr and Burton Seminary in Manchester, Vermont. He first worked in North Adams, Massachusetts, where he was engaged for two years, and then came to Dorset, Vermont, where he learned the harness-making



business with his father. Then, for a time, he was engaged in the bicycle and wagon business. At length he started a general store in Dorset, where he also farmed. His family removed from their Massachusetts home to Dorset when he was only two or three years old, and here lived for the rest of their lives, while Herbert Williams himself has never left this place since that time but has chosen rather to make his home continuously in Dorset. This place was not new to the Williams family in his generation, however, for Mr. Williams' grandfather conducted a tannery and boot and shoe business in the town, manufacturing shoes all winter and taking them by wagon to Troy in the spring, returning with cash and barter; the name of that firm after the death of William Williams, was known as William Williams' Sons.

In addition to his other work, Herbert N. Williams is active in the affairs of his municipality, having been a school director for a number of years. He was elected on the Republican ticket for representative of the town of Dorset in the lower house of the Vermont State Legislature, in November, 1928, and was again placed in nomination by the party the following term. His religious faith is that of the Dorset Congregational Church, like that of his wife and children; of this parish he was for ten or twelve years the treasurer, as well as a member of the Prudential Committee. Mr. Williams also has fraternal connections with the Modern Woodmen of America, of which he is a charter member; and with the Free and Accepted Masons, to whose lodge he belongs in Manchester, Vermont. For many years he was a member of the Sons of Veterans, although the lodge of that order to which he belonged is now discontinued. A widely known and respected citizen of Dorset, interested and active in the affairs of his town and community, Mr. Williams now devotes his time to his general store, to his political activities, and to the care of his small farm, in which he takes great pride.

Herbert N. Williams married at East Rupert, Vermont, on February 11, 1903, Annie Isabel Rogers, of that place, daughter of George and Annie (Burroughs) Rogers, both natives of England. Her father, a farmer and school director in his town, took an active interest in the affairs of that place, and was esteemed by his fellows. By their union, Herbert N. and Annie Isabel (Rogers) Williams became the parents of two children: 1. William, born November 28, 1909. 2. Ada Elizabeth, born December 11, 1913.

**OTTO RONALD BENNETT**—As postmaster of Manchester, Vermont, Otto Ronald Bennett has perhaps as wide an acquaintance among the people thereabouts as anyone in the town; but in addition he was, before receiving the postal appointment, owner of the "Manchester Journal" and as maker of the local newspaper few were the names, faces or personalities in the community that he did not make his familiars. And few are the men and women about Manchester who have not come to appreciate the quiet, yet effective and efficient, industriousness of Mr. Bennett. In addition to his postmastership, Mr. Bennett has served the public as town representative and as village trustee, and to all his public duties he gives the same conscientious attention to detail and ability to understand circumstances in their larger aspects that he accords his private interests.

Born in Manchester, August 14, 1866, Mr. Bennett is the son of George W. and Julia F. Bennett. The father was a fresco artist of ability and his son, following his completion of the public school courses, enrolled in the Burr and Burton Seminary from which he was graduated in 1884. That year he apprenticed himself in the printing trade in the employ of C. A. Pierce and Company of Bennington, leaving Bennington four years later to become associated with the Ronalds Printing Company

of New York City as secretary and treasurer. He withdrew from this connection in 1905 to purchase the "Manchester Journal" from D. K. Simonds who had been publishing that paper for thirty-five years, and for the seventeen years thereafter Mr. Bennett was actively engaged in the newspaper business. When, in 1922, he was appointed postmaster of Manchester by President Harding, Mr. Bennett sold his interest in the paper to the Manchester Printing Company. As president of this concern he still exercises large influence over the policies of the paper although its actual construction is in other hands. With the change in presidents, Mr. Bennett was reappointed to his position by President Coolidge in 1926. Mr. Bennett is active in fraternal affairs, being a Past Master of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and also a Past Grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Vermont Historical Society and of the National Geographic Society. Although not himself a church member, his leanings in religious questions are toward Episcopalianism, for members of his family all belong to the Episcopal Church. For five years he served in Company K, 23d Regiment, of the New York National Guard.

At Bennington on June 1, 1892, Mr. Bennett married Jessie Stewart, daughter of Melvin W. and Martha A. Stewart. They became the parents of four children: George Stewart, born March 23, 1893; Otto Ronald, Jr., born February 22, 1895; Marion Louise, born August 14, 1897; and Jessie Jean, born August 2, 1901.

**ALBERT L. WHEELER**—A leader in the affairs of Wilmington throughout most of the more active years of his life, Albert L. Wheeler was here engaged in both business and farming, having conducted a tin shop and several other types of enterprise along with his agricultural activities. There was no phase of public life in Wilmington in which he was not deeply interested and an active participant, and in the course of a busy career he acquired numerous friends and acquaintances among the people of this place and the surrounding region of the State, all of whom admired and respected him for his kindness and beneficence of character and his thorough integrity in his dealings with his fellowmen. The death of such a man could not but cause profound grief wherever he was known, especially in Wilmington, where he lived for so many years and contributed so greatly to the well-being and prosperity of the town.

Mr. Wheeler was born in Whitingham, Vermont, on September 7, 1840, one of the eleven children of Ephraim and Hannah (Davidson) Wheeler, and a descendant of a staunch old New England house which long had played an important part in the affairs of this part of the United States. Ephraim and Hannah (Davidson) Wheeler were the parents of the following children: Thomas H., Albert L., of further mention; Fannie, William J., Emery Peal, Elbridge E., Wallace A., Jennie E., Edward M., John, and Prescott A.

Of this family, Albert L. Wheeler, with whom we are concerned principally herein, after having received his early education in his native community, went to Springfield, Massachusetts, at the age of twenty-one years, and there learned the sheet metal trade, serving for four years as apprentice in a line of business that he thereafter followed. When he was twenty-five years old, he went to New Haven, Connecticut, where he opened a tin shop and conducted a business for five years. At the end of that period his health became impaired, whereupon he sold his stock and came to Wilmington to live. While living in New Haven he had been married, and soon after he came to Wilmington he bought the Silas Cushman farm, which later came to be known as the James Upton place, in the southern part of the town. In the summer time he carried on his agricultural activities, while he followed his trade in the winter. Then,







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about 1882, he sold his farm, and came with his family to live in the village proper. He purchased A. L. Cook's tin shop, and from that time continued in the tin business alone until he admitted into the firm his son-in-law, Joseph Damour, who since Mr. Wheeler's death has conducted the business on his own account. A man of sound business instincts and a special ability for clear, logical reasoning in regard to business affairs, Mr. Wheeler became eminently successful in his work and grew to be a leader in the enterprise in which he was for so many years engaged.

It was while Mr. Wheeler was still in New Haven that he married Hattie A. Thomas, of Guilford, Connecticut, and they lived for a time in New Haven before they came to Wilmington. Mrs. Wheeler's health began to fail in the early eighties, and she declined rapidly until, when their youngest child was six years of age, she passed away. From then onward Mr. Wheeler's interest centered in the children thus placed fully in his charge, and he devoted himself consistently and untiringly to their welfare and advancement. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler's four children were: 1. Alice L. 2. Cora M., who became the wife of Joseph Damour, who now is conducting the tin business established many years before by Mr. Wheeler. 3. William J., whose two children have made their home with his sister, Cora M. (Wheeler) Damour, since their childhood; these two children are: Margaret, an attractive and well-educated girl who since 1922 has been employed as a stenographer in the office of Merton E. Barber, and Agnes, who at the time of writing (1929) is a student at the University of Vermont, where she is taking the scientific course, majoring in chemistry, and is a member of the class of 1929. 4. Della J.

Joseph Damour, husband of Cora M. Wheeler, and since Mr. Wheeler's death manager and proprietor of the tin business, was born in the Province of Quebec, Canada, son of Etinne Damour, and came to the United States as a young man, his first employment here having been with the Deerfield River Company in 1894. He was later employed in the store of Mr. Wheeler, and in 1907 became a partner in the firm of Wheeler and Damour, which has been continued to date under this same name. Keenly interested in the welfare of Wilmington, Mr. Damour is one of the village trustees, was for three years water commissioner, and was for many years a special police officer. He is a member of the newly formed Chamber of Commerce, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Brattleboro Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In 1928 he was a delegate to the Republican State convention at Burlington. A successful business man, he is engaged in the plumbing, heating and general hardware trades, branches that have been added in recent years to the tin business established by his father-in-law, and also in the grocery business. The firm of Wheeler and Damour is today housed in a fine block on South Main Street, which Mr. Damour and Mr. Wheeler built shortly after they became associated in business together.

The death of Albert L. Wheeler, which occurred on Sunday, January 30, 1927, brought widespread sorrow to the community in and near Wilmington, where he had lived and worked for so many years. A man of excellent habits, thrifty, industrious and honest, a kind neighbor and friend, he had a good word and a hearty smile and greeting for all. His love of beauty was manifest in his fondness for flowers and the pleasure that he derived from planning and executing his lovely lawns and gardens; and there was nothing in life that he enjoyed more than his own family relationships and the quietness of the home. His passing caused him to be sincerely missed by his many friends, both because they knew his wonderful personal qualities of character and as a result of the important place that he filled in community life.

**REUBEN JEPSON EDWARDS**—From his boyhood days in Vermont, where his parents came to live when he was six years of age, Reuben Jepson Edwards was associated with the lumber business and the manufacture of snathes. Although it is not the purpose of Mr. Edwards' biographer to reflect upon the general information of the reader, it is none the less true that few persons except those intimately associated with agricultural life know that a snath is the long, curved handle of a scythe. In the early days in Vermont and other agricultural communities, before the general adoption of the horse-drawn mower, and even today a great proportion of the hay-making industry is done by hand and the scythe is indispensable. It was a canny trait on the part of Reuben Edwards' father to adopt an occupation of such unusual nature and in handing the business over to his son there was retained in the family a continuing prosperity from its results. The representative of the second generation of snath makers was a man of fine character and high reputation, an office holder of fine record, a staunch churchman and an esteemed citizen. His home life was worthy of the finest traditions, while his loyalty to the interests of his fellow-citizens had been proven many times. His friends were numberless and he retained every one he ever made through the force of his splendid, attractive and honorable personality.

He was born in Charlemont, Massachusetts, November 12, 1850, a son of Lysander and Catherine (Jepson) Edwards, who removed to Vermont and settled in Springfield in 1856, where he obtained his education in the public schools. Upon quitting school he entered business with his father, who was established in the manufacture of snathes and lumber dealing, and learned the business thoroughly. In 1911 he removed to Waterbury and here established a factory of the same nature, taking into partnership a nephew under the firm name of Edwards and Edwards, with Walter E. Edwards the junior partner. This association continued for ten years, at which time the Derby and Ball factory at Bellows Falls was merged into the Derby-Ball-Edwards Corporation, of which Mr. Edwards remained in control until his death. He served as selectman and as health officer and during the last eight years of his life was not engaged in active business, spending the winters in Florida and his summers at his Vermont home. He was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was fraternally affiliated with Winooski Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. Reuben Jepson Edwards married, April 30, 1871, Jane S. Moore, and they were the parents of three children: 1. Arthur C., deceased in 1904, at Bradford, Vermont. 2. Lena, married Willis H. Craigie, of Waterbury, associated with the Derby-Ball-Edwards Corporation, and they are the parents of one daughter, Jennie, who married Harold Newton, of Schenectady, New York, and they have one adopted daughter, Miriam. 3. Emma, married, May 14, 1909, Lewis J. Garvey, of Potsdam, New York, who served for three years in the United States Army at Plattsburg, New York, and has since been connected with the Derby-Ball-Edwards Corporation, as superintendent. He is also one of the principal stockholders. He and his wife are the parents of: i. Geraldine, a graduate of Waterbury High School and afterward a student at La Salle Seminary, class of 1930. ii. Lena, a graduate of Waterbury High School, with honors and later a student at Burlington Business College.

Mr. Edwards was always deeply interested in all village affairs that were initiated for the benefit of the general public and was one of the most highly respected citizens of Vermont. He was a fine example of the old school of sturdy manhood and dauntless perseverance, constant industry and honorable methods in all his contacts with his fellows. He was benevolent and sympathetic and no man saw all the good deeds he did while he



lived and labored among them. Men of his stamp can ill be spared from the commercial life of a community, but they and their good deeds will never be forgotten, for they make up the army that brings prosperity and happiness.

**EUGENE NORMAN DAVIS**—As a builder of houses, and a builder of books, Eugene Norman Davis has achieved success and the satisfaction which is the lasting reward of him who creates. As a builder of houses he began his apprenticeship while a boy in school, using the time after school and vacation periods. As a builder of poems he began as a boy of ten years and now (1929) has to his credit four (4) volumes of verse, also a novel, all of which have reached a satisfactory circulation. Mr. Davis was associated with his father as a builder and contractor, in Bridgewater, Vermont, for many years, where he also makes his home, at the present time.

Eugene Norman Davis was born in Hale Hollow, in Plymouth, July 24, 1877, son of Norman E. Davis, a native of Plymouth, Vermont, born December 1, 1851, and of Eva Belle Davis, born in Mount Holly, Vermont, January 31, 1860, the last mentioned of whom died May 25, 1919. The father, Norman E. Davis, has been for many years a successful contractor and builder in Bridgewater, to which place he removed in 1884, but for the past three years has not been very active in business because of ill health. From 1913 to 1916 he was town overseer of Bridgewater, and he is a man who for many years has commanded the respect and esteem of his associates.

Eugene Norman Davis, the son, attended the public schools of Plymouth, Vermont, and of Bridgewater, and was working his way through college, in Boston, when a fall from the top of a four-story building made it necessary that he leave school at the age of nineteen years. As a boy he had begun to learn the building and contracting business under the tutelage of his father, and grandfather, Joseph A. Davis, working after school and during vacation periods; and as he was ambitious and industrious he made rapid progress. He was intellectually gifted, as well as possessing practical ability and a vast fund of energy and initiative, and from the time he was ten years of age had taken a deep interest in poetry, frequently experimenting at original verse-making. After his recovery from his accident he spent thirteen years in building and contracting work in New York City, and in Schenectady, and in Albany, New York. In 1906, while in Schenectady, he wrote and published a reference work for cost accounting and time-keeping methods entitled, "Contractors' and Builders' Record and Ready Reference."

Subsequently he gathered together the best of the verse which he had written since he was ten years old, including the early poem, "Has Love Immortality"? written at the age of ten, and published a volume under the title of "A Story of the Brook and Other Verse." This volume reached a sale of something over four thousand copies, and was read with interest by the purchasers. This venture proving encouraging, Mr. Davis, within the past three or four years, has written and published "The Old Stone Hitching Post and Other Poems" which reached a sale of two thousand copies, and in 1928 he released "Gems of Vermont Poetry" and "Browsing in Vermont Clover." He is also author of the Vermont novel, "The Axe With Three Nicks," a 70,000 word story of mystery, romance and adventure. In this he draws upon his wide experience of urban and country life, introducing a wide variety of scenes ranging from the Green Mountain lumber camp to the social and industrial worlds of Boston, New York, and the South.

The artistic temperament and the love of the beautiful

that have produced these volumes of verse and fiction have been important factors also in the work of Mr. Davis as a contractor and builder, and there are many private homes in this locality that bear the imprint of the art of this poet-builder. He was associated for years with his father in the well established building and contracting business founded by the latter, and both men are very well known in that vicinity. As a lad in Woodstock High School, where he prepared for college, Mr. Davis found helpful encouragement in his interest in poetry, and his business and his literary pursuits have since the time of his accident, claimed the major portion of his time. His business associates recognize the fineness of his temperament, and the thoroughness of his knowledge in this field, and those who know him best regard him very highly. He is a member of the Congregational Church of Rutland, but makes his home in Bridgewater.

Close attention to business during business hours, and devotion to the muses in the free hours of leisure during the days when he was contractor and builder, and exclusive devotion to literature in recent years, have brought to Mr. Davis success in two fields of creative activity, and have enabled him to give pleasure and inspiration to the reading public. Mr. Davis is unmarried.

**HOMER E. PERKINS**—In the actual development and expansion of Fairlee, Homer E. Perkins has had a prominent part through his activities as one of the leading contractors of this vicinity. Mr. Perkins came here in 1901 to engage in the carpentry and contracting business and since then he has been connected with the foremost building operations of this city. In the life of his community, he has always exerted a vigorous, constructive interest and has worked at all times for civic improvement and the people's welfare. He was born in Mansonville, Province of Quebec, Canada, June 26, 1883, son of Everett and Elizabeth (Rufsom) Perkins. Everett Perkins owned and operated a large lumber mill at Mansonville, was also active in the hotel business in Montreal.

Homer E. Perkins was educated in the public schools of Mansonville, and after high school, entered Mansonville Academy, after which he attended the Montreal Business College for a short period. Coming to the United States, he was employed at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, for seven years as carpenter, after which he came to Fairlee and established his own business establishment, specializing in carpentry, contracting and building work. From the first he met with success due to his ability in this line and his thorough appreciation of his clients' requirements. Mr. Perkins has superintended the erection of some of the finest homes and buildings in Fairlee and vicinity which stand as testimonials to his expert direction, being also splendid additions to the architectural beauty of the city. In politics, Mr. Perkins is an adherent of the principles of the Republican party and he has always maintained a deep interest in the promotion of civic accomplishments. He has served as selectman of the city, and for a number of years was fire chief, also manager of the Town Hall. Having a great civic pride in the advancement of his community, he has always striven earnestly for municipal betterment and the welfare of his fellow-citizens. His fraternal affiliations are with Mt. Cuba Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master; Mt. Lebanon Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Palestine Commandery, Knights Templar. He is a member of the Men's Club of the Federated Church and actively supports all church affairs.

Homer E. Perkins married, May 19, 1909, Alice Pierce, daughter of Frank W. and Rose (Holt) Pierce of this city, and they have three children: Mildred, born October 19, 1910, Everett, born September 18, 1911, and Doris, born May 29, 1921.







Wm H Bradford

**WILLIAM H. BRADFORD**—A member of an old and distinguished New England family, William H. Bradford has been for many years an important figure in the life of Bennington, Vermont. Continuing the enterprise established by his father, he has devoted his entire business career to the affairs of the H. E. Bradford Company, manufacturers of men's heavy underwear, which, under his able direction, has grown and prospered. In almost every important civic movement he has taken an active part, occupying high place in the affectionate esteem of the entire community.

Mr. Bradford was born at Amherst, Massachusetts, on January 29, 1854, a son of Henry E. and Eleanor (Abbott) Bradford. His father, originally a mill owner, established the H. E. Bradford Company, at Bennington, and in which he continued active until the time of his death in 1878.

William H. Bradford attended the public schools of Bennington, to which place he came with his parents while still in infancy. In 1854 his father established the enterprise which bore his name, and in the following year had associated with him L. F. Abbott, and John Kelso, the latter of whom died about 1885, and the former on October 12, 1920. When William H. Bradford became of age he was a member of this firm, and in 1879 his brother, Edward Bradford, who died in June, 1916, also became a partner. Upon the death of their father William H. Bradford took his father's place and assisted in guiding the company along the pathway of success for many years. Finally, in 1918, the firm was incorporated under the laws of the State of Vermont, with the following officers: William H. Bradford, president; L. F. Abbott, vice-president; E. C. Whittaker, treasurer; and D. J. Keeler, clerk. Upon the death of Mr. Abbott, Mr. Bradford assumed the chairmanship of the Board of Directors, while his son, Henry E. Bradford succeeded him as president. The officers of the H. E. Bradford Company, Inc., then became: William H. Bradford, chairman of the Board of Directors; Henry E. Bradford, president; Daniel B. Keeler, vice-president; B. N. Esterbrook, treasurer; and Daniel J. Keeler, clerk. This arrangement has continued since that time.

In addition to this connection Mr. Bradford is also a trustee of the Bennington County Savings Bank, and a director of the First National Bank of Bennington, his opinion on all business matters being highly valued and frequently sought. In civic life, he served for a few years as trustee of the village, while he is now a member of the Board of Trustees of the local library. Mr. Bradford was a member for some years of the old Parke Guards of Bennington. He is affiliated fraternally with the Mt. Anthony Lodge, of the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this great order is a member of all bodies of the Scottish Rite and of the Knights Templar and also a life member in the Shrine, Oriental Temple of Troy, New York. He is also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and holds membership in several local clubs and associations, including the Mt. Anthony Golf Club, and the Bennington Club. In 1927 Mr. Bradford was owner of Fireglow (2:04-1927), world's champion two year old trotter, for which he refused \$50,000. Mr. Bradford was always a great lover and admirer of horses and at various times in his life owned stables of trotting horses.

In 1900, at Bennington, Vermont, William H. Bradford married Daisy Smith, born at Castleton, Vermont, a daughter of Albert S. Smith, of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Bradford are the parents of one child, Henry E., who was born at Bennington on July 27, 1902, attended Westminster Boys School, and is now president of the H. E. Bradford Company, Inc. Though still relatively young, he has shown much promise as an executive, and

is active in community affairs. He is a member of the local lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

**WILLIAM W. PRATT**—A most valuable commercial activity of a community is the drug store and one that is apt to be a center of the town's interest, since after the modern manner of drug stores, it includes in its departments, not merely the useful and important pharmacy, but varied lesser products that appeal to a fleeting taste. Such a center is Mr. Pratt's emporium. Mr. Pratt was born in Rutland in May, 1867, and grew up in that city attending the local schools, and working in a pharmacy from his boyhood. His father, George Pratt, was a locomotive engineer running out of Rutland for most of his life. His mother was Josephine (Hemenway) Pratt, a member of an old colonial family.

William W. Pratt entered business as clerk in the drug store of A. W. Higgins of Rutland and worked there for seventeen years, acquiring a complete knowledge of the procedure of this type of business and becoming fully equipped to handle his own establishment when the time came. After these years with Mr. Higgins, he took a similar position at the pharmacy of L. A. Miner, also in Rutland, and remained there for seven years. In 1910, Mr. Pratt purchased the drug store of Albert Pettibone at Manchester Depot, and has conducted it ever since, carrying it on after the best and most modern methods and making friends and business contacts that are State-wide. Mr. Pratt has affiliated himself with the Central Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, being identified with all the bodies including the Knights Templar and the Shrine. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and a popular member thereof.

In 1893, Mr. Pratt was married to Anna Hanson at Rutland, daughter of Hosea Ballou and Marcia (Richardson) Hanson, both deceased.

**FRED HOMER REMINGTON**—Substantial building is one of the marks of a progressive community, in which respect Rutland is fortunate in the possession of Fred Homer Remington, whose work here has been known for more than a quarter of a century and has proven the sincerity of labor by which it was created. This contractor and builder has always operated upon the principle that the very best is the least that may be given in return for confidence reposed, and to that end has put into his work the full power of his knowledge and the best material and finest skilled labor. Fairness of this character meets with the fuller confidence of those who seek to enlarge the purview of their commercial activities by greater volume of trade, which, in turn, calls for more commodious quarters. Given into his hands for erection, buildings have risen that would be a credit to any community, and this district feels a just pride in what Mr. Remington has done as his share of its urban substantiality in construction. He is a man of high character and intense civic pride, industrious and faithful to trust, whose axiom is the golden rule and its application to every affair of life.

He was born in Horicon, New York, March 8, 1872, a son of Zeba and Mary (Ross) Remington, his father having been a farmer and a native of Vermont. He attended the public schools at Ticonderoga, New York; Moriah Academy, Moriah, New York, and the Scranton School of Technology, Scranton, Pennsylvania. Following these educational terms he became a contractor in Ticonderoga, where he operated for a time, coming to Rutland in 1902 and here establishing himself in the same line, where he has since remained. For a time he was the owner of the Rutland Sash and Door Company, but disposed of this property in 1924 and devoted him-



self exclusively to contracting and building. Among the buildings he has erected in Rutland are the Mead, Tuttle, Playhouse and Rutland Garage, the Badlam Block and the plants of the Colonial Marble Company and Green Mountain Marble Company.

Mr. Remington is a member of Rutland Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, holding the thirty-second degree in affiliation with the organization in Burlington; and also has membership in Lodge No. 1, Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the Rutland Elks Club and attends the Trinity Episcopal church.

Fred Homer Remington married, in Ticonderoga, New York, November 1, 1893, Anna Heitmann, daughter of Herman and Mary (Leonard) Heitmann, her father having been a Vermont farmer and a veteran of the Civil War. Their children are: 1. Wallace E., born in Ticonderoga, New York, September 17, 1894; now living in New Mexico. 2. Chester H., born in Ticonderoga, New York, June 8, 1898. 3. Wendell W., born in Rutland, Vermont, May 19, 1902; now in business with his father.

**CHARLES A. BOURN**—As postmaster of Manchester Depot, Charles A. Bourn has adequately and efficiently served this community in postal affairs continuously since November, 1907. Mr. Bourn has been active in governmental work for the greater part of his career, having been assistant to J. C. Blackburn, the former postmaster, until the latter's death in October, 1907, after which Mr. Bourn succeeded to the office upon appointment by President Roosevelt.

Mr. Bourn was born in Manchester Depot, October 22, 1871, son of Orlando F. and Abbie J. (Wyman) Bourn. Orlando F. Bourn was engaged in the teamster business in his early life, later engaging in farming at Manchester Depot, where he died and is buried. Charles A. Bourn was educated in the district schools of this locality and also spent a year and a half at the Burr and Burton School. For a few months he was employed in farming, but at the age of sixteen, he entered the post office here and was assistant postmaster for a number of years until he became postmaster in November, 1907. Mr. Bourn has a splendid background of successful operation of this office and he has ever given his best efforts to provide the citizens of this district with the finest, most dependable postal service obtainable. In public affairs, he takes an interested part and has served as representative of the town committee a number of times. He has always used his influence and support to promote the best interests of the community.

Charles A. Bourn married, May 2, 1895, in Manchester Depot, Mertie D. Lamson, daughter of Wallace and Ida M. (Smith) Lamson, and their children are: 1. Marjorie (Bourn) Roberts. 2. Mrs. Charles (Bourn) Reed. 3. Doris (Bourn) Hill. 4. Larford W. Mr. and Mrs. Bourn have three grandchildren, Charles, Norman, and Janice Roberts.

**WILLIAM B. SIMMONS**—Member of the firm of H. C. Simmons' Sons, manufacturers of the Simmons boiler, North Bennington, William B. Simmons is the eldest son of the founder of this great organization, and descended in the fourth generation from George Simmons, progenitor of the family in the United States. The line is as follows:

(I) George Simmons, immigrant ancestor, was born in England, in 1750, and held the rank of master in command of a sailing vessel plying the Atlantic between England and America. In 1800 he was shipwrecked, lost with his craft, at the age of fifty years. He had two children, by his wife of the given name Laura. One of his sons was George W.

(II) George W. Simmons was born in New York, received his education in Charleston, South Carolina,

and was in New Orleans when General Jackson fortified the city against attack in the Civil War. At the age of twenty-eight he returned North, settled at Troy, New York, invented street and coach lamps, which he exploited, and later came to Bennington, Vermont. He married Abigail Pettis Wills, of Connecticut, member of a house old in that State; and there were born ten children, of whom only one survived, Horatio C.

(III) Horatio C. Simmons, founder of the H. C. Simmons boiler manufacturing enterprise in North Bennington, was born August 13, 1857, secured his education in the schools of Bennington, learned the trade of tinsmith, and in 1879 entered into business with his father and one brother. They had, for twenty-five years, conducted this business as a tin and heating enterprise, but now changed to the manufacture of boilers. In 1889 he invented the Simmons boiler practically as it is known today, and speedily entered into their manufacture, forming the H. C. Simmons Company. Under him the manufacturing works had their real start; and he lived to see his company grow to great proportions. He took an interested part in all affairs of Bennington and North Bennington, civically, fraternally and economically, and was a man of broad influence.

Horatio C. Simmons married, in 1880, Mattie Elenora Galusha, daughter of Richard and Mary Galusha, her father having been a very successful farmer of Shaftsbury, where he was born, a direct descendant of Governor Galusha of Vermont, member of a family resident in the United States since 1715. Of this union were born children: 1. Carrie. 2. Alice E., who died at the age of eight. 3. William B., of whom follows. 4. Herman M. (q. v.). 5. Frederick M. (q. v.).

(IV) William B. Simmons, third child, was born in North Bennington, January 21, 1888. He secured his education in the schools of this community, and since 1903 has been associated prominently with the advancement of H. C. Simmons' Sons vapor heated boilers. Largely through his direction business has progressed steadily to present vast dimensions. His brothers, Herman M. and Frederick M. Simmons, are associated with him in the enterprise. When the United States entered the World War, in April of 1917, Mr. Simmons prepared to go to the front, and enlisted July 26, 1918. Ordered to the Naval Aviation Station at Pensacola, Florida, he served there as a machinist until discharged, in February, 1919, when he resumed the course of his career with the Simmons works of North Bennington. He is affiliated with the Tucker Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of North Bennington, and attends the Congregational church.

William B. Simmons married, at Hoosick Corners, New York, June 15, 1914, Madeline Isabel Sweet, daughter of Edwin and Agnes (Mackey) Sweet.

**HERMAN M. SIMMONS**—Numbered prominently among business men of North Bennington and this section of Vermont is Herman M. Simmons, second eldest of three brothers who are members of the firm of H. C. Simmons' Sons, manufacturers of vapor heating boilers. He has made his career in this community, having been identified with the company from youth. An account of the Simmons family, of which Mr. Simmons is a member in the fourth American generation, is given in full in the biography of his brother, William B., which precedes this.

Herman M. Simmons, fourth child and second son of Horatio C. and Mattie Elenora (Galusha) Simmons, was born in North Bennington, October 8, 1892, here attended the public schools, and, as recited, entered the firm of H. C. Simmons during youth. Save for a period of service in the United States Army, overseas, during the World War, he has been identified with this organization continuously, and has contributed much to its



fortune. Overseas he was in the 87th Division Ambulance Corps. He is affiliated fraternally with Tucker Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, belongs to the American Legion, and is an attendant of the Congregational church.

Herman M. Simmons married Marcia Allen, daughter of John and Mary (Nesbit) Allen; and they make their residence in North Bennington.

**FREDERICK M. SIMMONS**—Youngest of the three brothers composing the firm of H. C. Simmons' Sons, manufacturers of vapor heated boilers, in North Bennington, Frederick M. Simmons was born in North Bennington, 1894, youngest child of Horatio C. and Mattie Elenora (Galusha) Simmons (details of his father's life and his ancestry are included in the biography of his brother, William B., which precedes this). He attended the schools of North Bennington, and left high school after one and a half years of study to become identified with the H. C. Simmons organization, of which he has since become a member. When the United States entered the World War he enlisted in the 302d Infantry, and was also with 2d Pioneer Infantry. Having seen service overseas on the battle fronts of France, he was honorably discharged, and resumed the course of his work with the Simmons works of North Bennington. He belongs to the American Legion, and is an attendant of the Congregational church.

Frederick M. Simmons married, in North Bennington, 1924, Marjorie Squires, daughter of John Squires; and their children are: 1. Harriet Berber, who was born April 22, 1925. 2. Frederick William, February 10, 1926. The family residence is in North Bennington.

**WILLIAM C. HUNTRESS**—Now conducting a business that was established by his father shortly after William C. Huntress was born, the son is proving a worthy representative of the Huntress family in Vermont. Although he came to Rutland only a few years ago he has succeeded to an important post with the firm which was founded in 1896. In his position as treasurer and general manager of the Ross-Huntress Company, located at the corner of Merchants Row and West Street, Rutland, Mr. Huntress not only occupies a position of prominence in the business world but is a figure of import in many other projects in Vermont, including banking and various civic circles. He also possesses a war record, having served the United States in the World War.

Mr. Huntress was born September 5, 1892, at Keene, New Hampshire, son of Frank and Berdia C. Huntress, both natives of Keene. Frank Huntress is a signal and conspicuous figure in mercantile establishments throughout New England, as was William P. Chamberlain, maternal grandfather of William C. Huntress, who kept a store in Keene, New Hampshire. The Ross-Huntress Company was founded on September 12, 1896, by Ross and Frank Huntress, the former now being deceased. Frank Huntress is president of the Rutland store, but maintains his home in Keene, New Hampshire. Mr. Ross was one of the first men in the dry goods business in Rutland, starting with a tiny, one-room store and continuing to participate actively in business for more than fifty years. Photographs showing the small store, one of Mr. Ross' early establishments, are now in the possession of William C. Huntress, who also has other photographs showing the business section of Rutland as it was in 1806. A matter of interest that may be noted here is the fact that when Colonel Lindbergh flew over Rutland the message which he dropped landed on the roof of the Ross-Huntress Company building here.

William C. Huntress received his preliminary training in the public schools of Keene, New Hampshire, later he matriculated at Exeter Academy, thence entering Dartmouth College, from which he was graduated

in 1915. After leaving Dartmouth, Mr. Huntress entered the dry goods business in Springfield, Massachusetts, and later, from 1915-17, was similarly occupied in Brattleboro, Vermont. At this period in his life the United States became involved in the World War, and Mr. Huntress entered the service. He served for a total of nineteen months, first attached to the Quartermaster's Department, and later was assigned to the Motor Transport Corps. His duties during the World War kept him on this side and he failed to reach the European battlefields. Receiving an honorable discharge, February, 1919, Mr. Huntress located in Rutland, 1919-21, and in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, 1921 to 1925. In June, 1925, Mr. Huntress came to Rutland and entered his father's firm, the Ross-Huntress Company, which had been in this same location since September 12, 1896, a period of more than two decades. This firm, one of the best known in Rutland and the surrounding trade territory, is now being operated successfully with William C. Huntress, treasurer and general manager, and his father, Frank Huntress, as president. The extent of his commercial activities has been broadened considerably since coming to Rutland, and Mr. Huntress now (1928) is serving as a member of the board of directors of the Central National Bank, of Rutland. He is ever to the fore in all proposals of civic organizations, as is attested by the fact that the Rutland Chamber of Commerce chose him as president for 1927-28; and he is a valued worker in the Rutland Rotary Club. He also is one of the salient figures in Rutland Post, No. 31, American Legion, and is affiliated with all units of the Masonic organization up to and including the thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite. His membership in these branches of Masonry include Social Friends Lodge, No. 42, Free and Accepted Masons, at Keene, New Hampshire; Davenport Chapter, No. 17, Royal Arch Masons, Killington Commandery, No. 6, Knights Templar, Rutland; Caldwell Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Rutland, and a member of the Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the Congregational church.

William C. Huntress married, June 6, 1925, at Melrose, Massachusetts, Marion Armington, daughter of Albert G. and Ida Louise Armington, and to this marriage has been born: Louise, born April 1, 1928. Mr. and Mrs. Huntress reside at No. 31 North Street Extension, Rutland, Vermont.

**REV. CHARLES F. REGAN**—An unusually rich and varied experience in a wide field of service is that possessed by Rev. Charles F. Regan, pastor of the Church of St. Paul, at Manchester, and of St. Columban's Church, at Arlington, who is also State chaplain of the Knights of Columbus of Vermont. Born in Worcester, Massachusetts, October 28, 1880, he is the son of Patrick H. and Ellen Jane (Morgan) Regan. His father, born in Woburn, Massachusetts, died in Worcester, in September, 1924, was engaged in the wholesale meat business in Worcester for many years. The mother died in February, 1923. The son, Charles, was graduated from the Classical High School of Worcester, in 1899, and from Holy Cross College, that city, in the class of 1903, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. At Holy Cross he developed into one of the best athletes that college had known up to that time. He was especially famous in his position of halfback on the football team, and also excelled in basketball and in track events. Possessing histrionic ability in marked degree, he was prominently identified with local dramatics at the University of Vermont. He was also chaplain of the Newman Club at that university. Having received his theological training at St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, New York, he was ordained there to the priesthood, June 8, 1907. In the year 1907-08 he took a post-



graduate course at the Catholic University, Washington, District of Columbia.

Rev. Charles F. Regan's first assignment was to important missionary and lecture work in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was thus engaged with marked results, from 1908 to 1915. He next was assigned to the field at Springfield, Massachusetts, where he served efficiently in mission and lecture work until 1918. In the latter year, he was assigned to the pastorate of St. Norbert's Church at Hardwick, Vermont, where he labored until 1919. In that year he was honored with appointment as chancellor of the Diocese of Burlington, and in conjunction with his chancery work he served as pastor of St. Ann's Church, at Milton, and of St. Catherine's Church, at Shelburne. On September 2, 1928, he was appointed pastor of St. Paul's Church, Manchester, and given charge also of the Church of St. Columban, at Arlington. Few priests of the Roman Catholic communion in Vermont have accomplished greater results within the fields of their service than has this well-known missionary, lecturer and pulpit orator.

**WILLIAM P. HOGAN** has, since 1908, been faithfully and effectively fulfilling his duties as village clerk of the village of Bennington, Vermont, where he was born and has lived all his life. Here he is active in business and social affairs, and has shown himself at all times as ready to do whatever lies in his power to advance the welfare of the community in which he lives. He is widely and favorably known in this part of the State, and lists practically all the townspeople among his friends.

Mr. Hogan was born in Bennington, Vermont, on October 29, 1878, a son of James and Ellen (O'Donnell) Hogan. His father, a gardener by occupation, died in 1912, while his mother, a native of Ireland, died in 1920. William P. Hogan received his early learning in the public schools of Bennington, his birthplace, and then studied at the Troy Business College, in Troy, New York, where he acquired a thorough knowledge of business methods and procedure and prepared himself for the work that he has since done in the town of Bennington. For twenty years, after he completed his studies, Mr. Hogan was gainfully employed with Burt Brothers, who conducted a clothing store in Bennington. Then he was elected, in 1908, to the office which he has held continuously since that time—that of village clerk. For twenty years he was president of the Bennington Fire Department, while for many years he was also a member of the Board of Civil Authority. At all times he has taken a most active interest in the civic and public life of Bennington, although he has not been active in politics, having preferred to devote his attentions to municipal government.

Mr. Hogan is also clerk of the water department of Bennington. He is now treasurer of the Bennington Co-operative Savings and Loan Association, one of the leading business institutions of the town. He is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce, as well as treasurer of the body; and holds memberships in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which his affiliation is with the Bennington Lodge, No. 567, and the Knights of Columbus. His present affiliation with the fire department is with the W. H. Bradford Hook and Ladder Company. In the Elks' lodge, he held all offices, including that of District Deputy for the State of Vermont. For three years he was Exalted Ruler of the local lodge, and is now vice-president of the Vermont State Elks' Association. He is treasurer of the W. H. Bradford Hook and Ladder Company. Mr. Hogan's religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic Church, his affiliation here being with the parish of Saint Francis de Sales.

In 1916, in Bennington, Vermont, William P. Hogan married Bridget Casey, of Bennington, a daughter of

Daniel and Mary (Purcell) Casey, both of whom were natives of Ireland. William P. and Bridget (Casey) Hogan became the parents of two children: 1. Mary, born August 28, 1917. 2. Elizabeth, born June 14, 1920.

**MAHLON PRESTON ALEXANDER**—Unique in his occupation in the State of Vermont and by reason of that unusual condition, Mahlon Preston Alexander, of Rutland, has established a remunerative business and attained for himself a position of great importance to the dental fraternity of the Commonwealth. He brought to this district the fundamental principles of a profession that is growing in importance as time rolls on and science advances, and he has adapted those principles to practical work in such effective manner that his position as a dental expert is one of great value to the whole people. Of equal importance to able workmanship on the part of a unit in the productive machinery of a people are the qualities of coöperation that qualify for good citizenship, and these attributes he possesses in ample quantity. He takes a deep interest in those affairs that appeal to the progressive element, sharing to the full the healthy desire for the stability of the local government that is the mark of sincere patriotism, while his nationalism has been tested and found pure by military service in the hour of his country's need.

He was born in South Orange, New Jersey, April 19, 1890, a son of John Edward and Hattie (Cone) Alexander. His father was an inventor, who originated many mechanical devices, some of which were applied by Thomas A. Edison to his improved phonograph. For his work in this field he was awarded the Longworth medal by the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia, while an ancestor achieved distinction in his day and was honored by having Alexander Hall, at Princeton University, named in his memory.

Mahlon Preston Alexander was educated in the public schools of his native city, followed by a course at Seffner Institute, in New York City, and study of dental laboratory work at night and under several experts. Upon completing his school work in 1905 he became associated professionally in Orange, New Jersey, with Dr. Watson, a famous dentist, eventually coming to Rutland in 1915, where he established himself as a dental technician and manufacturer for practitioners. His work is widespread, since he is the only one operating exclusively a dental laboratory of this character in Vermont. During the participation of the United States in the World War he served in the dental division of the Medical Corps and was stationed at Camp Devens, Massachusetts. For seven years prior to that he was a member of Battery A, Field Artillery, National Guard of New Jersey, headquarters in East Orange. He is a member of the American Legion and of the Rutland Lodge, Knights of Pythias. His favorite recreations are hunting and trap shooting. He is secretary-treasurer of the Rutland Gun Club; member of the Executive Board of the Vermont State Trap Shooters' Association; and member of the American Trap Shooters' Association. His religious affiliation is with the Protestant Episcopal church.

Mahlon Preston Alexander married, in Rutland, Vermont, December 22, 1917, Marguerite Thomas, of Burlington, Vermont, daughter of John E. and Jessie (Sproal) Thomas, of Massachusetts.

**JOHN H. FRENIER**—One of Vermont's best known inventors, John H. Frenier of Rutland conceived the idea of a sand pump which he patented and has manufactured since 1885. Mr. Frenier's invention is known as the Frenier Sand Pump and his manufacturing plant is located at 120 Cleveland Avenue from which the finished machines are sent to all parts of the world, being especially in demand for the stone and marble



J. Henry Fremier





trade, as well as for gold and silver mining. He is one of this city's most prominent citizens and has always taken a deep interest in municipal affairs.

J. Henry Frenier was born in St. Hyacinthe, Canada, August 19, 1853, and was educated in the public schools of that country. Upon the completion of his formal education, he became an apprentice to the machinist trade which he followed for some years in Canada. In 1880, Mr. Frenier came to Vermont and settled in Rutland where he has ever since continued to reside. Here he was occupied for some years along mechanical lines, but in 1885, he invented the sand pump which proved a great asset to the world of industry. He began the manufacture of this appliance and has ever since been engaged in producing a steadily increasing supply to meet the great demand. In the stone and marble industry, the pump met with instant success and in almost all the organizations of this character is a vital part of their equipment. Also, gold and silver mines are usually fitted with these sand pumps as a necessary part of their operation. Mr. Frenier's establishment has made steady progress since its beginning and is now one of the leading industries of Rutland. He is active in politics, and is a staunch adherent of the principles of the Republican party, while in the service of his city and people, he held the office of alderman for eight years. He is a valued member of the Order of Catholic Foresters and his religious affiliation is with the Catholic church.

John Henry Frenier married (first) Octavia Maynard who died in 1920, and they were the parents of seven children, five of whom survive: Wilfred, Maxim, Annie, Clara, and Leon, of Philadelphia. The others are all residents of Rutland. Mr. Frenier married (second) Jennie E. Stebbens of Rutland. Their home is located at 39 West Street, Rutland.

**FRANCIS EDWARD MORRISSEY**—Engaged in the practice of law in Bennington, Francis Edward Morrissey is a member of the firm of Edward H. Holden. He has been associated with this firm and the firm of Holden & Healey in this profession since 1922. Although Mr. Morrissey is one of the younger citizens of this place, he has already taken a prominent part in the affairs of his community, and it is felt by those who know him well and have had occasion to observe him and his work that he will render in the years to come much valuable assistance to the further development of his town and State.

Mr. Morrissey was born in Bennington, Vermont, on December 30, 1897, a son of John P. and Christina A. (Dailey) Morrissey. His father was a machinist by trade, an ex-trustee of the village of Bennington, and ex-president of the village and at the time of his death, October 7, 1928, was water commissioner. He, too, was born in this place, and during his life was very active in public affairs. The mother, Christina A. (Dailey) Morrissey, is a native of Shaftsbury, Vermont. Francis Edward Morrissey, of whom this is a record, received his early education in the public schools of Bennington, and then attended the local high school, from which he was graduated in the class of 1915. For three years he worked in a Bennington garage, and for the Allen A. Company for a short time, at the end of which he enlisted in the Students' Army Training Corps, with which he remained for a few months during the participation of the United States in the World War, stationed at Potsdam, New York. Then, in February, 1919, he became engaged in another form of service to the United States Government, having taken up his duties at that time as deputy collector of internal revenue, first in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and subsequently in Vermont, whither he was soon transferred. He left the service of the Federal Government in October, 1922,

to become associated with the firm of Holden & Healey, lawyers, with whom he has since been associated. It was in this firm's offices that he received his training for the legal profession and acquired a thorough working knowledge of the law. After several years of close application to his work, he was able, in 1925, to pass the Vermont State bar examinations; and, on February 1 of the following year, was admitted to the practice of law in Vermont. Immediately he took up his work, and in the months that followed succeeded in extending it until it assumed large proportions, despite the fact that he was still one of the youngest men engaged in his profession in this vicinity.

As time went on, he was requested to take part in more and more important cases, some of them affecting the public in a broad general way, and, it is hardly necessary to point out, he gained friends wherever he went. He is now one of the outstanding lawyers of this region of Vermont; and has served as village attorney, grand juror, and attorney for the Hoosac Tunnel and the Wilmington Railroad Company.

In addition to his work in these different capacities, Mr. Morrissey participates to a considerable extent in the social and fraternal affairs of his community. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he is affiliated with the Bennington Lodge, No. 567, and is Exalted Ruler of this lodge; and he also holds membership in the Knights of Columbus, in which he is identified with the Hoosick Falls Council. Since his connection with the Students' Army Training Corps, he naturally has been interested in the affairs of those who fought in the late World War, and so is a member of the American Legion. His religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic church, and the parish to which he belongs is that of Saint Francis de Sales.

In Bennington, Vermont, on April 25, 1927, Francis Edward Morrissey married Frances Edna Andrews, a native of Pittsfield, Maine, daughter of Wesson P. Andrews, a native of Corinna, Maine, who is now residing in Bennington, and of Elizabeth (Polk) Andrews, born in the Province of New Brunswick, Canada.

**JAMES OLIVER KENDALL**—After having gained his initial business training in a general store, of which he eventually became manager, and after having later spent several years in the hotel business and an even longer period in conducting a large sales stable, Mr. Kendall finally established himself at White River Junction, Windsor County, as the owner of a garage and as an automobile dealer. Now he is considered one of that town's most active and substantial business men and is also known for his keen interest in fraternal affairs.

James Oliver Kendall was born at Strafford, Orange County, June 11, 1876, a son of Josiah E. and Elizabeth (Soul) Kendall, and the second of three children, of whom he was the only boy. Both his parents are dead, his father having died in 1907, his mother in 1923. He was educated in the public schools of his native town and at Thetford Academy. After leaving school he went to work in the general store conducted at Strafford by S. B. Buell & Company, with which he remained for some fifteen years, rising gradually to the position of manager. He resigned this position in 1907 as the result of his father's death in that year and took over the hotel, which the latter had conducted very successfully for many years in South Strafford and which Mr. Kendall managed for three years, selling it at the end of that period. In the meantime he had served, in 1908-09, as a member of the Vermont House of Representatives, proving himself an able and conscientious legislator. In 1913 he removed to Lebanon, New Hampshire, where he operated a large and prosperous sales stable, becoming



one of the largest shipper of horses in northern New England. He disposed of this business in 1927 and in January of that year bought a garage in White River Junction, Vermont, which he has carried on since with much success. It is one of the largest and best equipped garages in that part of Vermont and covers 180x60 feet. He is also the local distributor of the Hudson, Essex and Nash automobiles, of which well-known makes he sells large numbers. Active for many years in Masonic affairs, he is a member of numerous bodies of that organization, including Temple Lodge, No. 4, Free and Accepted Masons; Strafford Chapter, St. Andrew, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons; Flanders Commandery, No. 14, Knights Templar, at White River Junction; Washington Council, Royal and Select Masters, at Lebanon, New Hampshire; and Bektash Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Concord, New Hampshire. He is also a member of the White River Junction Rotary Club.

Mr. Kendall married, May 22, 1901, Dessie Huber, of Strafford, Vermont, a daughter of George and Mary (Small) Huber. Mr. and Mrs. Kendall are the parents of one son, Huber S. Kendall, born February 8, 1903, who is associated with his father in business.

**ARTHUR FRANKLIN WARD**—Although beginning life as a farm worker near Pittsford, Arthur Franklin Ward, president and manager of the Ward's Motor Trucking, Incorporated, and the Ward's Bus Lines, Incorporated, has become one of the most prominent figures in motor transportation in this section of Vermont, where he was the first to use a motor truck in the conduct of his business. While his first connection with transportation was confined to trucking, he later obtained franchises in Rutland and nearby cities and now (1928) operates an extensive bus service. While, perhaps, his most important connections are with the Ward's Motor Trucking and the Ward's Bus Lines, he has other business affiliations, including the agency for a line of well-known trucks and the conduct of the only fireproof warehouse in this city. His business, of course, has brought him into close contact with public affairs and civic improvement, and he has been a figure of import in various projects and organizations working toward this end.

Mr. Ward was born August 24, 1891, at Pittsford, Vermont, son of Frank and Emma (Baker) Ward. His schooling was confined to those courses prescribed by the public schools at Pittsford, but as has oftentimes been demonstrated, higher education is not always necessary for success, and Mr. Ward's career is living proof of this. After completing his public school education he became a farm worker near Pittsford, but soon decided that he was not fitted for this work and obtained a position as a clerk with a Pittsford store. Later, in 1916, he removed to Rutland, and his keen foresight enabled him to realize that success lay in the motor transportation industry. After coming to Rutland he laid the foundation for the present trucking enterprise, possessing only one truck at that time. His judgment has proved sound, for now (1928) the company which he founded owns twenty trucks and buses. Mr. Ward was the first man to utilize a motor truck in Rutland, and was the pioneer of the moving van business in the State of Vermont. His interests now comprise ownership of one of the largest vans in the State, and he is allied with various concerns engaged in hauling and public transportation. As his interests extended he incorporated his firm, becoming associated with H. T. White and Clayton Kinney, and Mr. Kinney is secretary. In 1924, Mr. Ward obtained a franchise from the city of Rutland for bus service there and later extended his lines to Bellows Falls and to Bennington and North Bennington. These lines are now operated under his direction and

through the company bearing the name of Ward's Bus Lines, Incorporated, with the same officers as the Ward's Motor Trucking, Incorporated. Arthur F. Ward is president of these two concerns. As an individual enterprise, Mr. Ward conducts the A. F. Ward Sales & Service Company, holding the agency for White trucks. These vehicles he used almost exclusively in his various transportation enterprises. Another concern which he founded and now owns is the Ward Warehouse, a large fire-proof structure in Rutland, the only public warehouse in this city. It will be noted that while Mr. Ward did not enter into his present vocation until 1916 he has, in the comparatively few years that have elapsed, become one of the foremost figures in motor transportation spheres of Vermont. His large holdings have not come to him through coincidence or luck; on the contrary it has been through his unrelenting toil and undivided attention to the details of his business that he has attained success. For this reason he is looked upon in Rutland as one of the most sagacious and capable citizens of the town. His public spirit has moved him to give freely of his time toward the welfare of Rutland and its progress, as is evidenced by his membership in the Rutland Chamber of Commerce and the Rutland Exchange Club.

Arthur Franklin Ward married, in April, 1917, at Ludlow, Vermont, Edna A. Walker, and the children of this marriage are: Janet, Eleanor, and Nita. Mr. Ward's business is located on Strongs Avenue, Rutland, while he resides with his family at No. 57 Jackson Avenue, this city.

**JOSEPH M. PROUD**—Though a native of Massachusetts, Mr. Proud is a member of an old Pownal family and has spent the greater part of his life in that town. It was there, his father's native town, that he established himself in business, after first having acquired a thorough business experience by working for several Pownal mercantile establishments. He is the owner of the Pownal Water Company and in this capacity naturally is an important figure in the town's life. He is also very active in public, fraternal and religious affairs and, a veteran of the World War, represents in every way the highest type of useful and progressive young citizenship. He was born at North Adams, Massachusetts, December 4, 1894, a son of Austin M. and Clara (Fletcher) Proud. His father was a native of Pownal, Bennington County, his mother of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, Canada. The older Mr. Proud was a veteran of the Civil War, during which he served two enlistments and took part in many battles, including that of Gettysburg, where he was wounded. After his return from the war he engaged in farming.

Joseph M. Proud was educated in the public schools of Pownal and at Drury High School, North Adams, Massachusetts, and after completing his education, he entered the employ of the General Electric Company in its works at Pittsfield, Massachusetts. From there he came to Pownal and for some time worked there for F. E. Lewis, one of the town's leading merchants, and later for A. J. Parker & Son, another mercantile concern of Pownal. In 1914 he established himself in the general mercantile business under his own name, starting in business in the old Potter store, one of the town's oldest buildings. Later he acquired ownership of the Pownal Water Company, which furnishes the water supply for Pownal. To these two enterprises he has devoted himself since then with great energy and success, interrupting, however, his business career for some time during the World War, when he served with the Thirty-third Field Artillery, stationed at Fort Warren, Boston Harbor. He received his honorable discharge with the rank of corporal at Camp Eustace, Virginia, November 13, 1918. Mr. Proud is actively in-



terested in civic affairs, is superintendent of the Oak Hill Cemetery at Pownal and has served during 1925-27 as a selectman. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Bennington. His religious affiliations are with the Baptist church, in the work of which he takes an active and useful part as a member of its Board of Trustees.

Mr. Proud married, at Dedham, Massachusetts, January 2, 1919, Bertha E. Day, a native of Dedham and a daughter of Charles A. and Emily (Kreis) Day, the former a native of Merrimac, Massachusetts. Mrs. Proud is the younger of two children, her older brother being Wilfred Day. Mr. and Mrs. Proud are the parents of three children: 1. Charlotte, born April 11, 1920. 2. Austin, born April 30, 1921. 3. Cynthia Proud, born April 4, 1924. The family home is located in Pownal.

**SAMUEL HOWARD BLACKMER**—One of the younger lawyers of Bennington is Samuel Howard Blackmer, who, all his life has been a resident of this place and is now associated with Judge William J. Meagher. He has been a member of the Vermont bar since October, 1927. A native of Bennington he naturally has a large acquaintance here, and is becoming favorably known among the members of the legal profession of this State. He was born in Old Bennington, Vermont, March 2, 1902, a son of Samuel Huling Blackmer and Fanny (Abbott) Blackmer, both natives of Bennington. His father, Samuel Huling Blackmer, was a merchant, retired throughout the latter years of his life. He died on Thanksgiving Day, 1911.

His son, Samuel Howard Blackmer, attended the Bennington public schools and high school, then went to Hotchkiss School at Lakeville, Connecticut, from which he was graduated in the class of 1920. He went from there to Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, where he took the customary academic course, was a member of Zeta Psi Fraternity and was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1924. For his professional work he attended the law school of Harvard University, where he was a member of Lincoln's Inn, and graduated in the class of 1927, with a degree of Bachelor of Laws. From Harvard Law School he returned, in June, 1927, to Bennington and continued the study of law in the office of Judge William J. Meagher, and since that time has remained here, having passed his bar examinations and gained admission to practice in this State, as noted above in October, 1927. Here he has enlarged his acquaintance and has taken part in the civic life of the community as a trustee of the Village of Old Bennington. He is a member of Mt. Anthony Lodge, No. 13, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Mount Anthony Country Club. His religious affiliation is with the Protestant Episcopal church.

On July 20, 1925, Samuel Howard Blackmer married Katrina Roosevelt Schuyler, who was born in Bennington, a daughter of Philip and Marie Louise (Nelson) Schuyler. Her father was born in Buffalo, New York, September 4, 1861, while her mother, a native of Montreal, Canada, was born April 6, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Blackmer have one daughter, Patricia Ann, born in Boston, Massachusetts, March 14, 1927.

**COLONEL BERT S. HYLAND**—In the city of Rutland, Bert S. Hyland takes a prominent part in business activities as president and treasurer of the B. S. Hyland Insurance Agency, Incorporated, which handles a substantial volume of insurance each year and acts as representative for some of the foremost protective organizations as the country. Mr. Hyland also occupies a prominent place in governmental affairs, as he was appointed, June 10, 1922, to the post of federal prohibition director for the State of Vermont, which office he continues to hold.

Mr. Hyland was born in Rutland, June 14, 1873, and

was educated in the public schools of this city. Upon the completion of his formal education, he entered directly into military life and enlisted in the National Guard of this State, being attached to Company A, First Vermont Volunteer Infantry, and served with that detachment in the Spanish-American War, holding the rank of sergeant. For twenty-seven years he was a member of this same company, and for fourteen years of that time was captain and company commander. At the outbreak of serious difficulty with Mexico in 1916, Captain Hyland was sent to the Mexican border as commander of Company A, and in that capacity he showed his remarkable ability in time of conflict. When the United States entered the World War, April 2, 1917, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel of the First Vermont Infantry which later became the 57th Pioneer Infantry, and was stationed at Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont; Westfield, Massachusetts; Camp Green, Charlotte, North Carolina; Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, South Carolina and at Hoboken, New Jersey, which latter was their point of embarkation for Europe. Colonel Hyland accompanied the 57th Pioneer Infantry overseas and then served in France as commanding officer of the 317th Ammunition Train and later the trains of the 92d Division. While in France he experienced much active fighting and took part in some of the great offenses of the war in which the soldiers of the American Expeditionary Forces distinguished themselves by their courage and valor. He rendered valuable service in these engagements by his efficient direction of the men under his charge and by his fearlessness in action, inspiring his soldiers to carry on by his own noteworthy example. Upon his return to the United States, in April, 1919, he was stationed at Camp Upton, Long Island, New York, and later transferred to Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, Texas, at which place he received his honorable discharge from the service. Returning to Rutland, Colonel Hyland organized the Rutland Post of the American Legion and served as its first Post Commander. In 1921 and 1922, he held the office of Department Commander of the Vermont American Legion. Active in municipal affairs, he held the post of chief of police of this city from 1915 to 1922. In June of the latter year he was appointed by the government as Federal Prohibition Director for the entire State of Vermont. In his insurance activities, Colonel Hyland has accomplished pronounced success and his agency is expanding the number of its contacts steadily.

Bert S. Hyland is married and has three children: Marion M., who married A. G. Papineau, Howard L., a student, and Robert B., also a student. His home is located at No. 54 East Center Street, Rutland.

**D. J. LAWLESS**—Connected for almost two decades with the American Agricultural Chemical Company, one of the great industrial enterprises of this country, Mr. Lawless has been in charge of this company's extensive interests at North Pownal, Bennington County, for more than ten years. In this capacity he has shown notable executive ability and, as the head of one of the town's important industrial establishments, he has made for himself an enviable position in that community's business life. He was born at Concord Junction, Massachusetts, September 27, 1878, a son of John and Ella (Gorman) Lawless. His father, who was a blacksmith at Waltham, Massachusetts, was a native of Athenry, County Galway, Ireland, while his mother was a native of Concord, Massachusetts. Mr. Lawless was the second of four children, the others being Mary, William and Thomas Lawless.

D. J. Lawless was educated in the public schools of Concord Junction and of Waltham and at the age of eighteen years became a rodman on the Cambridge, Massachusetts, Water Basin. He continued this work for three years and then was employed for two years by E.



W. Bowditch, a well-known landscape engineer. The next three years he spent with different contractors, engaged in landscape work, after which he was connected for two years with the Westinghouse-Church-Kerr Company of New York, an important engineering firm. In 1911 he formed a connection with the American Agricultural Chemical Company, with which he has remained ever since then. He entered this company's engineering department and in 1917 was placed in charge of its interests at North Pownal, which he has managed since then with great success. These consist of a mill for the quarrying of agricultural limestone, erected in 1914 and employing some twenty-five men. Its products are shipped to different New England points, and under Mr. Lawless' able and energetic management the mill has enjoyed constant and steadily increasing prosperity. Mr. Lawless interests himself in civic and religious affairs and since 1925 has been a member of the North Pownal School Committee. His religious affiliations are with the Roman Catholic church and more particularly with Notre Dame Parish of North Pownal.

Mr. Lawless married, at Waltham, Massachusetts, October 30, 1911, Catherine McClellan, a native of Waltham and a daughter of Alexander and Ann (Cameron) McClellan, both natives of Nova Scotia, Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Lawless are the parents of five children: 1. Philip, born in 1912, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 2. Richard, born in 1915, at Waltham, Massachusetts. 3. Elizabeth, born in 1916 at Buffalo, New York. 4. Jean, born in 1920 at North Pownal, Vermont. 5. Catherine, born in 1926 at North Pownal, Vermont. The family home is located at North Pownal.

**CYRUS STONE ESTES**—Farming in Vermont until he was thirty years of age, Cyrus Stone Estes abandoned the land, came to Bennington and engaged in the merchandising of groceries and general produce. Before establishing his own store he was in the employ for a time of S. L. Smith & Son, of North Pownal, and C. R. & A. V. Hawkins, of South Shaftsbury, Vermont. With this experience he felt qualified to operate independently and has since met with such success as to justify his opinion. He always has been vitally interested in public affairs and has administered office to which he has been chosen with skill, ability and benefit to the people of the community. He is a man of keen mind, an organization brother of sincerity and a citizen of high grade, faithful to trust and eager to lend his assistance in all movements proposed for the benefit of the whole people.

He was born in Pownal, Vermont, September 4, 1879, a son of Orris Laverne and Hannah (Niles) Estes, both natives of the same place. His father was a farmer. Cyrus S. Estes received his education in the Pownal public schools, working on the family farm until 1907, when he engaged in business as previously stated. In 1922 he took his son, Howard C. Estes, into partnership, the young man then being twenty-one years of age. Mr. Estes is at present a member from Bennington of the Vermont Legislature, having membership on the Ways and Means and Labor and Commerce committees in Montpelier. He is a former president of the Retail Merchants' Association and one of the incorporators of the Eastern Star Home, of Randolph, Vermont. He is a director of the Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Commandery, Knights Templar; Council, Royal and Select Masters, and other bodies, and is Past Grand Patron of Vermont of the order of Eastern Star of America. He is a member of the Board of Civil Authority, and a Justice of the Peace. His church is the Congregational and he is superintendent of its Sunday school. In politics he is a Republican.

Cyrus Stone Estes married, in Bennington, Vermont, April 15, 1900, Susie Howard, a native of this village, daughter of Jared Howard, who was born in Jamaica,

Vermont, and Lois (Stratton) Howard, born in Bennington. Their children are: 1. Howard C., born April 18, 1901. 2. Lois H., born November 23, 1903.

**FRANK LYMAN CONE**—A member of an old Windsor County family and himself a native and lifelong resident of that part of Vermont, Mr. Cone has spent practically all of his life, since leaving school, in the machine manufacturing industry. He is known the world over as the inventor of the Cone automatic lathe and as a man of extraordinary talents for improving, designing and building machinery. Endowed also with great energy and unusually progressive, he has made the Cone Automatic Machine Company, founded by him only a little more than a decade ago, one of the leading establishments of its type anywhere and one of the important industrial enterprises of Windsor. Naturally he is considered one of that town's most substantial and useful citizens and enjoys the respect and confidence of the entire community.

Frank Lyman Cone was born at Weathersfield, Windsor County, December 24, 1868, a son of Lyman Howard and Lucia (Jardd) Cone. His father, who was for many years engaged in farming at Weathersfield and who served during the Civil War with Company G, Fifth New Hampshire Regiment, died in 1904. His mother is also deceased. Mr. Cone was educated in the common schools of his native town and then worked on his father's farm until he was twenty years of age. The next two years he worked at carpentering, after which he was employed in a railroad shop, where his natural talent for machine work soon advanced him to pattern maker. In 1895, though still less than thirty years old, he became general superintendent of the Windsor Machine Company, a position which he held for more than twenty years and in which he made valuable contributions to that company's growth and prosperity. During this period he first became interested in improving machinery then in use. One of his early inventions was a multiple spindle automatic lathe. The first of these, built while he was still with the Windsor Machine Company, weighed four tons. Since then he has continuously improved on this machine and built larger and larger models, until finally he built a four spindle automatic lathe, weighing sixteen tons, known under his own name and the only machine of its type and size in the world. He has a real genius for inventing improvements on all kinds of machinery, which is combined with the ability to draw rough, but clear sketches of his ideas and to direct others very effectively in making these improvements or, if necessary, to do the actual mechanical work himself. October 1, 1916, he purchased a small piece of ground, 120x40 feet, on which he erected a small shop, in which he commenced to carry out his work. In 1928 his steadily expanding business made it necessary to more than double his space and later in the same year he added still another large tract, measuring about 160x160 feet. His company is known as the Cone Automatic Machine Company and numbers amongst its customers some of the largest manufacturing concerns in the United States, including the leading automobile manufacturers, such as General Motors, Chrysler, Packard, Cadillac and many others. Mr. Cone is a very progressive man and looks far ahead into the future. He is convinced that his company, in spite of its present prosperity and past growth, is only at the beginning of its development. He also believes firmly in using the most modern methods and is convinced that aviation will play a continuously more important part in the commercial life of this country. As a result of these convictions he has bought a 1,300 acre tract of land for an aviation field. On it he plans to build a large garage to hold some thirty cars and a modern inn. Half of this tract is cleared now, at the end of 1928, and the other half is rapidly being cleared by means of a small saw mill. He is proceeding



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with these plans, because he believes that before long many of his customers will want to call on him by means of airplanes and, when that time comes, he will be prepared for them not only with a fine aviation field, but also with an inn, in which they will find modern accommodations. The field is expected to be ready for use by July, 1929. Mr. Cone is a member of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, the New York City Machine Club and the Hourglass Club of Windsor.

Mr. Cone married, in 1891, Lena Marcy, a daughter of Harrison and Elizabeth Marcy. Mr. and Mrs. Cone are the parents of three children: 1. Alice, wife of William E. Farrell of Windsor, who is associated with his father-in-law. 2. Raymond Harrison (see a following biography), who is also associated with Mr. Cone. 3. Rheta E., wife of Henry Chaplin, superintendent of a shoe manufacturing plant at Manchester, New Hampshire.

**RAYMOND HARRISON CONE**—Inheriting from his father a definite talent for mechanics, it was natural that Mr. Cone, after graduating from high school, should enter the plant of the Cone Automatic Machine Company, owned and founded by his father. Since then he has worked there in many capacities and has shown such aptitude for his work that he is now its manager. In this important position he has not only contributed materially to the great expansion and prosperity, which this company has enjoyed in recent years, but he has also become known as one of the most able and progressive of Windsor's younger generation of business executives.

Raymond Harrison Cone was born at Windsor, Windsor County, July 18, 1894, second child and only son of Frank Lyman and Lena (Marcy) Cone. His father, Frank Lyman Cone (see a preceding biography), is the head of the Cone Automatic Machine Company of Windsor, established there by him. Raymond H. Cone was educated in the public grammar and high schools of his native town, graduating from Windsor High School in 1912. He then began work in his father's machine shop, which at that time was a comparatively small establishment. Quickly mastering the various branches of work to which he was assigned from time to time, he finally became manager of the plant and in this position has assisted his father very ably in the remarkable growth of the company. It is widely known throughout the country for its products and especially as the manufacturer of the four spindle Cone automatic lathe. This machine, which is the result of many improvements invented by the older Mr. Cone on earlier and smaller machines of that type, weighs sixteen tons and is the largest machine of its kind made anywhere in the world. Its fame has greatly added to the reputation of the Cone Automatic Machine Company. The products of the latter are today in extensive use by many of the largest manufacturing establishments in the United States, especially by all the leaders in the automotive industry.

Raymond H. Cone married, January 3, 1914, Mae Bryan, a daughter of M. W. and Sarah (Campbell) Bryan of Boston. Mrs. Cone's father is the owner of large fishing and whaling boats. Mr. and Mrs. Cone are the parents of three children: 1. Bevalie, born October 14, 1915. 2. Elizabeth Cone, born July 2, 1924. 3. Sally Ann, born October 4, 1928. The family home is located in Windsor.

**JOHN LEMENT BACON**—A member of an old New England family and himself a life-long resident of Vermont, the late Mr. Bacon lived during practically his entire active business career in White River Junction. There he helped to organize the bank, of which he was cashier for many years, and which became one of the strongest and most prosperous financial institutions in that part of Vermont. Much of its growth and pros-

perity is attributable to Mr. Bacon's untiring energy, keen judgment of men and affairs, and unselfish devotion to the interests of the bank and of the community at large.

John Lement Bacon was born at Chelsea, Orange County, June 18, 1862, a son of John Butler and Sarah P. (Morey) Bacon. His father was a well-known Vermont banker and for many years served very effectively as president of the Orange County Bank. On his father's side Mr. Bacon was a descendant of André Sigourney, the leader of a group of about one hundred French Huguenots who, escaping to America from France after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes, founded the town of Oxford, Massachusetts. Mr. Bacon was related to many prominent New England men, including Peter and Sigourney Butler, well known Boston lawyers, and Richard Olney, Secretary of State during President Cleveland's second administration. At the age of twenty-four years, in 1886, Mr. Bacon became a resident of White River Junction, where he continued to live until his death. Following in the footsteps of his father he devoted himself to a financial career and he was one of a group of men who founded the Hartford Savings Bank and Trust Company at White River Junction, of which he became cashier and which he helped to expand and build up into one of the strongest financial institutions in Vermont. He was regarded as one of the most able and most successful bankers of his native State and his fellow-citizens honored him by electing him State Treasurer, in which office he served with great credit to himself and to the benefit of the State during 1898-1906. Fond of outdoor life, he purchased a large estate, covering almost five hundred acres, which was owned at one time by Joseph Marsh, Lieutenant Governor of Vermont in 1787-90, in whose honor he named it "Marshland." There he made his summer home for many years and, sparing neither money or effort, he made of it one of the show places of that part of Vermont.

Mr. Bacon married, November 20, 1889, Elizabeth Davis, a daughter of Charles Johnston and Sally (Sias) Davis, of Chicago, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Bacon had three children: Sarah Helen, who died at the age of 12; Mary Eleanor, now Mrs. George B. Carpenter, of White River Junction; John Davis Bacon, of Brattleboro, Vermont.

Mr. Bacon died at his home in White River Junction, April 27, 1909. His death was felt as a distinct loss by his many friends, as well as by the community, of which he had been a member for so many years and which he helped to build up to its present prosperous condition. He will always be remembered for his many fine qualities and as a representative of the best type of American citizenship.

**HOMER H. WEBSTER**—Prominently identified with the various activities of Bennington for many years, Homer H. Webster long since established a high reputation for ability, integrity and industry. Scarcely a move has been made in civic affairs here during the course of his mature interest in the promotion of contentment among the people, in which he has not in some manner ably assisted. Charged with the administration of an important undertaking, he carried out the obligation in a manner to call forth the admiration of those who reposed in him their trust, and won the esteem of all by his meritorious services. A native of Vermont, he has made friends wherever he has found work for his hands and brain, and today occupies a position among the citizenry second to none, a valued resident and generous contributor to the prosperity and contentment of the community.

He was born in Irasburg, Vermont, November 7, 1870, a son of Albert and Emily (Bryant) Webster, both natives of the same place, his father having been a farmer and long a member of the local school board. His education was attained in the public schools of Cov-



entry and at Derby Academy and his first position was with the Barton National Bank, with which he became associated in 1892 and where he remained for four years. He then went to the First National Bank of Bennington and in 1917 came to the County National Bank here, with which he is still associated. He is treasurer of the Olin Stock Fund, trust officer and cashier of the County National Bank, trustee of the Public Library, trustee of the Henry W. Putnam Hospital, auditor of that institution, treasurer of the Second Congregational Church, was for twenty years a director of the Young Men's Christian Association and for a like period secretary of the School Board.

Homer H. Webster married, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, June 19, 1900, Fannie J. Everett, a native of Gilead, Maine, and a resident of Lancaster, New Hampshire, daughter of Edwin H. and Lucy M. (Twitchell) Everett. Their children are: 1. Donald E., born March 10, 1901. 2. Max H., born August 13, 1902. 3. Everard P., born August 2, 1912.

**ROBERT (BERT) A. ADAMS**—A large portion of the plumbing, heating and sheet metal work now in use in Rutland was installed by Robert (Bert) A. Adams, engaged in this work here for almost four decades, and now a partner in the firm of Adams & Noe, located at the corner of State and Grove streets. That Mr. Adams is a master of his craft cannot be denied, for no man can attain the standing in a community and retain prestige in his product for so long a period unless he is competent, honest and ethical in his dealings. His career has found him occupied in various sections, both in Rutland and at nearby points, but the major portion of his time has been spent here, and it is in Rutland that he has founded his career and gained the place of prominence he now occupies in business circles. The other member of the firm of Adams & Noe has been engaged with this firm since 1919.

Mr. Adams was born November 1, 1875, at Shrewsbury, Vermont, son of Anthony and Anne Adams, and brother of H. R. Adams, now (1928) serving as high sheriff of Rutland County. Anthony Adams, a farmer, first came to Rutland more than eighty-three years ago. He followed agricultural pursuits until his death in 1903, at the age of eighty-nine years.

Having to content himself with the educational facilities provided by the Shrewsbury public schools, Mr. Adams came to Rutland. On May 29, 1893, he entered the employ of J. W. Crampton & Company, a heating and plumbing concern, still existent, but now known as Dunn Brothers. After five years with this company Mr. Adams severed his connections therewith and followed the same vocation at Glens Falls, New York, and in Waterbury, Connecticut, for a very brief period. He soon returned to Rutland, and on September 18, 1899, rejoined the firm of Dunn Brothers & Company, remaining with them until February 15, 1902. At this time he launched his own enterprise, and established his business in the old St. James Hotel Building, remaining in that location until 1911, when he purchased the building he since has occupied. The excellent service given by him brought steady expansion, and on May 1, 1919, he took as a partner in his business, Mr. Noe, and this association has continued, now being known as Adams & Noe. While Mr. Adams has been of material influence in various divisions of public life in Rutland, he is, perhaps, most interested in the furtherance of educational facilities, having served twelve years as a member of the board of school commissioners. He is a popular figure in fraternal circles, his affiliations therewith comprising membership in Rutland Lodge, No. 1, Knights of Pythias, and he is a member of the Baptist church.

Mr. Adams married, June 18, 1901, at Rutland, Lillian A. Tossing, daughter of Mathias and Anne (DeLilah) Tossing. Mrs. Adams' parents, both now de-

ceased, were residents of Vermont. One child has blessed the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Adams, Merle Lillian, born November 26, 1907. The firm of Adams & Noe is located at the corner of State and Grove streets, Rutland, while Mr. Adams resides with his family at No. 50 Roberts Avenue.

**MRS. ESTELLE DANFORTH POTTER**—A native of Pownal, Mrs. Potter has spent the greater part of her life here, which is also the native town of her late husband, who was a member of an old and prominent Pownal family. Like her husband she has always taken a deep interest in public affairs and since 1927 has been postmaster of Pownal. In this capacity she has shown much business ability and a keen devotion to the public welfare. She is also prominent in religious affairs and enjoys to an unusual degree the respect, liking and confidence of her fellow citizens.

Estelle (Danforth) Potter was born at Pownal, Vermont, May 14, 1874, a daughter of Henry I. and Mary (Allen) Danforth. Both her parents were natives of Williamstown, Massachusetts, where her father was successfully engaged in farming for many years. She was educated in the public grammar and high schools of Williamstown and at Claverack College, from which latter she graduated in 1894. Two years later she was married to the late Frederick Potter of Pownal, in which town she has made her home since then. Together with her husband she took an active part in the public affairs of Pownal and for many years she has also been active in its social and religious life. Mrs. Potter was appointed postmaster of Pownal by Postmaster General Harry S. New, September 27, 1927, and has filled this office, so important to the welfare of the community, with great credit to herself and to the entire satisfaction of the townspeople. Her religious affiliations are with the Baptist church, of which she has served for some time as its very efficient treasurer.

Mrs. Potter, then Miss Estelle Danforth, married, at Williamstown, Massachusetts, June 13, 1896, Frederick Potter, a native of Pownal. Mr. Potter was a son of Edgar M. and Bettsey (Johnson) Potter, both likewise natives of Pownal, where the Potter family has resided for several generations. He was always greatly interested in public affairs and at different times held various public offices of importance and responsibility in connection with the administration of the town's affairs, serving also as a member of the State Legislature from Pownal in 1904. He died in 1926. Mr. and Mrs. Potter were the parents of three children: 1. Constance, born in 1897, now the wife of George W. Des Jardines and a resident of Albany, New York. 2. Louis H. Potter, born in 1901, connected with the North Adams Trust Company, North Adams, Massachusetts. 3. Florence E. Potter, born in 1907, a high school teacher of Schuylerville, New York.

**DANIEL J. KANE**, mortician and furniture dealer, of Bennington, when he left his farm work and for a number of years engaged in the hotel business, there was always dormant in his mind the feeling of dependence so often occurring to ambitious men who labor for others. All about are examples of prosperity that follow industry and a mind attuned to the affairs in which one is engaged, while the clerk plods his way and helps to earn the fortunes of his employers. It was because of such visions that this progressive business man has been able to develop his enterprise to prosperous proportions and to attain a prominent position in the commercial life of the community. Although in business here for a comparatively brief period, his partnership with S. C. Haynes has been productive of satisfactory results, while his own friendly personality has brought him many friends and a clientele that is growing with steady gait toward financial independence. Interested in all civic matters that



engage the attention of the progressive element, he is accepted as a loyal and valued citizen, both to the city and to the State of Vermont.

He was born in Hampton, New York, May 10, 1877, a son of Daniel and Ellen (Ryan) Kane, both natives of Ireland, his father being a farmer, and acquired his education in the local public schools of Hampton, New York, and the Troy Conference Academy, at Poultney, Vermont. After several years at farming he became a hotel clerk and for eight years followed this occupation, among the hostleries with which he was associated being the Hotel Poultney, the Allen, at Fairhaven, Vermont, and the Central House at Salem, New York. He then established a furniture store and undertaking business in Poultney, but in 1921 came to Bennington, where for two years he was associated in that business with George A. Parker. He purchased this business and, associated with Mr. Haynes in partnership, still conducts it, having bought the building at No. 434 Main Street, where it is located. For three years he served as a selectman of Poultney and is now a member and trustee of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the Bennington Chamber of Commerce.

Daniel J. Kane married, in Poultney, Vermont, October 30, 1908, Margaret Hogan, daughter of Thomas Hogan, a native of Ireland. Their children are: 1. Margaret, born in Poultney, Vermont, May 14, 1913. 2. John, born March 24, 1915.

**MAJOR NATHANIEL PHILIP WHEELER** is not the only resident of White River Junction, but so significant a part of the place is his Coolidge Hotel, and so much does the town owe to the publicity accruing to it from the hotel and among the visitors who come—nearly fifty thousand strong each year—to stay at the excellent hostelry, and to the earnest support Major Wheeler gives each and every movement looking toward civic progress, that White River Junction without this chief among its boosters, would be, comparatively speaking, an uninteresting place.

Mr. Wheeler was born February 3, 1863, at Norwich, the son of Nathaniel J. Wheeler, a farmer who in later years made his home with his son and, living to the age of ninety-two, was a figure almost as well known about White River Junction as the younger Wheeler. His mother, Mary A. Wheeler, lived to the age of eighty-nine, and the little house near Norwich, where Mr. Wheeler was born still stands, although over one hundred years old. Mr. Wheeler, working on his father's farm during vacation periods, attended the public schools until he was sixteen years of age, then went to work as a clerk in the store of F. F. Holt in West Hartford. Five years he remained here, then, when he was twenty-one took his savings and went to White River Junction where he bought a general store in partnership with E. C. Gilbert, which they operated under the firm name of Wheeler & Gilbert. In addition to his mercantile activities, Mr. Wheeler secured the position of local collector of taxes and, outstandingly zealous in his office, made a record for the annual settlements he made with the treasurer. So well did he succeed in his business venture that after a few years he was able to purchase, in conjunction with Lyman A. Gibbs, the Junction House which they continued to operate at a profit until 1925 when the structure was destroyed by fire. In its place was erected the present Coolidge Hotel, named by Mr. Wheeler after the late Colonel John Calvin Coolidge, father of President Calvin Coolidge, and it is one of the largest, if not the largest, hotel in the State. The N. P. Wheeler Hotel Corporation owns the place, with Nathaniel P. Wheeler as manager, and in the hotel's register annually nearly 50,000 guests record their names, the greatest number of transients patronizing any commercial hotel in all New England.

In advertising his hotel, Mr. Wheeler advertises White

River Junction to all the world, but he does not content himself with lip service to his town. He can always be depended upon to aid in movements looking toward the betterment of White River Junction, whether it be in the building of a new school house or conducting a Rotary Club drive. Twenty-five years ago he commenced advertising for tourist business, calling attention to many places of interest about the Junction, such as Quechee Chasm, and he has had much to do with attracting outside capital in to develop the opportunities offered in water power, shipping facilities, low power rates, and other advantages to commercial and industrial pursuits. Mr. Wheeler's own shrewd investments have themselves proven the money making possibilities of the town.

In addition to the hotel, Mr. Wheeler owns a farm of seven hundred acres which he calls the Hotel Coolidge Farm and from which he supplies the hotel with the freshest and finest milk, cream and vegetables. Here he has seventy head of Jersey cows and about one hundred hogs, with an orchard of five hundred apple trees and forty-three acres of Scotch pines. On the farm he keeps also his racing horses, which represent one of his chief interests in life and his main diversion. In the Wheeler stables are to be found continuously about thirty thoroughbreds, trotting and pacing horses, among which the two best known to race track fans of the State are Guy Wheeler and Mapes Silk. Mr. Wheeler is president of the Vermont Racing Circuit, Incorporated, which held its first meeting in White River Junction, and is affording opportunity for owners and drivers to try out their horses in anticipation of the county fair races later in the year. Partly because of his interest in the coincident races and partly as a general promotion enterprise, Mr. Wheeler furthered the Twin-State Fair, and was one of those chiefly responsible for putting it on a firm footing.

Mr. Wheeler married Lottie Metcalf and they became the parents of two daughters: May, wife of A. E. Alverson of Rockford, Illinois; and Rachel W., wife of D. A. Gordon of White River Junction.

**HENRY OTIS CARPENTER**—Although devoted to the conduct of a hotel in Rutland for many years, the career of Henry Otis Carpenter has encompassed numerous undertakings and enterprises, and now (1928) he is, perhaps, the best known and one of the most highly regarded men of his city and State. For more than a quarter of a century he has been president of the Rutland Savings Bank, and many of his fellow-citizens have at one time or another benefited through his wise counsel and material aid. Although now more than seventy-six years of age, Mr. Carpenter retains his faculties and continues his various activities in business and other circles of Rutland, which has been the scene of his operations for almost three-quarters of a century. His long connection with the hotel business and consequent contact with human nature has enabled him to become an excellent judge of his fellowmen, and his talent has been a valuable aid to the financial institutions with which he is associated. During the many years here he also has become the friend and confidant of hundreds of Rutland's citizens, and has the trust and confidence of his colleagues and business associates. The public weal has ever been a foremost interest of Mr. Carpenter, and he has sacrificed his own welfare in order to serve in public office that his constituents might benefit thereby.

Mr. Carpenter was born January 30, 1852, in Walpole, New Hampshire, son of Albert and Mary (Carpenter) Carpenter. Henry Otis Carpenter was educated in the Rutland public schools, his parents having moved to this city in his early youth. His first prominent association in business was in the conduct of hotels, and for many years he operated the Bardwell Hotel, at Rutland. Here he gained the knowledge of human nature that was to serve him so well in later life, being in constant contact with the public. In 1900, Mr. Carpenter disposed



of his hostelry, in order to devote his time to the duties of president of the Rutland Savings Bank, one of the positions he now fills. Among his other connections may be listed the Killington National Bank, in Rutland, of which he is a director, and he holds a similar post in the West Rutland Trust Company, at West Rutland. A Republican in politics, Mr. Carpenter has been a familiar figure in the conduct of this political organization for many years, and this naturally led to his selection to fill various public offices. In 1898, he represented Rutland in the Vermont Legislature, and was State Senator from Rutland County, in 1904. In 1908, he was chosen to preside over the affairs of the city and served as mayor of Rutland for three terms, or until 1910. He is now president of the Vermont Soldiers' Home, located at Bennington, Vermont, having filled this position for more than five years. For many years he has exercised material influence in the ranks of fraternal organizations, being a member of Rutland Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Rutland Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. These many positions of public trust and Mr. Carpenter's high code of ethics have combined to place him in the foremost ranks of Rutland's citizenry, and his personality has drawn to him many friends among all classes.

Mr. Carpenter married, in 1874, Kate E. Mallory, of Rutland, and they have two daughters: Catherine M., and Mabel E.

**ARTHUR WILLIAM STONE**—Having had an active career in the business life of New England and adjacent States, Arthur William Stone, of White River Junction, is now living retired from busy commercial concerns on his estate near here. Mr. Stone still maintains various financial and industrial interests, while on his large farm he has been engaged in raising thoroughbred cattle and other livestock of the highest grades since 1926. He is active in all civic organizations and gives especial attention to all those which propose and carry out programs for community betterment and municipal progress, assisting all these endeavors by his influential aid and material support.

Mr. Stone was born in Hartford, January 22, 1870, son of Charles Blake and Laura (Dimick) Stone, both of whom were natives of Hartford. Charles Blake Stone was born in 1822 and died in 1902.

Arthur William Stone was educated in the public schools of Hartford, and after high school, entered New Hampshire State Agricultural College, after which he proceeded to Dartmouth College, graduating from that excellent institution of learning with the class of 1894. He then took post-graduate work at the Thayer School of Engineering, at Hanover, and graduated there in 1896. After finishing his technical education, he accepted a position with the Berlin Bridge Company, at East Berlin, Connecticut, and was engaged in general engineering duties for about three years. This concern was later absorbed by the American Bridge Company. In 1906, Mr. Stone became associated with William Bradley and Son, a prominent cut-stone concern located at Long Island City, New York. Four years later, he accepted an offer with the firm of William Bradley and E. F. Giberson Company, at Bedford, Indiana, and was successfully engaged in the stone business in the Middle West until 1914. At that time, Mr. Stone formed his own independent organization and became president of the Hoosier Cut Stone Company, and president of the Doyle Stone Company, Inc., both located at Bedford, Indiana. Under his expert direction, these concerns grew and prospered and he managed their affairs with great success until 1926, when they were sold out at considerable profit to the Indiana Lime Stone Company. Mr. Stone then returned to Hartford and has since devoted

his attention to his immense farm, which is one of the most important in the State, from the point of view of efficient, modern operation and consistent successful results. He has a herd of more than a hundred fine Jersey cattle, besides many other splendid farm animals. Always prominent in community affairs, he is a member of the Rotary Club, the Hanover Country Club and the Lake Mitchell Trout Club. When Mr. Stone was active in the quarry business, his organization furnished the stone for the National Chamber of Commerce Building, at Washington, District of Columbia; the first building of the Capitol Group at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; the Standard Oil Building, Baltimore, Maryland; the Citizens National Bank Building of Baltimore, Maryland; the Municipal Building in Brooklyn, New York; and the Standard Oil Building in New York City.

Arthur William Stone married (first), in 1900, Irene Louise Andrews, daughter of George Andrews, of Brooklyn, New York, and to this union were born two children: 1. Arthur D., born August 26, 1901. 2. Doris Irene, born September 4, 1909. Mr. Stone married (second), January 3, 1923, Anna L. Massman, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

**HAROLD F. FAIRCHILD**—Long identified with the insurance business in the county, Mr. Fairchild resides and centers his business in the town of his birth, Fairfield. He was born here on March 22, 1885, a son of William H. and Armida (Soule) Fairchild. The elder Mr. Fairchild has been an important figure in the political circles of the State for many years and is an attorney. He has been in the State Legislature, in the House of Representatives and served at one time as president *pro tem* of the State Senate, besides various other offices of somewhat less importance.

Harold F. Fairchild grew up in the town and went to the local schools for his preliminary education and then to Brigham Academy and to the University of Vermont, graduating from that institution in 1908 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. The insurance business held an attraction for him and his success in it has justified his choice of a vocation. Insurance is counted as one of the big business factors in the social structure, combining as it does sound economic principles with a strong ethical appeal, and it is not strange that it is an activity to which so many far-seeing and intelligent young men turn. Mr. Fairchild has become the authorized agent for all the Vermont Mutual Fire companies, for the Travelers, the Continental and Employers, and for several minor organizations. His territory covers a wide area, embracing several towns. Mr. Fairchild has followed in his father's foot-steps in taking an active interest in State political problems, being a Republican by convictions. He served as a member of the Republican State Committee for twelve years, resigning in 1928. He represented the town of Fairfield in the State Legislature in 1923 and was State Senator in 1925, a rather remarkable record for his years. His home surroundings, however, have always been of the sort to stimulate intellectual thought and foster high ideals of citizenship. Harold Fairchild belongs to the Eagle Lodge, No. 67, Free and Accepted Masons and to his college fraternity of Kappa Sigma.

On March 8, 1909, Harold F. Fairchild was married to Gladys M. Soule of Fairfield. They have had two children, Grace Armida, who attends the Clarke School at Northampton, Massachusetts, and George Henry Soule.

**SAMUEL C. HAYNES**—Few merchants are able to point to a record parallel to that of Samuel C. Haynes, furniture merchant of Bennington, in a complete knowledge of the manufacture and distribution of the products they handle. He has from boyhood shown an intense





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interest in the creation of furniture, a characteristic that may have been inspired by the antique pieces that have been in the family since colonial days and still engage the rapt admiration of visitors to the old Haynes homestead, at Haynes Corners, between Bennington and North Bennington. He began in the lumber yard and went through every grade of manufacture, learning the business thoroughly and becoming an expert artisan, as well as salesman of his products. It is this preparation that is partially responsible for the rapidity with which he and his business associate, Daniel J. Kane, have brought their enterprise to a position where it is considered one of the most complete of its character in the State of Vermont. Mr. Haynes comes of a sturdy stock of New England pioneers, the industrious traditions of whom he maintains in abundance, while a most engaging personality and intensive citizenship commend him to the community in most wholesome regard.

He was born in Bennington, Vermont, July 5, 1892, of the fifth generation of his family born here. His father was Charles S. and his mother Harriett (Legacy) Haynes, she also being native to Bennington. He attended the public schools here and was graduated from high school, after which he entered the furniture manufacturing establishment of H. T. Cushman & Company, of North Bennington, where he learned the trade from the selection of the wood in the mill yard to the final assembling, through the finishing department, the shipping room, the offices and then to the road as a salesman. Becoming associated with Meekins, Packard & Wheat, furniture makers of Springfield, Massachusetts, he was assistant buyer for two years, leaving their service to enter that of the United States as a soldier for duty during the World War. He enlisted on the anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1917, and was honorably mustered out August 8, 1919. He attained the rank of sergeant and was stationed at West Point, New York, engaged in instructing recruits, having passed an examination qualifying him for such service, at Fort Slocum, New York. Following his discharge he returned to Bennington and went to work for the Home Furniture Company, with which he remained for two years, when he was engaged by Parker & Atwell. In 1923 he formed a partnership with Daniel J. Kane and established himself as a furniture dealer and mortician, having purchased the business of his recent employers. Since then the partners have bought the building they occupy at No. 434 Main Street, where a prosperous trade rewards their industry.

Samuel C. Haynes married Helen M. Cone, daughter of John and Nora Cone, of Bennington. They have one son, S. C., Jr., born in 1926, their marriage having been solemnized August 18, 1923.

**ALFRED PATRICK KILLEEN**—One of the promising young members of the legal profession is Alfred Patrick Killeen, although he has hardly had as yet the opportunity of showing his mettle. A native of New Hampshire, he has elected to open his first office in Woodstock, and has already been made counsel for two business organizations, the Vermont Packing Company and the Borden Williams Garage. Mr. Killeen was born in North Walpole, New Hampshire, on August 26, 1902, a son of Patrick Alfred and Mary J. (King) Killeen, both of them native to North Walpole, where the elder Mr. Killeen conducts the North Walpole Hotel.

Alfred Patrick Killeen attended the local public school through his preliminary studies and then went to the St. Anselm's College at Manchester, New Hampshire. He was graduated from that institution in 1922 and then entered Boston University for his law training. After graduating from that college he practiced in the law office of Robert Twitchell, and on

August 3, 1928, ventured upon opening his own office and starting to establish a general practice in Woodstock. Mr. Killeen is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Council No. 62, of Charlestown, Massachusetts.

**LELAND H. FISH**—In business circles, Leland H. Fish of Rutland is rated as one of the leading real estate and insurance men of Vermont. Mr. Fish comes of an old, distinguished family which has been prominent in the activities of this commonwealth for many generations, and as one of his State's most progressive, younger business men, he has done much to advance its interests.

Mr. Fish was born in Ira, October 11, 1891, son of Fred A. and Fannie (Curtis) Fish, both of whom are descended from a long line of sturdy Vermont ancestors. Fred A. Fish was engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life.

Leland H. Fish was educated in the public schools of Clarendon and in the Rutland High School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1911. Immediately after, he entered the Baxter National Bank of Rutland in the position of teller, and for seven years he held this post, acquiring a thorough foundation in financial matters and advancing steadily, but due to failing eyesight he was obliged to resign. In 1918, he became connected with the insurance business in which association he has ever since remained, combining this with real estate. From the beginning, he made splendid progress in selling insurance and he is now agent for the State Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Worcester, Massachusetts; the Union Indemnity Company, of New York City, and the Phoenix Indemnity Company, of Boston, Massachusetts, while he is also a director in the State Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Rutland. In his real estate activities, he is considered one of the ablest brokers in this vicinity and he has to his credit some of the principal realty transactions ever made here. Through his interests as a realtor, he has done much to promote the upbuilding of Rutland by bringing to it citizens of a highly desirable type. Mr. Fish is a leading figure in fraternal circles, being Vice-Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias in 1928, and Chancellor Commander of the Order in 1929, while he is also a member of the Pythian Male Quartet. He is a valued member of the Rutland Chamber of Commerce and of the Green Mountain Club. In his religious adherence, he is one of the foremost members of the Baptist Church of Rutland, where the Pythian Quartet, of which he is a member, sings in the choir, while he also holds the position of assistant superintendent of the Sunday School.

Leland H. Fish married, January 1, 1912, at Rutland, Lavonia Nichols, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Nichols, and to this union has been born one daughter, Mirium Alice, born June 23, 1924. Mr. Fish's business offices are located on Center Street, and the family residence at No. 73 Edgerton Street.

**MRS. IMOGENE (EDDY) NILES**—Since the end of the World War, during which she rendered important services as an executive of the Young Men's Christian Association, Mrs. Niles, together with her husband and children, has made her home in Pownall Center, Bennington County. In their choice of their new home they were undoubtedly influenced by the fact that Mr. Niles' ancestors, on both his parents' sides, had been residents of Vermont for several generations. Like these earlier members of the Niles' family both Mr. and Mrs. Niles, and especially the latter, have taken a very active and effective part in public life and always stand ready to support in every way any undertaking tending to advance the welfare of the community.

Mrs. Imogene (Eddy) Niles was born at Turners Falls, Massachusetts, December 31, 1882, the oldest child



and only daughter of Benjamin and Minnie (Bass) Eddy. Her father was born in Cornwall, England, from which latter country he came to Turners Falls, Massachusetts, at the age of nineteen years, becoming a citizen of the United States soon afterwards. He was a successful merchant and prominently active in politics, both at Turners Falls, where he served as chairman of the Board of Health, and later at Shelbourne Falls, Massachusetts, where he served as a selectman during 1915-18. He had removed to that town from Turners Falls, and it was in Shelbourne Falls that Mrs. Eddy, Mrs. Niles' mother, had been born.

Mrs. Niles was educated in the public grammar and high schools of Turners Falls, Massachusetts, graduating from the latter in 1911. She then became a student at the Massachusetts State Normal School in Fitchburg. After completing her course in that institution, she became connected with the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association in New York City. This work she continued until her marriage in 1916. When the United States entered the World War in 1917 she resumed her connection with the Young Men's Christian Association, accepting at that time the important and responsible position of secretary of the chairman of the War Work Council of that Association. She continued to fill this position with great ability for the duration of the War. With the coming of peace Mrs. Niles again withdrew from these activities and since then has resided at Pownal Center, Bennington County, devoting herself to her home and family and taking a very active and useful part in public affairs and in various civic movements. In 1927 she was elected Town Clerk, succeeding in that office Esther Niles, who had filled it for the preceding ten years. Mrs. Niles, like her husband, is a member of the local Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and of the local Baptist Church.

Mrs. Niles, then Miss Imogene Eddy, married, July 21, 1916, Paul DeBranco Niles, the younger of the two sons of Dr. Lewis E. and Paula (DeBranco) Niles, his brother being Lewis R. Niles. Mr. Niles was born in Springfield, Ohio, his father in Pownal, and his mother in France. On his father's side Mr. Niles is a member of an old Vermont family, his paternal grandparents having been residents of Pownal for many years. Mrs. Niles' maternal ancestors likewise had been early settlers of Deerfield, Massachusetts, in the settlement of which town they had also played an important part. By profession Mr. Niles is a draughtsman. However, he is endowed with considerable artistic talent and devotes much of his time to the designing and executing of very artistic and attractive figures, cut out from iron sheeting, especially signs and weathervanes. Mr. and Mrs. Niles are the parents of three children: 1. David Graylock, born April 13, 1921. 2. Paul Martin, born April 3, 1924. 3. Richard Eddy, born July 21, 1926.

**WILLIAM E. BISSELL**—As local manager in Bennington, Vermont, for the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, William E. Bissell performs a work of great importance to the community in which he lives; while, through his different club and organizational affiliations, his activities are perhaps productive of even larger benefits to Bennington. Keenly interested in the affairs of his community, Mr. Bissell takes part in all enterprises which he believes designed to improve conditions among his fellow men; and, having been here since 1909, he has acquired a wide circle of close friends.

He was born in Auburn, Maine, on August 29, 1869, a son of William E. and Betsy R. (Keene) Bissell. His father, a contractor by occupation, was born in 1826 in Norwich, Vermont, and died in 1901; while his mother was born in 1835, and died in 1902 in Lowell, Massa-

chusetts. William E. Bissell, the younger, received his first schooling in the public schools of Lowell, Massachusetts, and then attended the Lowell Textile School, having been a member of the first class to be graduated from that institution after its organization. After he completed his academic studies, Mr. Bissell was for a time associated with George W. Patten, with whom he was in partnership in business for two or three years; and then, in 1904, went with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, which has utilized his services ever since that time. In Ayer, Massachusetts, he was manager of the company's affairs in that territory until, in November, 1909, he came to Bennington, Vermont, where he has been stationed continuously up to the present. In his work he has been thoroughly successful, winning the respect and esteem of all those who are associated with him or working under his direction, and taking ever an active part in the affairs of the town.

He is a member of the Bennington Historical Society, the Monument Association, the Bennington Club, the Mount Anthony Chamber of Commerce, the Bennington Chamber of Commerce, the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce, and the Telephone Pioneers' Society of Vermont. Always active in the affairs of the American Red Cross, he is a member and director of the local county chapter of that organization, as well as chairman and director of the home service department. Mr. Bissell is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is identified with Mount Anthony Lodge No. 13, of Bennington, the Royal Arch Masons, Bennington Council of Royal and Select Masters, Taft Commandery of Knights Templar (in which he is Past Commander), the Vermont Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Cairo Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the Past Commanders' Association. He was a member of the committee in charge of arrangements for the Bennington Sesqui-Centennial Exposition in 1927. Mr. Bissell also holds membership in the governing board of the Bennington Club, and for twelve years has been chairman of its house committee. He is vice-president of the local Chamber of Commerce, and is an ex-director of the Vermont State chamber. He belongs to the Second Congregational Church, of this city. These extensive affiliations are indicative of the character and the broad interests of the man, while his activities in connection with them are so many and useful as to place him among the leaders in civic affairs in the town.

In Lowell, Massachusetts, on October 29, 1901, William E. Bissell married Carrie A. Halstead, a native of that city and a daughter of William H. and Carrie (Nichols) Halstead. Her father was a native of England, and her mother was born in Nashua, New Hampshire.

**WILLIAM HERBERT MOORE**—Publisher of the "Woodstock Standard," Mr. Moore is a citizen of importance and influence in the community. He has had a long apprenticeship in the field of small-community journalism and has a sure insight into the needs that attend this particular type of publishing, serving as it does, a large area of distinctly localized readers. Mr. Moore is not a native of Vermont, but comes to us from Beloit, Wisconsin, where he was born on January 22, 1867, the son of Arthur F. and Elizabeth (Greene) Moore. His father was Connecticut-born and a practicing physician, and his mother was born in Vermont, which possibly may account for his adult interest in the State.

When Mr. Moore first came to Woodstock in 1885, he worked as a printer in the shop of Luther O. Green, who at that time ran the "Vermont Standard," the weekly paper which Mr. Moore now owns. In 1889 until 1891 he worked as a printer in the neighborhood and in that year, he and Walter H. Brown bought out







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Mr. Greene of the "Standard" and proceeded to conduct the paper in partnership and under new policies. In 1913, Mr. Moore bought the entire plant and has run the sheet ever since, as sole proprietor. Mr. Moore is much esteemed in the town and it is acknowledged that his newspaper is a live and alert sheet and one that is directed always towards the best welfare of Woodstock. Mr. Moore is a member of Woodstock Lodge, No. 31 of Free and Accepted Masons.

In 1890, William Herbert Moore married Mary L. Woods, a daughter of Allen E. and Addie (Perkins) Woods, of Bridgewater, Windsor County. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have an adopted son, whom they have named Allan R. Moore.

**WILLIAM DANFORTH HULETT**—President of the Combination Cash Store Company, one of Rutland's principal department stores, William Danforth Hulett, while still retaining his title, has practically retired from the conduct of this company, due to disability occasioned by a recent illness. Although thus denied the privilege of active participation in the affairs of his enterprise, Mr. Hulett has little worry on this account due to the fact that he has two well trained men to carry on the firm, Mr. Gardner, vice-president, and Mr. Gorton, secretary-treasurer and general manager. Attesting to the fortitude of Mr. Hulett are the many other connections that he maintains not directly connected with his department store, all being maintained in the face of his disability. He is prominent in the affairs of the Rutland Trust Company and participates to the best of his ability in other organizations and societies working toward the general progress and development of Rutland. The Combination Cash Store was founded by Mr. Hulett here more than forty-five years ago, after he had had much experience in this line in other communities. Already possessing the admiration and esteem of his business colleagues, Mr. Hulett has gained additional standing due to his refusal to allow his physical condition to entirely remove him from active pursuits. He was prominent in political matters and represented the city of Rutland in the State Legislature.

Mr. Hulett was born January 3, 1852, at Wallingford, Vermont, son of Ephraim G. and Amanda (Danforth) Hulett. One of Mr. Hulett's ancestors, William White, was a passenger on the "Mayflower," and the Hulett family has long been prominent in the affairs of New England. Ephraim G. Hulett was born at Wallingford, Vermont, while his wife was a native of St. Albans, Vermont. Although he was a licensed physician he never practiced this profession, for at the time of his father's death he was left with the latter's large real estate business and this he conducted until he died.

William Danforth Hulett entered the public schools of Wallingford, and having completed the courses therein attended Burr & Burton Seminary, at Manchester, Vermont; later he was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, New York. After completing his scholastic training he entered a department store at Wallingford, and after a short career therein as clerk, launched an individual dry goods establishment in that town. Later he prospered so that he was able to purchase the entire block in which his store was located, and assumed ownership of an old hotel, which he thoroughly remodeled and operated for many years thereafter. Seeking a change, in 1882, he disposed of his holdings in Wallingford and removed to Rutland, where he founded the business of which he is now (1928) president. His initial endeavor was opened on a small scale, but as the years passed and residents of the community learned of his fair dealing and honesty, his business so increased that he was enabled to purchase the present commodious structure occupied by the Combination Cash Store, and this institution was under his direct supervision until

his recent retirement. The firm is continuing to prosper under the able management of A. W. Gorton, Ezra Benson and Thomas McMinn, A. J. Gardner being active in this business until his retirement.

As do most other successful business men, Mr. Hulett has found that prosperity demands participation in the affairs of other institutions, and he is a vital factor in the affairs of the Rutland Trust Company, being vice-president of this institution. Throughout his life he has been a loyal supporter of the Democratic party, and on this party's ticket was the first representative from Rutland in the State Legislature in 1912. He has long been a consequential figure in the Rutland Lodge, Knights of Pythias, but perhaps has devoted the greater portion of his welfare work to the Congregational church, of which he is a member, and for several years was superintendent of the Sunday School of the Wallingford Congregational Church. A religious and God-fearing citizen, Mr. Hulett has ever tried to be fair in his dealings and in all other contacts with his fellowman, which has resulted in his status as one of the most honored and respected citizens of Rutland.

William Danforth Hulett married, in 1877, at Mt. Holly, Vermont, Georgianna Crowley, daughter of Dr. John and Sarah (Andrews) Crowley, the father having been a physician in Mt. Holly. Mrs. Hulett, whose great-great-grandfather served in the Battle of Ticonderoga with Ethan Allen's "Green Mountain Boys," is deeply interested in historical research, and is a member of Ann Story Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

**WILLIAM WARREN FAIRCHILD**—One of the most conspicuous figures in educational circles in Vermont is William Warren Fairchild, now (1928) superintendent of schools at Rutland, a position he has held since 1921. Training of the youth of the land has been the paramount interest in Mr. Fairchild's life, and no educational movements of consequence in this community fail to benefit through his experience and conscientious aid. His career in teaching includes a period during the World War, and he has among his outside interests the Boy Scout movement, various other enterprises dealing with the youth of his city, and several fraternal organizations. Mr. Fairchild's family, as did the family of Mrs. Fairchild, early settled in Central New York, and descendants of the first comers have for many years been leaders in various activities in that district.

Mr. Fairchild was born August 5, 1880, at Knoxboro, New York, son of Jay Henry and Ida (Warren) Fairchild. Jay Henry Fairchild was one of Knoxboro's most highly respected and honored citizens, and served as justice of the peace in that town for more than twenty years. He, too, was a public-spirited citizen and devoted much time and labor toward bettering the conditions of his fellow-men.

William Warren Fairchild attended public schools in New York State, receiving in addition a splendid moral training from his parents, which later was to influence his life. After completing his public school education, Mr. Fairchild entered Syracuse University, at Syracuse, New York, one of the Empire State's greatest institutions of learning, and was graduated therefrom in 1913, especially equipped for teaching. He began his professional work in 1913, his first post being that of principal of Port Jervis (New York) High School. Thence he went to Glens Falls, New York, where he also was principal of a high school until 1921. In the last-named year he came to Rutland to accept the office of superintendent of schools, a post he has continued to fill. Under his wise preceptorship the public school system of Rutland has expanded materially and is now on a plane that compares favorably with any other in this



nation. Various innovations in the teaching profession have been put into operation in these schools by Mr. Fairchild, and he strives unceasingly toward perfection in educating the children of the city. Teaching is the vocation for which he considers himself best fitted, and he has never failed to avail himself of every opportunity to increase his capabilities, which is attested by the numerous associations pertinent to his profession which have enrolled him as a member. His life work, of course, has brought him into close contact with young people and his record in promoting the Boy Scout movement in Rutland is most meritorious. During the World War Mr. Fairchild served in the Army Educational Corps, and with this branch of service was stationed in France for six months. His professional, civic, and social connections are numerous, and the first-named group includes membership in the National Association for Study of Education; Vermont State Teachers' Association; president of Tri-County Teachers' Association (1925); member of the National Education Association (Department of Superintendents); member of New England Association of School Superintendents, and president of the Rutland Boy Scout Council (1926-1927). Mr. Fairchild is a member of the Green Mountain Club, Rutland Rotary Club, and a member of the Rutland Playground Association. He worships in the Congregational Church, and among his fraternal societies may be mentioned the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and Rutland Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. A survey of the foregoing organizations gives a slight idea of the versatility with which Mr. Fairchild is blessed, and testifies to his worth to his community. He is highly esteemed as an educator, honored as a citizen, and popular among his fraternal brothers. While naturally his premier interest is education, he also indulges in gardening as a vocation and a form of recreation.

William Warren Fairchild married, in 1904, at Knoxboro, New York, Gertrude E. Durkee, daughter of Hiram Jay and Ella G. Durkee. Hiram Jay Durkee was a representative of a pioneer family in Central New York, and for more than a quarter of a century served as assessor at Knoxboro. Mrs. Gertrude E. (Durkee) Fairchild is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, by right of descent from Revolutionary ancestors. She and her husband have one son: Robert D., born September 9, 1907; senior at Dartmouth University, class of 1929.

**E. FRANK BRANON**—Native to Franklin County where both he and his parents were born, Mr. Branon is numbered among the prosperous and busy farmers of the community. He was born on September 19, 1891, at Fairfield, son of Edward F. and Catherine (Riley) Branon, the former born at Swanton and the latter at Fairfield. The elder Branon was also a farmer and his son has purchased his large farm of two hundred and fifty acres.

After graduating from the Brigham Academy, E. Frank Branon worked the family acres with his father, and together they cultivated and developed their land until it is now one of the productive properties of the community. It produces sufficient hay and produce to maintain itself and carries a herd of sixty fine Holstein cattle. In 1925, Mr. Branon started a grain and feed business which has succeeded splendidly and is the largest in town. A Democrat by political conviction, Mr. Branon has acted as chairman of the board of selectmen for eight years and town lister for six years. He is a member of the parish of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus.

On September 25, 1912, Mr. Branon married Mary Barry of Franklin Falls. They have had seven chil-

dren: William Barry, who attends the St. Michael's Preparatory School; Francis Edward, Charlene Agnes, Robert James, Rose Mary Elizabeth, Philip Joseph and Charles Richard, the latter all at school at Fairfield.

**CHARLES QUINCEY GAREY**—Endowed by nature with exceptional talents for drawing and for mathematics, Mr. Garey has followed the draughting profession for more than a quarter of a century. During this long period he has acquired a very thorough knowledge of its various branches and applications, gained by working for several important concerns in different lines. In recent years he has been connected with the National Acme Company of Windsor, world famous manufacturers of automatic machinery, of the draughting department of which he is the head. In this important position he has proven himself exceptionally able and has gained the good will and confidence of his employers as well as those of his associates and of all whose work he directs.

Charles Quincey Garey was born at Thetford, Orange County, July 4, 1882, a son of Fred E. and Maria Wellington (Slade) Garey. His father, too, was born in Thetford and is a member of an old Vermont family, while his mother, who died December 10, 1927, was a direct descendant of Governor Bradford of Massachusetts and a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. Garey was educated in the public schools of his native town and at Thetford Academy, from which latter he was graduated in 1901. He then became a student at the University of Vermont, Burlington. After leaving college he accepted a position with the Fall River Ship and Engine Company of Quincy, Massachusetts, with which he remained for three years. Next he was associated for three years each successively with the Bresnahan Shoe Company of Lynn, Massachusetts, and the Windsor Machine Company, Windsor, Vermont. The next seven years he spent at Springfield, Windsor County, first with the Bryant Chucking and Grinding Company and later with the Jones-Lamson Company. His work with these different concerns was all in connection with their several draughting departments and through this varied experience he obtained a very full grasp of all types of draughting problems. Eventually, January 1, 1926, he accepted an offer to become head of the draughting department of the National Acme Company at Windsor. He is a member of the Hourglass Club of Windsor, and his religious affiliations are with the Congregational church.

Mr. Garey married, August 30, 1920, Katherine E. Flavlin, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Griffin) Flavlin of Bellows Falls, Vermont, the former a prosperous stone mason contractor. Mr. and Mrs. Garey have no children and make their home at No. 15 Jacobs Street, Windsor.

**CHARLES WESLEY SPENCER**—One of the highly respected citizens of Rutland, Vermont, is Charles Wesley Spencer, who is owner of a furniture company, as well as an outstanding funeral director of this part of the State. His place of business is one of the most modern and thoroughly equipped in all New England, while Mr. Spencer himself was the second man in the State of Vermont to become a graduate arterial embalmer. His quarters include a fine chapel seating about one hundred persons, a room beautifully decorated with wall panels containing oil paintings of biblical subjects—panels which may be raised to show behind them a display of caskets otherwise entirely hidden from view. Mr. Spencer, in addition to his work in this connection, takes a lively interest in all the public and social affairs of his city and community, where he is regarded highly by his fellow citizens. He was born in Sudbury, Ver-



mont, September 7, 1865, a son of James Henry and Betsy (Morrill) Spencer. His father was a farmer in Sudbury.

When Charles Wesley Spencer reached school age, he attended the district schools of Sudbury, and then the graded schools of Brandon. Subsequently he studied medicine for one year at the Medical College in Burlington, Vermont, and then took up his studies of embalming, having been graduated from the United States School of Embalmers, in New York City, an institution which now is known as the Renouard Training School. Embalming was not his first work, however; for immediately after he had completed his early schooling, while he was still only nineteen years old, he entered the clothing business in Brandon, going later to Middlebury in the same line of business, and then to Burlington, where he spent three more years in the clothing business. In 1892 he came to Rutland, where he entered the clothing establishment of Sturtevant and Cady, with which he remained for two years, at the end of which period he resigned to study embalming in New York City under Professor Renouard. Returning to Rutland, Mr. Spencer entered the firm of Cahee and Packer, engaged in the furniture business, and at that time initiated the undertaking branch of this enterprise. After two years with that firm, he bought a one-fourth interest in it, and later purchased another one-fourth interest, and so became owner of half the business. With this company he remained until 1909, when he left it to go into business for himself. At that time he built the block in which his store and funeral chapel are now situated, opening his own new place of business on June 20, 1910. The excellent funeral parlors and chapel, all styled in the best of taste, and the large patronage that he receives, are proofs of the success and the abilities of the man.

Not content with terminating his community activities here, however, Mr. Spencer has at all times taken an active part in the political and social affairs of Rutland. He was a member of the board of aldermen from 1917 until 1921, and chairman of the board from 1923 to 1925. He also holds memberships in the Rotary Club, of which he is a charter member, and the Chamber of Commerce, in which he is chairman of the retail trade division. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which his affiliations are with the Rutland Lodge, No. 79, of this city; the Delta Lodge of Perfection; the Council of the Princes of Jerusalem; the Rose Croix Consistory of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, in which he has attained to the thirty-second degree; the Davenport Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 17; the Killington Commandery, No. 6, of Knights Templar; Cairo Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and Orion Grotto. He also is a member of the Knights of Pythias; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is affiliated with the Encampment; and the Methodist Episcopal church. In church affairs he is ever active, having been a trustee of the Methodist church here for more than thirty years, and for more than ten years chairman of the board of trustees. He was superintendent of the Sunday School, for twenty years chairman of the music committee, and also was a member and chairman of the building committee in charge of placing and erecting the new church, as well as chairman of the committee on pastoral relations.

It was on November 15, 1892, in Hinesburg, Vermont, that Charles Wesley Spencer married Mary Brownson, who was a trained nurse at the Mary Fletcher Hospital. She is a daughter of Eli F. and Nancy (Marshall) Brownson. By this marriage there have been the following children: 1. Marjorie Grace Spencer, born March 27, 1897. 2. Raymond Spencer, born May 2, 1904, who is now studying at embalming school, and passed the

New York State examination for embalming with honors; is a member of Rutland Lodge, No. 79, Free and Accepted Masons and Vermont Consistory at Burlington, thirty-second degree. 3. Charles Wesley Spencer, 2nd, born June 7, 1909. The Spencer family residence is situated at No. 15 Elm Street, Rutland.

**JOHN HARMOND NORTHROP**—Since one of the great grandfathers of John Harmond Northrop founded the town of Fairfield, he is to a more than usual degree a true native son of the place. He was born here on January 7, 1898, a son of Joab Smith and Mary E. (Hand) Northrop. Through both his parents he can trace a fine early Colonial ancestry. Joab Smith was the great-grandfather who founded the town, and another great-grandfather, the Rev. Benjamin Wooster, during the War of 1812, while preaching a sermon to his flock, heard the guns of Plattsburg, not far distant, and immediately mobilized a company of militia and marched to the defence of that strategic point on Lake Champlain.

John Harmond Northrop was educated at the public school here through the elementary grades and then went to Brigham Academy at Bakersfield, and later to the Norwich University, graduating from there with the class of 1923 with his degree of Bachelor of Science. He taught school at Bridgeport, Pennsylvania, for a while and in 1924 returned to Fairfield and took over the management of the old homestead, a fertile and prosperous property of five hundred acres. He has brought modern methods into his farming operations and the intensive cultivation of the acres have yielded gratifying results. He has been able to grow all the coarse fodder needed for the maintenance of his herd of eighty-five head of fine Holsteins. His future plans are far-seeing and thorough. There is for instance a stand of some two thousand maple bush that has never been worked and that is now undergoing operations that promise success. Mr. Northrop has enthusiasm and scientific knowledge to bring to his farming and these, with unrelenting zeal and openness to new ideas, are sure to produce good results.

Mr. Northrop gives his political allegiance to the Republican party, whose candidates and principles he staunchly endorses. He was elected, November 6, 1928, to represent his district in the State Legislature. He belongs to his college fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and to the Franklin Lodge, No. 4, of the Free and Accepted Masons. He is also an officer in the 316th Cavalry Reserves.

**JACK WILLIAM GILBERT**—In the manufacturing world, Jack William Gilbert, of Windsor, is one of Vermont's active leaders as superintendent of the National Acme Company of this city. Mr. Gilbert has been connected with many branches of manufacture in his busy career and possesses a thorough acquaintance with industrial activities. He has been associated with his present organization since 1909 in different supervisory capacities, being appointed to his post of superintendent of the entire plant on July 14, 1927.

Mr. Gilbert was born in Rhinecliff, New York, November 27, 1878, son of John and Mary (McGrath) Gilbert. He was educated in the public schools of Bridgeport, Connecticut, to which city his parents had moved when he was a small child. Before completing his formal education, he obtained his first position with the Wheeler and Wilson Sewing Machine Company of that city and was employed by that concern during the vacation period tinning sewing-machines. After finishing school, he became connected with the American Graphophone Company, of Bridgeport, and was occupied in that concern for eight months. Desiring to enter the



machinist trade, he began his apprenticeship as tool-maker with the Colter Machine Company, of Bridgeport, and remained there a year. He then was engaged for a year with the Harvey Hubbel Toolshop and worked for approximately a year each with the Youst Typewriter Company, the Wilmot Hobbs shop and Driggs Seabury of Derby, Connecticut. In 1901, Mr. Gilbert accepted a position with the firm of Eaton, Cole and Burnham, of Bridgeport, and remained with that concern for two years after which he served eighteen months with the Union Metallic Cartridge Company, of Bridgeport. He then came to the State of Vermont and took a situation with the Robinhood Powder Company, of Swanton, but after two years, returned to Bridgeport, where he was again attached to the Youst Typewriter Company for approximately a year. Going back to Vermont, Mr. Gilbert was connected with the Vermont Implement and Foundry Company, of St. Albans, for nine months, and then on May 18, 1909, came to Windsor and became associated with his present enterprise, then known as the Windsor Machine Company. In the spring of 1911, he went to Quebec, Canada, in the interests of the Ross Rifle Company, but after five months with that concern, returned to Windsor November 6, 1911, to become assistant general foreman of the Windsor Machine Company. Here he has ever since continued as a valuable factor in production activity, being advanced to the position of general foreman, and on July 14, 1927, appointed superintendent of the entire factory, which is now known as the National Acme Company. In municipal affairs, Mr. Gilbert has displayed a constructive interest ever since becoming a resident here, and he has always supported everything that tends to advance the welfare and good of the community. In fraternal circles, he is a popular member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Claremont, New Hampshire, while in preserving the wild life of Vermont, he is prominently active as vice-president of the Ascutney Fish and Game League.

Jack William Gilbert married, October 12, 1907, Daisy Underwood, daughter of Clarence and Katherine (Green) Underwood, of St. Albans, where Clarence Underwood was active in agricultural endeavors for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert are the parents of four children: 1. Jack C., born March 28, 1909. 2. Keith, born March 11, 1911. 3. Beverly D., born April 18, 1917. 4. Robert William, born October 5, 1920.

**PERRY B. GARDNER**—After a somewhat varied experience in different lines of business activity, Perry B. Gardner established his present garage business at No. 321 Main Street, in Bennington, Vermont, where, in addition to handling tires, accessories, etc., he also has the agency for the Willys-Knight, Overland, and Nash cars. A successful business man, he is versatile enough to also fill most completely the important office of sheriff of Bennington County.

Perry B. Gardner was born in Pownal, Vermont, September 18, 1882, son of Merritt, a farmer, and of Orlena (Barber) Gardner, the last mentioned of whom is a native of Pownal, Vermont. As a boy he attended the public schools of Pownal and of Bennington, also of North Adams, Massachusetts, and then completed his preparation for business life by taking a course in Bliss Business College, completing his course there in 1900, at the age of eighteen years. Returning to Pownal, he came from there to Bennington and entered Valentine's Mill, where for a short time he devoted his attention to learning to spin. In a short time, however, he made a change and entered the employ of J. Edward Wallbridge who was engaged in the funeral directing and furniture business. About two years later, October 23, 1904, he engaged in business for himself, cleaning, repairing, and dyeing carpets, and in this line of activity

he continued until late in 1911. In January, 1912, he established his present garage business at No. 321 Main Street, in Bennington, and since that time he has been successfully selling tires and a full line of automobile accessories and also selling, for some years past, the Willys-Knight, Overland, and Nash automobiles. He has long ago established a reputation for his ability as a salesman, and during the sixteen years which have passed since he engaged in this business has built up a very prosperous enterprise. In 1919 Mr. Gardner was elected sheriff of Bennington County, and at the end of his first term was re-elected to that office, in 1921. In September, 1927, he won out in the primaries and in November of that year was appointed by Governor Billings to fill an unexpired term of Herbert W. Congdon, of Arlington, Vermont. Since that time he has been acceptably filling the office of sheriff of Bennington County, giving to the work of that office the faithful attention which has brought results satisfactory to his fellow citizens in general and to those with whom he has been directly associated. He is a member of the Bennington Chamber of Commerce, also of the Sheriffs and Police Association of America, and fraternally, is identified with Mount Anthony Lodge, No. 13, Free and Accepted Masons; and Bennington Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Bennington Lodge of Perfection; holding the thirty-second degree in Vermont Consistory; the Taft Commandery, Knights Templar, of Bennington, and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the house committee of the local lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and of the Rod and Gun Club of Bennington.

Perry B. Gardner was married in Los Angeles, California, February 14, 1924, to Katherine Austin, of Brattleboro, Vermont, daughter of Thomas A. Austin, who was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and who is the oldest mail carrier in the State of Vermont, and of Katherine Austin, who was born in Brattleboro, Vermont. They are the parents of two children: Jane, born in June, 1926, and Frank Austin, who died at the age of three and one-half years.

**WILLIAM STEEL PINGREE**—Active in the practice of his profession since 1904, William Steel Pingree, of White River Junction, is one of this county's able attorneys who has achieved distinction in local and State affairs. Mr. Pingree, whose residence is located in Hartford, served several terms as State's attorney, and in the fulfillment of his duties of this responsible office gained the respect and admiration of the legal and judicial bodies of Vermont. He has always been sincerely interested in local government and has been actively connected with municipal direction on several occasions, while in the business life of this city and its vicinity he is a prominent figure.

Mr. Pingree was born in Hartford, November 15, 1879, adopted son of Samuel Everett Pingree, who died June 1, 1922, and Lydia M. (Steel) Pingree. Samuel Everett Pingree was a former governor of the State of Vermont, and during his term of office exhibited a deep interest and practical ability in securing the best results for the people of this commonwealth from every project or legislative item that came to him for attention.

William Steel Pingree was educated in the public schools of Hartford, and after high school, from which he was graduated in 1897, entered Norwich University where he attained the rank of lieutenant. In 1900, he entered his father's law office and proceeded to apply himself to the study of law, continuing until 1902, when he entered the Boston University Law School at Boston, Massachusetts, where he finished the course in one year's time. Mr. Pingree and a classmate, Timothy K. Philips, proved such thorough students and advanced







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so rapidly that they were voted members of the graduating class and their pictures were taken with the class of 1903. Admitted to the bar of the State of Vermont, in 1904, Mr. Pingree engaged in general legal practice at White River Junction where he has ever since remained. His acquaintance with all branches of law and his ability in pleading cases before a jury have brought him a substantial practice. In official capacity, he served as State's attorney under John E. Meade, succeeding Bert Cole of Windsor whose unexpired term of six months he completed in 1916. Mr. Pingree was then re-elected to this same office and served from 1917 to 1919. During his tenure of office, he established a splendid record for the many cases he won in favor of the State. He has also served as town agent and town counsel and rendered valuable service to this community in these offices. In business affairs, Mr. Pingree has been engaged for some years as attorney for local concerns and the William W. Clandenine Company, of Lake Fairlee, in which organization he also serves as a director. He was also identified for some time with a local bank in an advisory capacity. His fraternal affiliations are with the Norwich University Fraternity Theta Chi, and Camp 9923, Modern Woodmen of America.

William Steel Pingree married, September 9, 1908, Angie J. Johnson, daughter of Charles Henry Johnson, of Upton, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of two sons: 1. Samuel Everett, born October 28, 1911. 2. Stuart Johnson, born April 1, 1917. Mrs. Pingree is one of this community's most prominent women active in all leading affairs and organizations. She is a member of the Colonial Dames, the Ladies Literary Club, and the Loyal Club of Hartford.

**WILLIAM L. GOKAY**—The late William L. Gokay, leading pharmacist and prominent citizen of Bennington, had a business career that was well-nigh phenomenal in its aspects of success and extent of service. He was accepted for and entered upon the practice of his profession two years before he attained his majority, and thereafter, by sheer force of natural ability, training and business acumen out of the ordinary, he built up a large profit-returning enterprise, second to none in importance in Bennington. Mr. Gokay was also a strong and consistent supporter of the civic interests of the town, and in various progressive movements he was held to be a leader upon whose counsel and participation his fellow-townsmen might confidently rely.

William L. Gokay was born in Petersburg, New York, November 23, 1877, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli S. Gokay. At the age of eight years he came with the family on its removal to Bennington, and he was a product of the local school system, inclusive of the high school course. He was still a tender youth when he made choice of the drug business for his lifework and entered the service of Dr. H. C. Day. At the age of nineteen he passed his State pharmacy examinations, and a short time afterwards bought the Day pharmacy for three hundred dollars, having borrowed the money for that purpose. He was young, ambitious and worthy, and the people of the community with confidence extended to him their patronage. His success came early, and soon he was enabled to pay back the initial loan of three hundred dollars, his borrowed capital. The business was then free of encumbrance, and he went on to further prosperity.

Mr. Gokay's first store—the former Day pharmacy—was situated where the Evans news agency has its place on Main Street, Bennington. The quarters were small and the stock carried was necessarily limited. Through the early beginnings of his career, with its trials and discouraging features, Mr. Gokay had the will to win through—and win he did. Concrete results of his success were prominently visible thirty years after he

passed his professional tests: the spacious store on Main Street, near the corner, the store in a building which Mr. Gokay, a few years prior to his death, purchased to acquire room for his rapidly expanding business. The volume of trade had then grown from a value of three hundred dollars to a yearly turnover estimated at fifty thousand dollars. The establishment became the trading center of Bennington with respect to the lines carried and the service offered. Some ten years before he passed away, Mr. Gokay bought the drug business of Harold Cole. Five years or so later he remodeled the building, fitted out upstairs a stock room and an office, in order that the store itself might have the entire first or ground floor. Prosperity had ever since been in the ascendant.

For a number of years a member of the Vermont State Board of Pharmacy, Mr. Gokay had served for a time as its secretary, and for a subsequent term as its chairman. He was a member of the State Pharmaceutical Association, and an honorary member of the New York Pharmaceutical Association. He was identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Mount Anthony Country Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and for a number of years with the Bennington Club. His religious connection was with the Methodist Episcopal church. He possessed musical ability, and played the bass horn in Bennington's first musical organization, known as the City Band, of which he was an original member. Up to the time of his death he served the town as a grand juror, and he was a former lister for a three-year term. His interest in civic and community movements was genuine and sustained. His loss to the town, his friends, associates and employees cannot be measured in words. He was a towering figure in the community and his establishment held the status of an institution in local life. He died on July 23, 1928, following a short illness.

William L. Gokay married, April 13, 1925, Hazel Brimmer, who was one of the proprietors of the White Elephant tearoom on South Street, now the Maxwell Inn. Previously she had been dietitian at Putnam Memorial Hospital, and is a graduate of New York State College at Albany with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Following the marriage, Mr. Gokay built the house on Elm Street, which he and Mrs. Gokay occupied in 1926. At the time of his passing, Mr. Gokay was survived by his widow, two brothers, Claude E. Gokay, of Rensselaer, New York, and Lawrence L. Gokay, of Bennington, and a sister, Mrs. William J. Ryan, of Bangor, Maine.

**DR. HERMON K. SHERBURNE**—Having begun his early life as a student of medicine, Hermon K. Sherburne, of Rutland, soon became interested in osteopathy, and then reached the turning point in his career. He devoted many years to the study of this subject, being one of the first members of this profession to locate in Rutland. Vermont, incidentally, was the first State to pass laws regulating the practice of osteopathy. Dr. Sherburne's practice in Rutland has been continuous, extending over a period of more than twenty-seven years, and he has been assisted in his work by his wife and his son. Previous to locating in this city he had followed this calling in Massachusetts and New Hampshire for a few years. A brother, Fred Sherburne, also is an osteopath, practicing in Brookline, Massachusetts. Dr. Sherburne has built up a large following in Rutland in his profession, and his activities in organizations pertaining thereto extend throughout the entire nation. Fraternal organizations value him as a member, and his church receives much aid through his stimulus and inspiration.

Dr. Sherburne was born July 12, 1855, at Wilmington, Vermont, son of Rev. Joseph A. and Mirandia (Bar-



rows) Sherburne. Rev. Joseph A. Sherburne, also a native of Vermont, was a member of the Vermont Conference, while his wife was born in Jamaica, Vermont. The father devoted his entire life to the ministry, labored faithfully for his parishioners, and was in turn beloved by the members of his flock. Hermon K. Sherburne laid the foundations for his education in the public schools in Vermont; graduated from Montpelier Seminary and, after becoming interested in osteopathy through study and reading, matriculated at the American School of Osteopathy, at Kirksville, Missouri. This institution graduated him in June, 1899. He launched upon his practice in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, which was followed by brief periods spent in Keene, New Hampshire, and Littleton, New Hampshire. A little more than two years after completion of his professional studies he came to Rutland, one of the first of his calling to locate in Vermont, this State, incidentally, having been the first to enact regulations for the practice of osteopathy. It was in 1902 that Dr. Sherburne first began practice here, and so satisfactorily has he served his clientele, and so splendid have been the results achieved by him that he has since continued here, now possessing a record of more than twenty-seven consecutive years of practice. In the conduct of his work in Rutland he now has as an assistant, Dr. Mary A. Sherburne and their son, Dr. Hermon K., Jr. Also, as heretofore mentioned, another member of this family, Fred Sherburne, a brother of Dr. Hermon K. Sherburne, Sr., is established in this calling in Brookline, Massachusetts. Through the excellent results attained by Dr. Sherburne in Rutland, the profession of osteopathy has gained many followers as is attested by his steadily increasing clientele and the respect in which he is held here.

Ever alert to the developments in his profession. Dr. Sherburne retains connection with many semi-professional organizations. His ability was recognized at one time by his elevation to the office of president of the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners and Registration in Vermont, and he is a member of the Vermont State Osteopathic Association; the New England Osteopathic Association, and the American Osteopathic Association. Fraternally he is associated with Killington Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Rutland Lodge, Knights of Pythias. The religious faith of Dr. Sherburne and his family is that of the Congregational denomination, they being members of that church.

Dr. Herman K. Sherburne married, October 1, 1902, at Barre, Vermont, Mary A. Burbank, daughter of Lyman A. and Anne W. (Whitney) Burbank. One son has been born to this marriage, Hermon K., Jr. Dr. Sherburne's offices are located in the Mead Building, Rutland, and his residence is at No. 40 Crescent Street, in this city.

**EDWARD KENDRICK BOAK, A. B., A. M.**—Connected with Windsor's public school system since 1919, Mr. Boak, after having served for one year as high school principal, became supervising principal of the entire school system in 1920. In this office he has shown not only great talent as an educational administrator, but has also made his influence felt on many other phases of the community's life. By training, temperament and experience exceptionally equipped for the work which he has carried on so successfully at Windsor, his activities have gained him recognition in educational circles throughout the State of Vermont and he is considered today one of the most able of that State's public school officials.

Edward Kendrick Boak was born at Portland, Maine, March 29, 1882, a son of Robert B. and Mary (Kendrick) Boak. He received his preliminary education in the public schools of Portland, Maine, and at Deering High School of that city, from which latter he graduated

in 1899. The next four years he spent in business, but at the end of that period, in 1903, he decided to resume his education and for that purpose entered Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, from which he was graduated in 1907 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Having decided to devote himself to teaching, he accepted appointment as science instructor and vice-principal of the Wesleyan Academy, Wilbraham, Massachusetts, where he worked successfully during 1907-09. From there he went to Easthampton, Massachusetts, as principal of that town's high school, showing so much ability in this position that he was continued in it for ten years. In 1919 he accepted a similar position in respect to the Windsor High School. There he made such a fine reputation for himself during the first year of his stay, that at the end of that period he was offered the direction of the town's entire school system and since 1920 he has served as supervising principal. While thus actively engaged in educational work, he attended the Summer Schools of Columbia University, New York City, during 1923-26, in order to equip himself still better for his work. As the result of his studies at that institution, he has had the degree of Master of Arts conferred upon him. He has been a member of the Hampshire County, Massachusetts, Teachers' Association and is now a member of the South-eastern Vermont Teachers' Association, in the work of which organizations he took such an active and effective part that he was honored by election to the presidency of each. During the years in which the United States took an active part in the World War, Mr. Boak, then still a resident of Massachusetts, served with that State's Guard. He is a member of Ionic Lodge of Easthampton, Massachusetts, Free and Accepted Masons; the Acacia Club of Windsor, of which he is vice-president; the Windsor Rotary Club, of which he is secretary; and is vice-president of Vermont State Superintendents' Association.

Mr. Boak married at Portland, Maine, July 1, 1908, Marion Turner, a daughter of Roscoe W. and Anna (Curtis) Turner, of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Boak were the parents of one daughter, Elinor Turner Boak, who was born June 6, 1911, and who died June 9, 1911.

**DR. RALPH RICHARD BENNETT**—In Bennington, Vermont, Dr. Ralph Richard Bennett has made for himself an assured place as a successful chiropractor, building up, in the short space of seven years, a large and important practice. He has won the confidence and esteem of his fellow townsmen, both professionally and as a good citizen, and each year is adding to his success. He is a graduate of Palmer's School of Chiropractics, at Davenport, Iowa.

Dr. Ralph Richard Bennett was born in Concord, Vermont, June 19, 1900, son of Robert J. Bennett, a hardware merchant, who was born in Megantic, Inverness County, Canada, and who though he has held no public office, is greatly interested in public affairs, and of Laura R. (Blood) Bennett, a native of Lunenburg, Vermont, who died April 18, 1918. Dr. Bennett attended the public schools of his birthplace, including the high school, and then went to Davenport, Iowa, where he entered the Palmer School of Chiropractics. There he completed his course in September, 1920, but his father's illness delayed him in beginning practice and for some four or five months he served as his father's associate, helping out with the general merchandise business and aiding his father in every possible way. He then came to Bennington and opened his office for practice as a chiropractor. Steadily he built up his patronage, and though he has been located here for only about seven years, he has been more than ordinarily successful. He has the respect of the people of Bennington, and his already large practice is steadily growing (1928). His offices are located at No. 5 in the Cone Building, which



is situated at No. 439 Main Street. Dr. Bennett is a member of the Universal Chiropractors' Association and of the Vermont Chiropractors' Association; and he is also a member of the United Commercial Travelers' Association and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Dr. Ralph Richard Bennett was married, October 7, 1925, to Barbara Robinson, of Bennington, Vermont, daughter of Gilbert F., a native of Bennington, and of Belle (Cutler) Robinson, who was born in Wallingford, Vermont. Dr. and Mrs. Bennett have one son, Ralph Richard, Jr., who was born October 26, 1926. They make their home at No. 327 Elm Street, in Bennington. Both Dr. and Mrs. Bennett have a very large number of friends in this community, and both are very highly esteemed for their genuine worth.

**DR. EARL FREDERICK PEARSONS**—One of the youngest practicing osteopaths in the State of Vermont is Dr. Earl Frederick Pearsons who, while he has been practicing his profession for a very brief period, already is regarded highly as a practitioner and has achieved a success in his practice. He is a native of Rutland, descendant of an old Vermont family, and is highly respected and popular, not only in professional ranks but also in social circles of this city. Dr. Pearsons came into his profession well prepared, possessed of a splendid elementary education, which was enhanced by a thorough training in professional schools. He is affiliated with various societies pertaining to his profession.

Dr. Pearsons was born May 19, 1901, at Rutland, son of Samuel T. and Mabel (Bowman) Pearsons, both natives of Vermont, and now (1928) residing in this city. Samuel T. Pearsons travels for the Ludlum Steel Company, of Watervliet, New York. Beginning his studies in the grammar schools of Rutland, Dr. Pearsons afterwards graduated from Rutland Business College, and later from Dean Academy, Franklin, Massachusetts, finishing his training at this school in 1922. Dr. Pearsons had an older brother, Ralph, who had studied osteopathy for three years before entering the military service during the World War. He died from hardships suffered during the war, and Dr. Earl F. Pearsons was thus influenced to enter the profession which had been chosen by his late brother. He first attended osteopathic schools in Philadelphia and Kirksville, Missouri, thence going to Des Moines, Iowa, graduating from the school in that city in January, 1927. Immediately after completing his studies he opened his practice, in September, 1927, at Rutland, at the age of twenty-six years, and despite his youth, is known as one of the best men so engaged here. Ever eager to cooperate with public welfare, fraternal, and social activities, he has become widely known in such organizations since his residence here. He is a member of Rutland Lodge, No. 79, Free and Accepted Masons; Davenport Chapter, No. 17, Royal Arch Masons; Kilington Commandery, No. 6, Knights Templar; Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and is a member of Cairo Temple Patrol. His semi-professional associations include membership in the American Osteopathic Association and the Vermont Osteopathic Association, while his religious beliefs conform to those of the Baptist Church.

On May 21, 1926, at Indianola, Iowa, Dr. Pearsons married Betty Manning, daughter of Fred E. and Maude (Eddy) Manning, both natives of Rutland. The doctor and his wife have one child, Ralph Manning, born January 7, 1928. Dr. Pearsons's office is located at No. 39½ Center Street, Rutland, while his residence is situated at the corner of Kendall Avenue and Elm Street.

**STANLEY ROSCOE BRYANT**—A descendant of that hardy race of New England pioneers who contributed so vastly to the settlement and development of this country, the late Mr. Bryant, throughout a long and useful life, displayed many of his ancestors' most outstanding characteristics. A carpenter by trade, he later became a successful builder and contractor and for many years did important work in the building up of Windsor. Always deeply interested in that town's welfare and advancement, he served faithfully for some sixteen years as its Postmaster and in many other ways, too, took a leading part in its development.

Stanley Roscoe Bryant was born at West Windsor, Windsor County, January 3, 1849, a son of Abner C. and Fannie M. (Waite) Bryant. On both his parents' sides he was of Colonial ancestry, his forebears having taken a very active part in the settlement of New England, when that region was still a wilderness. Mr. Bryant was educated in the common public schools of his native town and then worked on a farm until he was twenty-three years old. Leaving the farm at that time, he learned the carpenter's trade and about 1879 removed to Windsor, where he worked for some time as a draughtsman and general utility man for the Jones-Lamson Machine Company. Later he became a contractor and builder for his own account, in which field he met much success and in which he continued until 1899. In that year President McKinley appointed him Postmaster of Windsor, a position which he filled with so much ability and so greatly to the satisfaction of his fellow citizens that he was reappointed by successive Presidents for sixteen years until 1915. He also served at various times as Selectman. At the time of his death in 1916 he was president of the Windsor County Trust Company and vice-president of the Windsor Library Association, positions to which he had been elected as a result of the unbounded confidence and respect which he enjoyed amongst all classes of people in his community. He was also a member of Vermont Lodge, No. 18, Free and Accepted Masons, and of the local Commandery, Knights Templar.

Mr. Bryant married on January 1, 1877, Sarah Ann Taylor, a daughter of Elias M. and Eliza Ann Taylor, of Weathersfield, Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Bryant had no children.

Mr. Bryant died December 30, 1916, at the home of his brother, Dr. Giles W. Bryant, since deceased, at Somerville, Massachusetts, to which he had taken some time previously his aged mother, Mrs. F. M. Bryant, so that she might spend the winter there. As a result of this journey he caught a severe cold, which later developed into pneumonia. Though he made a heroic fight to overcome the ravages of this disease, its grip on him was too strong and death finally came to him, while he was surrounded by members of his family. The regret with which his passing was received by the entire community, gave proof how highly he was regarded by everybody, and assurance that the memory of his personality and of his accomplishments will be kept fresh for many years to come.

**GEORGE BERTRAN WELLING**—Having entered the paper manufacturing industry, in which his father and other members of his family were likewise prominently active, immediately after he had completed his education, Mr. Welling continued in this field at Bennington, Bennington County, for many years and achieved a prominent position as a paper mill executive. He has also been identified over a long period with several of the leading financial institutions of the town and has always taken a leading part in public affairs.

George Bertran Welling was born at North Bennington, Bennington County, March 26, 1872, a son of Charles Edward and Sarah Dean (Thomas) Welling.



His father, who was born at Hoosick, New York, and who died at Bennington, June 19, 1911, was for many years one of the leading paper manufacturers of North Bennington and throughout his life was keenly interested and effectively active in public affairs. He was a member of the Republican State Committee, a Representative to the State Legislature from his community, and the incumbent of various local offices of trust and responsibility. His wife, the mother of the subject of this article, was a native of Brattleboro, Windham County, and died July 30, 1920. Mr. George B. Welling was educated in the public grammar and high schools of Bennington, at the Riverview Military Academy in Poughkeepsie, New York, and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts. After the completion of his education he returned to Bennington and there became connected with the Stark Paper Company, one of the leading industrial establishments of the town. He continued this connection throughout his active business career until 1925, in which year the Company ceased manufacturing. It was one of the most important Vermont mills manufacturing wall paper exclusively, and Mr. Welling served for many years as one of its executives, being at the present time its treasurer. Mr. Welling's prominent position in the industrial life of Bennington made him also an important and influential figure in financial circles, and for many years he has been a director of the First National Bank at North Bennington and a trustee of the County Savings Bank of Bennington. Always interested in the welfare of the community, civic affairs received much of his time and attention. For twelve years he was town auditor and later he served also as county auditor, while the village school board benefited by his membership for twenty-five years. In 1928 he was still a member of the board of selectmen. In these various offices he always showed the greatest conscientiousness and a keen devotion to the public welfare, qualities which have gained for him to an unusual degree the confidence and respect of his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Welling married in Brooklyn, New York, December 10, 1896, Arla McKay, a daughter of Charles Judd and Mary Elizabeth (Henderson) McKay, and a native of Des Moines, Iowa. Mrs. Welling's father, a stock broker of New York City, was a native of Warsaw, New York, while her mother was a native of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Welling are the parents of three sons: Charles McKay, born July 30, 1899; Edward Thomas, born December 11, 1901; and Frederick Henderson Welling, born October 28, 1903. The family residence is located at North Bennington.

**ARTHUR HARRY SMITH**, a native of Scotland, and a skilled architect and builder of Rutland, came to this city more than thirty-six years ago, and here, with the exception of a four year period spent in New York City, he has continued as an architect. He was a pioneer in this profession in Rutland as he also was in other cities in Vermont; and a great many important buildings now stand as monuments of his work. These include many public edifices, theatres, office buildings, and residences. Landscape architecture also has occupied a portion of his time and he has become known as an expert along these lines. Mr. Smith has broadened his sphere of activities from time to time until now he is interested in various financial institutions and manufacturing in this State. The Gryphon Building, of Rutland, which appears in this history, had as its architect Mr. Smith, and he is at present (1928) occupied with plans for a new hospital in Rutland. Mr. Smith also evidences deep interest in fraternal orders and societies pertinent to his profession.

Mr. Smith was born in Scotland, September 10, 1868, his parents having died when he was very young. He

received his preliminary education in the national schools of Scotland, and was graduated from a prominent school of architecture in that country. After completing his education he migrated to America, locating first in Boston, where he remained for a number of years. Thence he came to Rutland, where he since has been engaged as an architect, his residence here encompassing more than thirty-six years, with the exception of a four year period. In 1908, he went to New York to do some work and remained there until 1912, returning thence to Rutland, where his offices are located. At the time Mr. Smith came to this city architecture was practically in its infancy, and he is considered a pioneer in this profession, not only in Rutland but in other cities throughout Vermont. Among the numerous buildings, the plans for which were drawn up by him, are: City Hall, Rutland; the Gryphon Building, an office structure, a picture of which appears in this work, and is located in Rutland. He was architect for the Grand Theatre, of Rutland, and for many beautiful residences. He designed a number of residences and he also has done much landscaping. The Town Halls at Vergennes, Pittsford, and Ludlow, Vermont, were designed by Mr. Smith, as were the State Normal Training School buildings at Carleton, Vermont. Now (1928) Mr. Smith is a member of a committee to arrange plans for a new hospital building in Rutland. Other structures for which he is responsible include schools, private residences, and public buildings in many sections of Vermont. Mr. Smith keeps thoroughly up-to-date on all innovations and improvements of his profession through membership in the American Institute of Architects (headquarters in Washington), and the Boston Society of Architects. His church is the Trinity Episcopal of Rutland, and the fraternal organization in which he is most deeply interested is that of Freemasonry, in which he is a member of Center Lodge, No. 34, Free and Accepted Masons (Master in 1928), of Rutland; Davenport Chapter, No. 17, Royal Arch Masons; Killington Commandery, No. 6, Knights Templar; holds the thirty-second degree in Vermont Consistory, Burlington; and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. It is but natural that Mr. Smith should be interested in civic affairs; inasmuch as his profession is so closely allied thereto, and he has been a vital factor in the development of Rutland, not only through his profession but as a worker in non-professional organizations. His unassuming manner, his talents and ingenuity have combined to bring to him the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens in every walk of life.

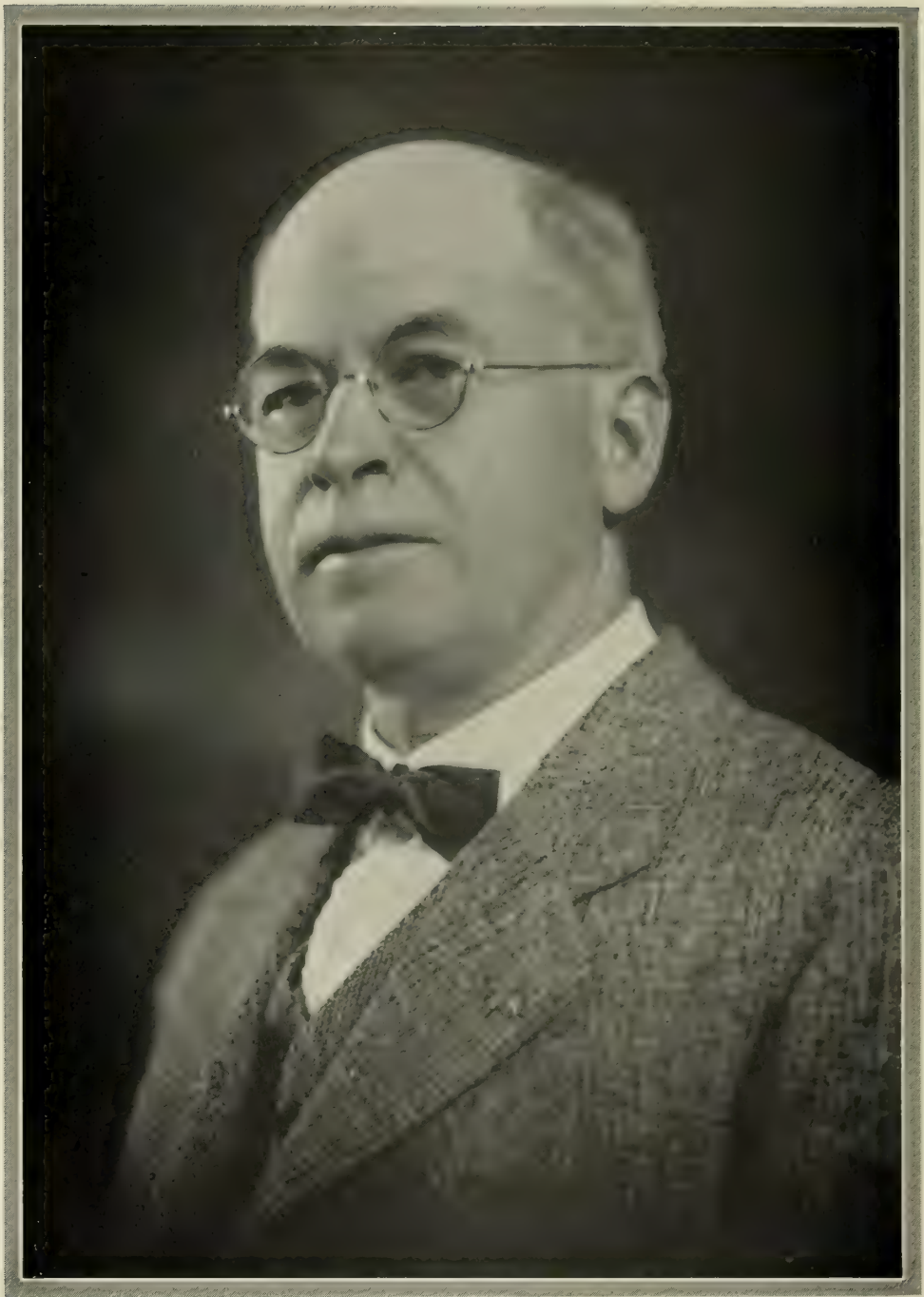
Arthur H. Smith married, in Boston, Massachusetts, Mary W. Anderson, and the children of this marriage are: 1. Esme Arthur Charles, wire chief of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company, Rutland; now (1928) member of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Rutland, a post he has held since 1923. 2. Heather Marie, graduate of the University of Vermont, now English teacher in high school at Hicksville, Long Island, New York. 3. Lorna Marie, graduate in 1927 from Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts. Mr. Smith maintains offices in the Gryphon Building, Rutland, one of the structures which he designed and, perhaps, the one in which he has the most pride.

**CHARLES HENRY STONE**—With a considerable business experience as a foundation for his life work, Charles Henry Stone performs the duties of postmaster, at Windsor, Vermont, with every evidence of ability as an executive and director of the affairs of the local office, winning the approval and the good-will of this community, and continuing in an up-to-date manner the affairs of an important position.

Charles Henry Stone was born February 15, 1878, at Windsor, where he attended the public schools, with a







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year in high school, and some time at Eastman Business College. He then worked in a grocery store for nine months, and was a passenger brakeman for six years with the Boston and Maine Railroad. For ten years he was employed by his father in the Stone, Payson & Company in the hardware and plumbing business; and for five years was in the employ of the Cone Automatic Screw Machine Company, for the latter two years as foreman of the planing department. He received his appointment as postmaster, November 16, 1921. Fraternally, Mr. Stone is affiliated with Vermont Lodge, No. 18, Free and Accepted Masons; Windsor Chapter, No. 6, Royal Arch Masons, Windsor Council, No. 8, Royal and Select Masters; Vermont Commandery, No. 4, Knights Templar; Lodge of Perfection, Princes of the Royal Secret, Delta Chapter, Rose Croix, and Vermont Consistory, Supreme Council, thirty-third degree. He is also a member of the Junior Order, United American Mechanics; Sons of Veterans, Hourglass Country Club; Men's Club, of the South Congregational Church, of which he was president for three years, the local organization of the Boy Scouts; and he is a member of the South Congregational Church. In political matters, he is a Republican.

Charles Henry Stone married, September 16, 1902, Mary, daughter of Freeman A. and Jennie (Johnson) Johnson, of Cornish, New Hampshire. Mrs. Stone is a member and Past Matron of Ascutney Chapter, No. 2, of the Eastern Star. They have two children: 1. Laura Jane, married Ralph W. Green, of Keene, New Hampshire, and she is a past president of the Business and Professional Women's Club; and a member of the Eastern Star, and of the Rebekahs. 2. Helen B., is a trained nurse at Newton, Massachusetts, and is a member of the Eastern Star Lodge.

Charles Stone, father of Mr. Stone, was engaged in the plumbing and hardware business, and was a Minute Man in Company A, 12th Regiment of Infantry; his mother was Julia Bates, who was born in Griggsville, Illinois, and came to Windsor when she was seven years old.

**RALPH GAUL**—After a career as a merchant and railroad worker for many years, Ralph Gaul, native of Vermont, was appointed postmaster of North Bennington, December 13, 1922, and has since continued in that office. In his contact with the people through his official position he has shown himself to be the right man in the right place, a post which requires a personality combining diplomacy and business aptitude in a high degree. Affable, courteous, friendly and broad of mind, the postmaster has a grasp on the details of his office that causes the machinery to function with exactness at all times, a feature of business life that appeals strongly to merchants and professional workers alike, the mail being a necessity of modern life that turns the wheels of trade. He is a man of unblemished character and reputation, strong in his pride of citizenship and one of the very valuable members of the community.

He was born in East Arlington, Vermont, May 2, 1879, a son of Theodore and Barbara (Shakshober) Gaul, and was educated in the local public schools. He first engaged in business as an employee of Hoyt Spellman, of Manchester Center, with whom he remained for three years, then going to Clarence Adams, in East Arlington, dealer in general merchandise, for whom he worked for five years. For the following six years he was an employee of the Rutland Railroad and for the next nine was with the Boston & Maine, working for that corporation in grades from clerk to agent until his selection for the postmastership of North Bennington. He is a member of Lodge No. 48, Free and Accepted Masons, and attends the Congregational church. His wife is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Ralph Gaul married, November 15, 1899, Lucy Warner, of East Arlington, Vermont, daughter of Seth C. and Mary (Whitman) Warner, and they are the parents of three daughters: Thelma A., Marion, and Anna. Mrs. Gaul's father, deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War, participated in many of the great battles of that conflict and was honorably discharged on the field of Gettysburg after the battle, his term of enlistment having expired July 30, 1863, twenty-six days after that famous engagement and victory for the Union forces. He was born May 26, 1830, and died April 15, 1910. He enlisted at Arlington, Vermont, August 20, 1862, in Company C, 14th Vermont Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Monson, the regiment having been under command of Colonel William J. Nichols. It was detailed to Washington, District of Columbia, to guard the city, but engaged in the Battle of Fairfax Court House, Wolf Run Shoals and other fights, assisting in the repulse of General Stewart's cavalry raid and then on to Gettysburg, where he suffered a sunstroke during the terrific heat of July 3, 1863, while the second day's fight was in progress.

**WILLIAM HENRY LAWSON**—As general manager of a company which supplies more than one hundred communities with light and electric power, William Henry Lawson plays an important part in the life of Rutland and the surrounding region of Vermont. He has been a resident of Rutland since 1894, and has worked his way upward from small beginnings to his present position as general manager of the Rutland Railway Light and Power Company, the Vermont Hydro Electric Corporation, the Public Service Corporation of Vermont, the Pittsford Power Company, the Windsor Electric Light Company and the Middlebury Electric Company. In addition to his managership, he is a director in each of these companies.

Mr. Lawson is a native of Burlington, Vermont, where he was born April 4, 1880, a son of Edwin H. and Mary (Carrigan) Lawson. He came from Burlington to Rutland in 1894, and here attended the Rutland High School, from which he was graduated in the class of 1898. After his graduation, he was employed for a short time in the freight office of the Rutland Railroad, and then he entered the employ of the People's Gas Light Company, of Rutland, in the capacity of superintendent. In 1906 there came about a consolidation of the gas, railway and electric companies into what was known as the Rutland Railway, Light and Power Company. In various departments of this newly formed organization Mr. Lawson worked, until, in 1921, he was made assistant manager. In 1925 new interests came into the possession of the company, and Mr. Lawson was in that year made general manager. Not only is he active in these public utilities organizations, but he also is a director in the Central National Bank of Rutland and is vice-president of the Vermont Electrical Association. He holds membership in the Rutland Rotary Club, while his religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic church, his membership being in the parish of Holy Innocents Church.

Mr. Lawson married, in Rutland, Vermont, in September, 1905, Mary Elizabeth (Smith) Lawson, daughter of William S. Smith. By this marriage there have been the following children: 1. William E., born September 14, 1906. 2. Thomas Smith, born July 8, 1909. 3. Mary Elizabeth, born March 30, 1913.

**FRANK E. HOWE**, owner of the "Evening Banner" and postmaster at Bennington, preceded his entry into newspaper publishing with a varied experience in different departments of the business. After serving an apprenticeship in the composing room of the Brattleboro "Reformer," which he entered at the age of nineteen, he



was promoted to the reporting staff and later moved to Montpelier to be similarly employed by the Montpelier "Argus." During the year of the Spanish-American War he was editor of the Montpelier "Daily Record," was two winters in Florida as editor of a tourist season daily and special resort correspondent of New York newspapers, followed by three years as sub-editor of the Barre "Daily Times." In 1902 he purchased the Bennington "Reformer," later merged with it the "Banner" and began publication of the latter as a daily in 1903.

Always a Republican, his interest in public affairs and State politics incident to his occupation developed into active participation and he received his first election to the legislature as representative from Bennington in 1908, a year in which he was also chosen a Presidential elector and made the messenger to carry Vermont's vote to the national capital. He was returned to the legislature in 1910 and was elected speaker of the house. Two years later he became lieutenant governor and president of the senate. In 1918 he was a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor of Vermont but was defeated by Hon. Percival W. Clement of Rutland. While a member of the legislature he introduced the first bill resulting in the present workmen's compensation law, was one of the active advocates of measures creating the primary law and of enactments having for their object the conservation of the State's natural resources, particularly those relating to the preservation and propagation of Vermont's fish and game. He was the father of the so-called "doe" bill, drafted for the purpose of maintaining a balanced deer herd in Vermont, a policy that met with vigorous opposition but which, experience has since proved, was vitally essential to the perpetuation of deer and the continuance of the sport of deer hunting in the State. He was the first to propose and promote a State system of hard surface roads and is still engaged in the work. A son of farmer parents and compelled by the death of his father to become the head of a farm household at the age when most boys are moving from the grades into high school, he was equipped as a legislator to discuss agricultural problems from a fund of first hand knowledge and to meet on a common ground members of a law-making body of whom a majority were tillers of the soil.

Born at Heath, Massachusetts, October 2, 1870, he moved with his parents two years later to a farm near Brattleboro. His father, Edmund Perry Howe, was a native of Dover and enlisted for the Civil War in the first company of volunteers raised at Brattleboro. His maternal great-grandfather, Lieutenant Gardner Howe, served for five years with the Colonial forces during the Revolutionary War.

Because of circumstances attending his boyhood, his education, other than that obtained at district schools and during the fall sessions at the West Brattleboro academy, was largely self-acquired. At the age of seventeen he passed examinations for a teachers' certificate and taught during the year preceding his employment at the office of the Brattleboro "Reformer." In 1923 he was appointed postmaster at Bennington by President Harding and during subsequent years the patrons of the office have become intimately acquainted with its workings through information periodically conveyed through the columns of the "Banner." The village, too, has had an appreciable growth necessitating a considerable expansion of the service. He was reappointed by President Coolidge in 1927.

Soon after he became of age Mr. Howe joined Columbia Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Brattleboro and is now (1928) a member of Mt. Anthony Lodge of Bennington; of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of Mt. Anthony Country Club. He was for a number of years a trustee of the Bennington Graded School District and is a present trustee of the

Bennington Free Library and a member of the executive board of the Putnam Memorial Hospital. He has been a vestryman of St. Peter's Episcopal church and was the first president of Bennington's Chamber of Commerce. During the World War he was a member of the Vermont Committee of Public Safety and until the selective service law became operative Mr. Howe maintained at his own expense a recruiting office at Bennington.

Frank E. Howe married, at Montpelier, Flora Cummins, a native of that city. Their two sons, Edmund P., who left Dartmouth college in April, 1917, to enlist in the First Vermont regiment for the World War and who rose to the rank of first lieutenant, and Paul C., who attended the Vail Agricultural School at Lyndon Center and Vermont Academy at Saxtons River, are members of the "Banner" staff. Mr. Howe has one grandson, Frank E. Howe, 2nd, son of Edmund P. and Helen (Perkins) Howe of Bennington.

**WILLIAM H. MYERS**—Business enterprises that provide the necessities of civilized life are successful only if conducted along lines that attract trade through the quality of the goods handled and the honor of the merchant. An establishment that meets the rule alluded to is the coal, feed, ice and farm machinery corporation headed by William H. Myers, of Bennington, conducted for the last twenty years with constantly growing prosperity. In guiding the business to success, Mr. Myers has displayed a keen intelligence and foresight and has established himself as one of the leaders in local commerce. In association with his father, who founded the business in 1900, until the elder's death, he was thoroughly trained in the details of the work during the years and fell naturally into leadership when the proposition came to incorporate. The president is a man who believes in treating his neighbor as he wishes to be treated and has carefully followed this rule throughout his business life, a course that has brought his house a large trade and won the friendship of all with whom it has become associated. His civic interests are of such order that appeal to the community, which holds him to be a valuable citizen and a strong unit in promoting the general prosperity.

He was born in Pownal, January 27, 1886. His father was Henry W. Myers, a native of Pownal, and in his early life a farmer, whose death occurred in Bennington, January 8, 1928. In 1900 he founded in Bennington a coal and feed business, which grew into the present prosperous enterprise, taking his son into association in 1908. His wife, mother of William H., was Jennie M. (Towsley) Myers, deceased in 1922. Their son was educated in the Bennington public schools, graduated from high school and then attended the University of Vermont, taking a post-graduate business course at the Troy Business College. He then went to work for a short period with the Prudential Life Insurance Company in its Schenectady offices, abandoning it to return here and enter business with his father, the two forming a partnership in 1910, together with Frederick M. Myers, another son of the founder, and Robert Watt, son-in-law. The senior partner served as a member of the board of trustees of the village of Bennington, and of the water commission, and was a director of the Young Men's Christian Association. In 1915 the business was incorporated and its stock extended to include farm machinery, ice and building material in limited selection. In 1918 four large coal pockets were built and two years later a grain elevator, which was enlarged to twice its capacity in 1925. Since 1922 the company has owned and operated the Crystal Ice Company, Incorporated, of Bennington, the site of the plant moved and entirely rebuilt on a larger scale. The present officers of the H. W. Myers & Son, Incorporated,



are: William H. Myers, president and treasurer; Frederick M. Myers, vice-president; Robert Watt, clerk. Marjorie E. Watt, sister of the president and vice-president, is also a stockholder. The president of the company is a former auditor of the village of Bennington, director of the Bennington Club, member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, member of Mt. Anthony Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, also of Taft Commandery, Knights Templar. He is a member of the Bennington Chamber of Commerce, and a trustee of the Baptist church.

William H. Myers married, in Springfield, Massachusetts, Madeline D. Breck, daughter of Martin Breck, of Claremont, New Hampshire, and Gertrude M. (Gardner) Breck, a native of Hartford, Connecticut. Their children are: 1. William H., Jr., born November 19, 1915. 2. Betty G., born June 14, 1922.

**ALBAN JAMES PARKER**—Devoting himself at first, immediately after he had completed his own education, to the education of others, Mr. Parker spent some ten years, interrupted only by two years military service, part of the time overseas during the latter part of the World War, in the teaching profession. Though he met with much success in this work, he desired to follow a legal career and, in order to realize this ambition, he studied law for a number of years in his leisure hours, thus gradually preparing himself very thoroughly for his new activities as a lawyer. Shortly after his admission to the Vermont bar he gave up his educational work and since then he has been successfully engaged in the practice of law at White River Junction.

Alban James Parker was born at Morrisville, Lamoille County, March 21, 1893, a son of Joel Russell and Ann Ruby (Bullock) Parker, both natives of Wolcott. He was the third of four children, of whom two were girls and two boys. Mr. Parker received his early education in the public schools of his native town, after which he attended People's Academy, graduating there in 1911 and going then to Middlebury College, Middlebury, Addison County, where he was graduated in 1916. He then served successively as instructor in athletics and science in the Keene, New Hampshire, High School, and as principal of the high schools at Hartford and White River Junction, Windsor County. His career as an educator was interrupted by this country's entrance into the World War, Mr. Parker enlisting in the ordnance department at Hanover, New Hampshire, January 11, 1918. He went overseas July 30, 1918, after having been commissioned second lieutenant, Ordnance Department, Aerial Armament Section, July 11, 1918. After his discharge from the Army he resumed his educational work at White River Junction. While acting as principal of that town's high school he also studied law, during 1921-27, in the office of Raymond Trainor (q.v.). Admitted to the bar in October, 1926, he started the practice of law in the office of Mr. Trainor in June, 1927. Though one of the youngest members of the legal profession in White River Junction, he has already made for himself quite a reputation as an able lawyer. He is a member of United Brethren Lodge, No. 21, Free and Accepted Masons, as well as the White River Junction Rotary Club, of which latter he is the president in 1928.

Mr. Parker married, July 18, 1918, Alice G. Harriman, a daughter of Archie S. and Harriet (Condon) Harriman, of Middlebury, Addison County. Mrs. Parker's father is secretary of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. and Mrs. Parker are the parents of two children: Harriet Ann, born July 25, 1920, and Richard Henry Parker, born November 1, 1921.

**JOSEPH A. EVANS**—Establishing himself in the news and stationery business in Bennington when he was twenty-one years of age, Joseph A. Evans has made regular progress toward the top and is today one of the most substantial merchants of the city and commands the esteem of his fellow citizens. From the moment he left his association with his father, who was a reputable shoe merchant here for many years, he displayed a high order of business ability and a keen foresight. Thus he was able to note the trend of the times and to acquire property that has increased in value from the date of its acquisition, as well as to build up a substantial trade. Although taking no active part in the civic affairs of the town, he is one of the most vital of our citizens when progressive movements are afoot, seeking always to inspire a wholesome civic atmosphere by his own example. Being a native of the city, he has a wide circle of acquaintances and many close friends, while his business clientele is of such magnitude as to proclaim him worthy of its patronage.

He was born in Bennington, Vermont, March 17, 1876, a son of John H. and Ellen (Coffey) Evans, both natives of Ireland, and was educated in the local public schools, after which he began his business career in his father's shoe store, where he remained until 1897, when he opened a news and stationery store at No. 118 North Street. He continued there for five years, then removing to the Walker Building, on Main Street, continuing there for another like period and then to the Hawkes Block, on Main Street, for another five years. His present store was established at No. 417 Main Street, in 1918. His residence is at No. 219 Pleasant Street. Mr. Evans has acquired considerable real property in Bennington, among his holdings of magnitude being the Evans, formerly the Willoughby Block, besides his residence. He is a Roman Catholic in religion and a member of the Knights of Columbus of that church. He is also Past Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; past vice-president of the Bennington Club, Past Chaplain of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and Past Chief Ranger of the Order of Foresters. He also belongs to the Bennington Chamber of Commerce.

Joseph A. Evans married in Bennington, Vermont, December 9, 1898, Nellie McGurk, of Hoosick Falls, New York, daughter of James L., born in Hoosick Falls, and Margaret (Fahey) McGurk, a native of Ireland. Their children are: 1. Dorothy M., born April 26, 1900, now town, village and school auditor. 2. Francis X., born November 26, 1908.

**ARTHUR RANSOM MCGUIRK**—Conspicuous energy, strict attention to business and a mind keenly attuned to industrial progress were among the more important elements that brought to high position early in his career Arthur Ransom McGuirk, at present district manager of the Real Silk Hosiery Mills, with headquarters in Rutland. His executive ability has been constantly illustrated to the satisfaction of his employers and his value to the community shown by the progress made under his direction, which has brought increased employment to skilled labor and thereby put into circulation a steady flow of cash. All enterprises benefit from those that operate in this manner and the effect is felt by the entire district in which such productive forces are engaged. Naturally, much of this success is due to the individual at the head of the machine and the people have come to the realization that they have, in Mr. McGuirk, a citizen of high value and commendable personal qualities. He has entered into the spirit of true coöperation and injected a vital force into the commercial activities of this section of Vermont, with tentacles that spread far beyond the State in beneficial effect to a vast territory. His engaging personality is not his least



fortunate attribute, while his interest in the many things that make up an industrious community commends him highly to all good citizens.

He was born in Mt. Holly, Vermont, May 17, 1894, a son of James J. and Anna (Canty) McGuirk, and acquired his education in the elementary and high schools of Rutland, graduating in 1912, when he attended the Burr and Burton Seminary at Manchester and afterward took a course at Castleton Normal School. He taught in Vermont schools for one year, then entered the service of the National Acme Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, with headquarters in Windsor, Vermont, becoming foreman, storekeeper and assistant advertising manager. In 1920 he withdrew from this and went to Boston, Massachusetts, as representative of the Real Silk Hosiery Mills. One year later, his talents having been recognized, he was made manager of the Vermont and part New Hampshire branch and in 1928 was appointed to membership on the executive board, with power extending over a territory embracing all of New England and New York State. Some forty travelling salesmen are employed by the Rutland office, the sales of which have steadily increased under Mr. McGuirk's management to a flattering figure.

Mr. McGuirk is also, among other business activities, purchasing agent for the local branch of the American Red Cross, vice-chairman of the Vermont Association for the Blind, member of the executive committee of the Rutland Salvation Army and, during the disastrous flood of 1927, was local purchasing agent for the National Red Cross. He was elected school commissioner for the city of Rutland, to serve from 1928 until 1931, and is a director of the Rutland Coöperative Savings and Loan Association and vice-president of the Vermont Investment, Thrift and Loan Corporation. He is also a director of the Rutland Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Rutland Exchange Club, for which he served as a delegate to the National Convention, held in Detroit, Michigan, in 1926; and a director of the Rutland Ski Club. At present he is Exalted Ruler of the Rutland Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he was a delegate to the Miami, Florida, convention, and has membership in the Knights of Columbus, being a Roman Catholic in religion.

**FREDERICK HOWARD BROWN**—After some fourteen years connection with the office of one of the largest biscuit manufacturing companies in this country, Mr. Brown removed from New York City to Vermont, this move having been brought about by his wife's ill health at that time. Since then he has devoted himself with much success to teaching, for which profession his own education, gained in the public schools and at Dartmouth College, had fully qualified him. As principal of several Vermont preparatory schools he has shown great ability as an educational administrator and has given proof of his ability to gain the liking and respect of his pupils, as well as the confidence and good will of his associates.

Frederick Howard Brown was born at West Boylston, Massachusetts, December 30, 1883, a son of Frank T. and Mina Frances (Gammell) Brown. His father, who died July 14, 1928, was a farmer, and also engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes. His mother, still enjoying good health at the advanced age of seventy-three years, makes her home at Bakersfield with her son. Mr. Brown was educated in the public grammar and high schools of his native town and after graduating from high school entered Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, where he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1905. After leaving college, he spent about one year at home, looking around for a desirable position in which to start his career. Eventually he became connected with the Loose-Wiles Biscuit

Company, with the object of making himself thoroughly acquainted with the business of this large company, so as to prepare himself for assuming an executive position in this organization. Having entered the employ of this company in 1906, he remained with its Boston office until 1912, when he was transferred to the New York office. There he continued in a responsible position until about 1920, when his wife's ill health necessitated removal of the family from the city to more healthful surroundings. It was at that time that Mr. Brown came to Vermont, of which State Mrs. Brown is a native. This change also brought about a change in his occupation. He resigned from the Loose-Wiles Biscuit Company after fourteen years of continuous service and entered the teaching profession. Though all his previous work had been in the field of business, Mr. Brown has made a notable success of his new work and has rapidly advanced in it. His first year he spent, after having lived for some time at Newport, Orleans County, teaching in the public schools at Island Pond, Essex County. The next year he was appointed principal of the Academy at Thetford, Orange County, which position he filled so capably that he was continued in it for four years. In 1925 he accepted his present position as principal of Bingham Academy at Bakersfield, Franklin County. Mr. Brown is considered one of the most able amongst Vermont's principals of academies, being equally successfully as a teacher and administrator. In politics he is a supporter of the Republican party, while his religious affiliations are with the Congregational church.

Mr. Brown married, in August, 1910, Pearl Meader, of Cabot, Washington County. Mrs. Brown, whose health had been restored since her return to Vermont from New York City, is now a student at the University of Vermont, being a fellow student of her daughter, and intends to prepare for teaching in the higher grades. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are the parents of one daughter, Pearl Brown, a student at the University of Vermont, Burlington.

**THOMAS A. NORTON, D. D. S.**—During the past generation few of the sciences have made greater progress than dental surgery, its results having achieved an importance comparative with anatomical operations and anesthesia as an assistant in the reduction of pain and improvement of the work of the operator. Honesty of purpose in this respect has been rewarded by the confidence of those who require his attention, who early discovered that there had come into this community a practitioner of exceptional merit and broad training, who understood the delicate details of an intricate science and who was capable of following them to a successful conclusion. Marching onward with the times, Dr. Norton keeps abreast of progress and gives his patients the benefit of his knowledge and skill. Aside from his professional work, he is a good citizen, interested in all civic matters and affiliated with social and fraternal organizations to such degree as to popularize him among his fellow citizens.

He was born in Fairhaven, Vermont, February 25, 1896, a son of John William and Ellen (Corcoran) Norton, his father having been associated for thirty years with the Wilson Clothing Company, of Rutland. Following the usual period in the elementary public schools and graduation from high school, in 1914, he attended for one year the University of Vermont and followed this with a three-year course at Tufts Dental College, going then to the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, from which he was graduated in 1922. He then established himself professionally in Rutland, where he is now practicing. He is a member of Theta Nu Epsilon fraternity and of Delta Sigma Delta, of Tufts, of which he was Grand Master. He is now president of the Rutland County Dental Society and a member of the Vermont



State Dental Society. He also belongs to the Elks and Rutland Country clubs. He is a Roman Catholic and attends Holy Innocents Church.

Thomas A. Norton married, in Brooklyn, New York, April 5, 1926, Kathryn French, daughter of Bartley and Martha (Conway) French. They are the parents of one child: Martha, born September 9, 1927.

**GEORGE H. SOULE**—One of the prominent citizens of Franklin County is George H. Soule of Fairfield. Born here and educated in the local schools, and later at Goddard Seminary of Barre, he is the son of Joseph and Sarah (Sherman) Soule, of old Vermont stock. He spent his early years on the home farm and went into intensive farming for himself in 1893 and has made a conspicuous success of it, using the most modern of methods and machinery and continually adding to his acreage until, at this time, it aggregates something like eleven hundred acres. This includes four large farms and his principal revenue is from dairy products and maple sugar. The "Green Mountain State" has a reputation for its maple sugar and its maple syrup that no other State can excel, a reputation begun in its very early pioneer days, when the process of tapping the trees through the winter and waiting for the first thaw to start the luscious sap running into the hanging buckets, was a simple matter. Since it has grown into vast proportions as a commercialized product, the process has naturally grown more thorough and scientific in its procedure, and where once it was a home "chore" for the little Vermont youngster to struggle through the spring slush of the forest to fetch and replace the buckets before they overflowed, now hordes of workers are employed at a good wage to carry on this work, which has become a notable industry. The operations of Mr. Soule in this industry have been of large proportions and he is often spoken of as the "Maple Sugar King." He has also invented several processes for the refining of sugar and has a factory to manufacture his patents in St. Albans. His evaporators are in use all over the country. When one considers that he taps about twelve thousand trees one realizes the magnitude of this business. His stock farm includes some one hundred and forty head of mixed stock, which keep his dairy business in full operation.

Mr. Soule is a Republican in politics and belongs to the Eagle Lodge, No. 67, of Free and Accepted Masons and is a useful and interested member of the St. Albans Chamber of Commerce and of the Chamber of Commerce of the State. He is counted as one of the big business men of the county and his business interests and connections have made his name known far afield.

**JESSE T. CARPENTER**—During nearly half a century the name Carpenter has been synonymous with the lumber trade of Bennington, where Theodore Augustus Carpenter founded the business in 1881 that is today carried on by his sons. This is one of the most important local enterprises and under the management of Jesse T. Carpenter has continued to develop and expand its territory of supply. Since the incorporation of Theodore A. Carpenter & Sons, January 12, 1921, when the founder retired, the business has grown in influence and is a vital factor in the commercial activities of this district. Jesse T. Carpenter is a finished master of the lumber industry, having begun his studies under the able tutelage of his father and continued them in many years of association with the founder. He is one of the most active of our citizens and one of the most esteemed, both for his business enterprise and for his personal qualities, which attract a large circle of friends.

He was born in Rensselaer, New York, October 19, 1869, a son of Theodore Augustus, born September 21, 1845, and Emma (Kelley) Carpenter, and was educated in the public schools of his native city and at the Albany

Business College. His father is a veteran of the Civil War, having enlisted twice, once with the Eighth New York Heavy Artillery and once with the 177th New York Infantry. Before coming to Bennington he operated as a contractor in Albany and first became associated with the Eagle Square Company of South Shaftsbury, as manager of the manufacturing lumber department of that concern, where he remained for five years. He then founded the business which is still being carried on. Jesse T. Carpenter first worked under his father, then engaged with various contractors and lumber dealers in New York State, eventually coming to South Shaftsbury and joining his father's forces with the Eagle Square Company. With his brother, Charles, the present house was founded, James Carpenter later joining the company. He is a Methodist in religion and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Bennington, having been Deputy Grand Master of this district.

Jesse T. Carpenter married in Albany, New York, August 19, 1888, Sara Vanderpool, daughter of Isaac, a Methodist minister, born in Schodack, New York, February 17, 1845, and Helen (Hubbel) Vanderpool, born in Albany, New York, May 16, 1845. Their children are: 1. Jesse Henry, born July 18, 1891. 2. J. Russell, born September 19, 1893. 3. Helen Margaret, born August 17, 1901.

**WILLIAM A. ROYCE**—Skilled as an agriculturist and dairyman, William A. Royce is one of the most successful men in his line in the northern Champlain district of Vermont, where he has spent his life. He learned the business of farming under the expert direction of his father and afterward made a careful study of dairy operations. Growing fame has come to him through the years, with more to follow, for he is in early middle life and is blessed with vitality, energy and industry in limitless quantities. He has not been unmindful of the benefits accruing from fraternal membership and civic interest, a quality of mind that appeals to the progressive element of the community and brings to him a host of friends and makes him a valuable citizen of this State.

He was born in Swanton, Vermont, May 26, 1891, a son of Albert Royce, a native of New York State and a farmer, and Mary A. (Chadwick) Royce, of Fairfield, this State, and received an elementary education in the local public schools. From boyhood he assisted his father on the farm and upon his father's death, in 1916, he rented the farm for a period of three years and then purchased the interests of the other heirs to the estate and continued the enterprise until 1921. In this year he had been offered sole management of the six hundred and twenty acre Hill Farm of former Governor E. C. Smith. He accepted and, disposing of all his personal effects on his farm, leased the land and buildings for a term of three years and took charge of the other property. This consists of a herd of seventy-five blooded milch cows, some fifty of which supply about four hundred quarts of milk and forty quarts of cream daily to the people of St. Albans. There are four or five men employed on the property, which is completely equipped with every modern dairy appliance and grows on about one hundred and twenty acres nearly all the feed except concentrates, required for the stock during the Winter. In 1924, at the expiration of the lease on his own farm, Mr. Royce restocked it with a fine herd of registered Jerseys and now operates it on a fifty-fifty basis. The product of the dairy is marketed through the Hill Farm retail market. He is a Republican in politics and belongs to the Methodist Church. He has membership in the Farm Bureau and is fraternally affiliated with Swanton Lodge, No. 67, Free and Accepted Masons, and Champlain Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

William A. Royce married, October 17, 1914, Glendora Engles, of Swanton, Vermont. Their children are: Charlene Esther and Janet Muriel, both attending school.



**EZRA LAFLEUR**—For the first seventeen years of his business life Ezra Lafleur, of Richford, engaged in the hotel business and for seven years in Government work, but for the last ten years has been growingly successful in the operation of the best equipped garage of the village. Mr. Lafleur has shown himself to be a good business man, affable, courteous, capable and industrious. He is also a good citizen, interested in all progress of vital meaning to the community, an upholder of the laws and a practical believer in commercial coöperation that makes for the benefit of all engaged in enterprises with which he can be in any manner associated. Through a friendly spirit he has brought about his own prosperity, for he does not believe in the success of one at the expense of others and conducts his own affairs on that basis. He is a good churchman and esteemed brother in social and fraternal organizations, which are qualities of the progressive and valuable citizen.

He was born in Richford, Vermont, August 8, 1872, a son of Levi Lafleur, of Montgomery, a veteran of the Civil War, and Julia (Peno) Lafleur, of Richford, both deceased. Educated in the local public schools until his twelfth year, he then took a position in the Union Hotel in Richford, where he remained for seventeen years, with the exception of brief periods in Newport and St. Albans. Following this work he accepted employment in the Federal service and for seven years was attached to the Richford Postoffice as janitor. In 1918 he left this work and, in association with A. W. Cook, established a garage business on Center Street, where they remained until April, 1928, when they removed to a better location on Main Street, Richford. Here the firm has been very successful, with a continuously growing business and a profitable local patronage. Mr. Lafleur is Independent-Republican in his political views and subscribes to the faith of the Methodist Church. He belongs to the Independent order of Foresters, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Calumet Club.

Ezra Lafleur married, in 1895, Grace Le Barre, of Richford. They are the parents of Hilda Winifred, who married A. W. Cook, her father's business partner, and they are the parents of A. W., Jr., born May 19, 1923.

**EDWARD ASABEL BOOTH**—When a man has held a given town office for more than forty years, he not only has made an outstanding record of achievement for himself, but has demonstrated fully the esteem in which he is held among his fellow citizens and the thorough satisfaction with which his services are regarded. Edward Asabel Booth was elected town clerk of Bennington in 1887, and today (1928) he is still town clerk. He also is engaged in the insurance business, and is active in all movements designed to bring about some betterment of conditions among his fellow men.

Mr. Booth was born on August 2, 1854, in Bennington, Vermont, a son of Asabel and Martha Adelia (Russell) Booth. His mother was a native of Sutton, Massachusetts, while his father, who was for a long time a merchant and manufacturer of cloth in Bennington, was also engaged in the wholesale mowing machine business in the Province of Nova Scotia, Canada. Edward Asabel Booth received his early education in the public schools of Bennington, and then for a time was associated with his father in the business of selling reaping and mowing machinery in lower Canada. After he had continued with that work for eight years, he became associated with the Lasher Stocking Company, of Bennington, with which organization he was connected for five or six years. It was then, in 1887, that he was chosen for the office of town clerk, to which he has devoted his services since that time. Along with his public work, Mr. Booth has been engaged in the insurance business, and is at the present time secretary of the Insurance Underwriters of Bennington County.

In all his work, both public and private, he has attracted the attention of his fellow townsmen, especially of those working in the municipal government who have an opportunity to observe his methods at close range, for his efficient and sound business procedure; and at the same time, by his ever courteous and kindly manner, he has won a place for himself in the affections of all who know him.

In addition to his duties as insurance broker and town clerk, Mr. Booth participates to a considerable extent in the life of his community. He is a member of the Bennington Club, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the local Chamber of Commerce. His religious affiliation is with the Congregational church.

Mr. Booth married, in Bennington, Vermont, Carrie L. Barringer, a native of Chatham, New York, daughter of Frank A. and Maria Barringer, the former of Kinderhook, New York, and the latter of Chatham, New York.

**RAYMOND R. BEANE**—In both the civic and commercial life of Rutland, Raymond R. Beane is one of this city's active younger leaders, occupying a prominent place in the direction of municipal government, while as a partner in the firm of Norton and Beane, he takes a foremost part in business affairs. Mr. Beane offered his services to his country during the World War, and upon his return to this community, proceeded to devote his attention to the automobile accessories trade, and the organization of which he is now a member is considered one of the most substantial, progressive concerns in this line of commercial activity in this section of Vermont.

Mr. Beane was born in Rutland, June 18, 1894, son of Asia F. and Frances M. (Martin) Beane, both of whom come of old Vermont families. Asia F. Beane was identified with the hotel business in Rutland for a long time, having been connected with the Berwick Hotel for twenty-seven years, while he spent ten years in his association with the Bardwell Hotel interests. Raymond R. Beane was educated in the public schools of Rutland and graduated from the Rutland High School. In 1919, he returned from abroad and in partnership with John L. Norton proceeded to form the present enterprise known as Norton and Beane, which has taken its place in the commercial field as one of the most complete establishments of its kind in Rutland. They have continued to expand since their first start and now operate a thriving branch store in Burlington under the firm name. They have specialized particularly in tires, auto accessories and batteries and are the exclusive distributors for Goodrich tires while they are wholesale representatives of Willard Batteries. Their business has grown swiftly and steadily due in particular to their excellent code of business principles together with the unvarying quality of all their products and their absolute dependability in all commercial dealings. Both Mr. Beane and Mr. Norton are popular figures in the mercantile life of Rutland and by their pleasing personalities and sincerity of purpose have won the patronage of the most representative people of both this city and of Burlington. Mr. Beane devotes much of his time apart from business to civic interests and serves on the Board of Aldermen of Rutland, having been appointed to the board in 1927 to fill the vacancy of the present Mayor Perkins, and in 1928 he was elected by popular vote to his present office. He is identified with prominent fraternal organizations, holding membership in Center Lodge, No. 34, Free and Accepted Masons of Rutland, Vermont; the Knights of Pythias, and Rutland Lodge, No. 440, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a valued member of the Rutland Chamber of Commerce and takes an active part in the affairs of the Rutland Exchange Club. His church affiliation is with the Congregational body. During the World War, Mr. Beane enlisted in the United States Army as a pri-



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vate, in 1917, being attached to B Battery, 302nd Field Artillery. He was promoted to the rank of corporal in November, 1917, and was made sergeant, December 1, 1917. He served overseas for thirteen months, having had sixteen months army service. He participated in many of the famous engagements in the fighting zone in France and was an active combatant at the Battles of St. Mihiel, Ville-En-Woerre, and St. Hiliane. After the armistice, he returned to this country where he received his honorable discharge.

Raymond R. Beane married, October 12, 1926, at Rutland, Mildred Olive Egelston, daughter of Lewellyn J. and Bertha O. (Philbrick) Egelston.

**ROLAND EUGENE STEVENS**—Active in everything relating to public affairs, Roland Eugene Stevens, of White River Junction, is one of this city's most prominent, well-known citizens. Mr. Stevens is an attorney of high repute and has been engaged in the practice of his profession since 1900, in addition to which he has been actively identified with the political, industrial and financial life as well as all philanthropic movements in this community. As one of Vermont's most valued civil leaders, he was a candidate in 1924 for the highest honor that the Commonwealth can bestow, that of Governor of this State, although the outcome of his candidacy was unsuccessful.

Mr. Stevens was born in Peterborough, New Hampshire, November 24, 1868, son of Frederick L. and Mary Elizabeth (Kimball) Stevens. He was educated in the Celia Sherman Select School at Norwich, and St. Johnsbury Academy. Matriculating at Dartmouth College, he received his degree of Bachelor of Arts from that honored institution with the class of 1895. In 1896 he became instructor in Latin in the High School of Hanover, New Hampshire, becoming principal of this latter school in 1897 and continuing as its head throughout the year. Deciding to enter the legal profession, Mr. Stevens entered the office of ex-Governor Samuel Everett Pingree, of Hartford, where he read law, later entering the New York Law School, in New York City, where he completed his studies in 1900, and passed the requisite examination. Admitted to the bar in the same year, he opened his law office in White River Junction and soon attracted a worthwhile, discriminating practice. In addition to his legal practice, he became actively connected with the industrial life of Hartford, and served from 1900 to 1901 as director of the Ottaquechee Woolen Company of that town, being elected treasurer and managing director of that concern in 1901 and continuing thus until 1906. Mr. Stevens was president of the L. E. Knott Apparatus Company, of Boston, Massachusetts, during 1907-08, acting as treasurer from 1908 to 1910. In his connection with local government, he has served as justice of peace and has taken a sincere interest in all campaigns which had for their ultimate purpose the advancement of municipal interests and the welfare of his fellow-residents. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Vermont State Bar Association, and the Windsor County Bar Association, while he has been honored by admission to the bar of Suffolk County, in the State of Massachusetts. Mr. Stevens has always been a leader in all charitable organizations, particularly in those which are designed for the alleviation of the suffering and afflicted. He is president of the Hartford Memorial Association and one of the incorporators of the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital in Hanover, New Hampshire. His fraternal affiliations are with the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has been a member of the Dartmouth Club, of Boston, Massachusetts, and of the Graduate Club, of Hanover, New Hampshire. Under Governor Hartness, he served as a member of the board of control, while he, himself, was later a candidate for nomination

to the office of Governor of his State. Mr. Stevens is a trustee of the Vermont Congregational Conference and is active in all affairs pertaining to that religious body.

Roland Eugene Stevens married, November 7, 1900, Annie L. Morris, of Hartford, and to this union were born four sons: 1. Robert M., born September 14, 1904, who was editor of the "Hartford Gazette" at the age of ten years. 2. Philip R., born March 3, 1909, died in 1914. 3. Roland E., Jr., born September 18, 1911. 4. Paul R., born February 17, 1914.

#### REV. JOSEPH ALEXANDER CAMPEAU—

Having to his credit a record of more than two decades of active work in various Vermont parishes, Father Campeau has invariably made himself greatly beloved in the several towns in which he has served at different times. This is the natural result of his untiring devotion to the interests of the people entrusted to his spiritual care. He has proven himself not only an inspiring and helpful spiritual guide and advisor, but possessing much executive ability, he has brought the parishes served by him to a very flourishing condition. Since coming to Bennington as Pastor of the Sacred Heart parish he has repeated his previous successes and, though he has been there only a few years, he has already gained the fullest liking and confidence of his parishioners and has become a valuable and valued member of the community, taking a great interest in all phases of its life.

Rev. Joseph Alexander Campeau was born at St. Scholastique, Province of Quebec, Canada, October 7, 1881, a son of Alexander and Celina (Desjardins) Campeau, the former a farmer. Both his parents are natives of the Province of Quebec, his father of St. Scholastique, his mother of St. Janvier. He was educated at St. Thérèse College, after which he took up theological studies in preparation for the priesthood with the Sulpician Fathers in Montreal, Canada. Ordained to the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church by Rt. Rev. Archbishop Bruchesi in St. James' Cathedral, Montreal, December 23, 1905, he was appointed Curate to the parish of Notre Dame des Victoires, St. Johnsbury, Caledonia County, Vermont, where he remained for six months. From there he was transferred to St. Anthony's parish, Sheldon Springs, Franklin County, as parish priest. During the three years of his stay there he showed much ability as an organizer. He was the first parish priest at Sheldon Springs and quickly succeeded in building up his charge, which by 1911 had become so strong that he was able to build a new church. During this period he was also appointed administrator to St. Amadeus' parish, Alburgh, Grand Isle County, which office he filled very capably for two and one half years, in conjunction with his regular work at Sheldon Springs. In 1912 he became parish priest of St. Francis of Assisi, Windsor, Windsor County, where his work proved so acceptable to his people and to the diocesan authorities that he was continued for fourteen years. Since June 30, 1926, he has been parish priest of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bennington, Bennington County. In this new charge, in which he ministers to the spiritual needs of the Roman Catholic population of Bennington of French-Canadian extraction, he also has met with much success. His latest undertaking for the benefit of his parishioners has been the building, in 1928, of a fine new parochial school, located just back of Sacred Heart Church on School Street. It will be a large modern brick and stone schoolhouse, which will accommodate three hundred and fifty pupils. A chapel, seating five hundred and forty people, will form part of it and, when the new building will be ready for use, the present church edifice will be torn down, the school chapel to be used for holding religious services, until such time as a new church can be built. The new schoolhouse embodies the most modern ideas evolved in the building of schools. It will be fireproof, heated



indirectly and ventilated by the most modern equipment. The plans for the Chapel and Sanctuary attached to it are drawn in such a manner that, when the new church has been built, the Chapel can be converted into a school auditorium and the Sanctuary into a stage.

The history of the Sacred Heart of Jesus parish dates back to 1880. Prior to that time Catholic French Canadians, who had settled in Bennington as early as 1852, had attended Mass at St. Francis de Sales Church. However, as their number grew, a start was made, in July, 1880, with celebrating Mass separately for their benefit. The first priest to render this service was Father Brouillet, then of Albany, New York, and later Pastor of Notre Dame Church, Worcester, Massachusetts. He continued to do so occasionally for a period of one year and a half, Mass being said in private residences. During 1882 Father J. F. Audet took charge, making his residence in Bennington. At that time the basement of Noyes' Block on Main Street was used for religious services. Later in that year Bishop De Goesbriand, the first Catholic Bishop of Vermont, supplied a hall in Walbridge's Block on Main Street at his expense and himself came to Bennington to celebrate Mass. Towards the end of 1882 Rev. Jerome Gelot, from Rutland, took over the work. It was he who really established the parish on a solid foundation, buying a lot on School Street, March 31, 1883, and erecting on it a church, which he called the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. He continued in charge until 1885, when the mission was annexed to St. John the Baptist of North Bennington, Father Prevost being pastor of that church then. The latter, in 1891, bought a spacious tract of land at the corner of School and Gage Streets and in the following year a school was opened with one lay-teacher. In 1892 Father LaChance succeeded Father Prevost and under him the school was enlarged and the Sisters of St. Joseph from Rutland took over the educational work. How greatly the work has prospered since then, is indicated by the fact, already related, that, in 1928 under Father Campeau's pastorate, a new school building was being erected and plans for a new church edifice were in the making.

**ALDIS L. BARKYOUMB**—Merchandising, especially in the grocery business, has been given a lively impetus through the long-sustained and progressive activities of Aldis L. Barkyoub, proprietor of a well-known wholesale grocery establishment in St. Albans. He commands a wide trade in his line in Franklin County, having the distinction of managing the only store of the kind in that district. In the civic life of the city he is also actively interested as a forward-looking citizen who has the advance of the community at heart.

Born in Johnson, Lamoille County, August 13, 1876, Aldis L. Barkyoub is the son of Peter and Julia (Barnard) Barkyoub, the former, a native of Fairfax, was a shoemaker, and the latter was born in Johnson. The son, Aldis, acquired a good practical education in the public schools, and soon after leaving textbooks behind he made an early entry in a business career which has eventuated into his present position. For ten years he was traveling representative for Smith & Son Company, and in that connection obtained much valuable information and developed a capacity for salesmanship. Subsequently he filled different positions in various lines while passing through the preparatory stage.

In 1909, Mr. Barkyoub made the transfer of his interests which had the most important bearing upon his career, from a business viewpoint. In that year he came to reside permanently in St. Albans, primarily for the purpose of becoming an associate of his father-in-law, G. C. Story, in the operation of the retail grocery business, which Mr. Story had established. This was a going concern, and the prospects for expansion were considered

good, these inducing the partners to add a wholesale department. In 1914, Mr. Barkyoub took over Mr. Story's interest, and was the sole proprietor of the two departments until 1923. In that year he discontinued the retail department, and thereafter gave his undivided attention to the management and development of the wholesale grocery division. The wisdom of that decision was demonstrated in the marked increase in the volume of good-will that was drawn to the business. This has become the leading store of the kind in Franklin County, and deservedly so, since it speaks well for Mr. Barkyoub's ability to command trade and to hold the good-will of his people—customers and traveling men alike. St. Albans, as a city of industrial, mercantile and civic progress, is a beneficiary of Mr. Barkyoub's diligence and success in his own business.

As a witness to Mr. Barkyoub's coöperative spirit, his membership in the St. Albans Chamber of Commerce gives emphasis to his desire to assist his fellow-members in that organization's all-round betterment movement. He is interested, from the standpoint of a good citizen, in the political complexion of local, State and national governments, but he adopts the independent attitude of the voter who is freed from partisan ties. His fraternal affiliation is with the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His religious preference is the Universalist Church.

Aldis L. Barkyoub married, in September, 1908, Mabel H. Story, daughter of G. C. Story, of St. Albans.

**WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS**—In developing the intellect of William H. Williams, of Rutland, nature created a business mind of unusual strength, which has been illustrated by commercial successes that he has achieved in various lines of effort in none of which he had been preliminarily trained. He has been fortunate also in the possession of a native industry and optimistic outlook that have lent a great power to the tools with which he has forged his commercial edifice. Friend-making is another valuable quality, bringing to his headquarters a trade which others less gifted fail to achieve. His interest in the progress of the whole community is sincere and intense, while his devotion to social and fraternal organizations commends him to the good will of a wide circle of his fellow citizens. In character he has no superior and in patriotism is the peer of the highest.

He was born in Newcomb, New York, December 7, 1873, a son of Harrison and Maria (Dolph) Williams, his father and his mother's father both having been soldiers in the Union Army during the Civil War, the elder reaching the extreme age of one hundred and two years. His early education was attained in the public schools of Brandon, Vermont, after which he went to Boston, Massachusetts, where he found work in the shoe store of R. H. White. Advancement was too slow to meet the call of his ambition and he left this work to engage in insurance selling. Still dissatisfied, he heard of an opportunity to acquire a bakery that was for sale in Brandon and he purchased it. He knew nothing whatever of the business, but his alert mind came to his aid and he built up a trade that enabled him within three months to complete his purchase price and in one year to triple his gross income from it. He conducted this business for twelve years, when the plant was entirely destroyed by fire and he came to Rutland, selling out an automobile agency business in Brandon that he had been conducting in conjunction with his bakery. He next established a laundry and cleaning business, operating it for one year and then taking the agency for the Ford automobile in 1913. After eight years of successful operation he erected his present fine garage and showrooms, became interested in the Reo Rutland Automobile Company and leased a part of his building to that organization. He gave up the Ford agency in 1924 and took over the Buick representation







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for the district, being now the general manager in Rutland. He is also treasurer and has the agency for Rutland and vicinity for "Frigidaire." He is a member of the Rutland Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary and Country clubs and is affiliated with the Brandon Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Farmers' Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Brandon, Vermont; Mount Calvary Commandery, Knights Templar, of Middlebury, Vermont; and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Rutland. His church is the Protestant Episcopal.

William H. Williams married in Brandon, Vermont, November 21, 1900, Marion Tyrel.

**ALBERIC HYACINTHE BELLEROSÉ, M. D.**—Descendant of a member of the famous regiment of Carrignan, which came from France and settled in Nicolet, Quebec, about 1760, Dr. A. H. Bellerose came to Rutland from that town more than thirty-six years ago and has since conducted his practice here, with the exception of a brief period spent abroad in special research work in his profession. He now, admittedly, is one of the best informed physicians at Rutland, having, since his completion of his medical training, devoted numerous hours to further research in the various departments of this profession. He is on the staff of one of the local hospitals, and has been since that institution was organized, and doubtless has one of the most select practices in this city. Although medicine has been and undoubtedly will remain his prime interest in life, he devotes himself conscientiously and earnestly to those other duties which go to make a good citizen, and at the same time retains membership in various societies, fraternal organizations, and civic bodies. His church, too, absorbs much of his time, and he contributes liberally to the welfare work therein.

Alberic H. Bellerose was born July 13, 1866, at Nicolet, Province of Quebec, Canada, son of Norbert H. and Bridget (Deiggan) Bellerose. Norbert H. Bellerose also was a native of Nicolet, while his wife was born in Ireland, the father following agriculture all his life.

Dr. Bellerose attended the preparatory schools in his native district, was graduated from Nicolet College in 1887, thence matriculated at Laval College of Medicine, Montreal, Canada, receiving his degree from that institution in 1892. Soon thereafter he came to Rutland, arrived here on May 2, 1892, and at once established his professional offices. Since that time Rutland has been the scene of his labors with the exception of two periods that he spent overseas in post-graduate work. In 1908, Dr. Bellerose went to Paris to study diseases of the digestive organs, his instructor being the famous Dr. Roux, of St. Antoine Hospital. Again, in 1911, Dr. Bellerose went to Paris, this time to make extensive research into the causes of nervous diseases. His preceptors during this time were Dr. Basbanski and Dr. Dejerine, at Salpetriere Hospital. Many local people have benefited through this knowledge that the doctor gained while pursuing his studies in Europe, and thus his name has become well and favorably known throughout this district. Not only is he noted as a skilled practitioner, but he is considered an authority on many departments of his profession, and has written numerous articles on medical subjects for various medical societies. He does much charity work in Rutland, is possessed of a quiet and refined demeanor, and has won hosts of friends outside his practice. Since the origin of the Rutland Hospital he has been a meritorious member of the staff of that institution. Another index of his devotion to his profession is his numerous affiliations with associations pertinent to his profession, including his membership in the American Medical Association. He is a member and past president of the Rutland County Medical Society; member of the French-Canadian Medical Society,

and a member of the Society of St. John the Baptist, in Canada. A devout Catholic, Dr. Bellerose is a member of the Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church, and Rutland Council, Knights of Columbus. Dr. Bellerose is looked upon by his confrères as a man of prominence in their profession, and by his patients is regarded as a friend and confidant.

Dr. Bellerose married, October 4, 1899, at Rutland, Lena E. Gosselin, daughter of Ferdinand and Victorine (Giguère) Gosselin. The children of this marriage are: 1. Maurice Hyacinthe, born April 4, 1901, medical student at the University of Vermont, determined to follow the profession of his father. 2. Marie Dorothea H., born May 19, 1904; graduate of Middlebury (Vermont) College; received the degree of Master of Social Science from Smith College. 3. Alberic Hyacinthe, Jr., born February 6, 1907, student at Dartmouth College. Dr. Bellerose maintains his professional headquarters at No. 19 West Street, Rutland.

**JAMES HAROLD STACEY**—Joining his father in the latter's lumber and building materials business at Windsor after having completed one year's service with the Naval Aviation Corps during the World War, Mr. Stacey quickly made a place for himself in the business life of that town and today is considered one of its most progressive and active businessmen of the younger generation. He is also prominent in fraternal affairs and, in the years to come, will undoubtedly play an even more important part in the community's commercial and social circles.

James Harold Stacey was born at Tolland, Connecticut, February 24, 1898, a son of James A. and Laila (Reed) Stacey. His father, who was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, August 2, 1872, at one time was engaged in farming at Tolland. Later he removed to Windsor County, Vermont, and engaged there in the lumber and building materials business, in which he has continued since then and in which he has met with much success. He is a member of the Masonic Order, as well as of the Rotary Club. During 1914-15 he represented Hartford, Windsor County, in the Vermont House of Representatives and during 1923-24 Windsor County in the Vermont Senate. He married in 1895, his wife being a member of an old New England family and belonging to the White River Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Their son, the subject of this article, was educated in the public schools of South Royalton, Windsor County, and at the Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, New Hampshire, from which latter he graduated in 1915. He then was a student for one year at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, and for two years at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts. His college career, like that of so many thousands of young men, was interrupted by this country's entrance in the World War and, in 1918, he enlisted in the Naval Aviation Corps, in which he served for one year. He now holds the rank of Ensign in the Flying Corps of the United States Naval Reserves. After the end of the war, he did not return to college, but joined his father in the lumber and building materials business, established and conducted by the latter in Windsor County. In this work he has continued since then and the success and steady growth of this undertaking is in no small degree due to his efforts. He is a member of numerous Masonic organizations, including Windsor Lodge, No. 18, Free and Accepted Masons; Windsor Chapter, No. 6, Royal Arch Masons; Vermont Commandery, No. 4, Knights Templar; Windsor Council, No. 8, Royal and Select Masters; and Vermont Consistory, thirty-second degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is also a member of the Windsor Rotary Club.

Mr. Stacey married, October 8, 1919, Ethel Bonney, a daughter of Ernest and Edith (Webb) Bonney, of Scit-



uate, Massachusetts. Mrs. Stacey, whose father was engaged in the wholesale fish business, is a member of an old New England family and a member of Ascutney Chapter, of Windsor, Daughters of the American Revolution. Mr. and Mrs. Stacey are the parents of three children: 1. Barbara L., born in January, 1921. 2. James Harold, Jr., born in May 1923. 3. Ernest R. Stacey, born December 10, 1924. The family home is located in Windsor.

**JOHN L. DEMPSEY**—Progress has marked the career of John L. Dempsey, of St. Albans, who has advanced through many of the grades in the service of two railroad corporations, until he occupies the important position of assistant general freight agent of the Central Vermont Railway Company. Through this connection, and his former associations, he has come to be known as one of the best-informed men in the operating department end of railroad work in the State.

Born in Rutland, January 4, 1882, John L. Dempsey is the son of John and Annie (Raleigh) Dempsey, his father, a native of Southbridge, Massachusetts, was a railroad foreman, and died August 30, 1927, and his wife is deceased also, she having been born in this State. From the parochial schools of his native city he obtained his education, and, in 1898, when he was twenty-six years old, began his railroad career by taking employment in the accounting and traffic departments of the Rutland Railroad Company at Rutland. For some ten years he held that position, meanwhile becoming an expert along those lines which were to lead him into more responsible positions. In 1907, Mr. Dempsey joined the staff of the Central Vermont Railway Company at St. Albans, having been assigned to the position of chief claims clerk. Thence he advanced to the traffic department, where in his old-time form he demonstrated his ability to his superiors, who as occasion offered recommended him for promotion. Thus he filled position after position in various offices of the Central Vermont system, until in 1920 he was appointed assistant general freight agent. His friends in all departments were much pleased when the news of this advancement was bulletined to them.

In politics, Mr. Dempsey is of the Democratic persuasion. In fraternal life he has reached important station in the Knights of Columbus, having served as Grand Knight of the Council at St. Albans for four years. In that term the order bought its present home in that city. He is also affiliated with the Order of Foresters and the St. Albans Nest of Owls. His chief social organization is the Champlain Country Club, and his religious activities are centered in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church of St. Albans.

John L. Dempsey married, in November, 1904, at Rutland, Marion Gertrude Engram, and they are the parents of a son, William Stephen, born August 2, 1914, who is a student at the St. Albans High School.

**WILLIAM B. SHEA**—In Bennington's civic and financial activities, William B. Shea is prominently active, being one of the younger men of this city who has risen to a distinguished place in affairs of local government. Mr. Shea is connected with one of the foremost banking institutions of this town and is also connected with local public utilities as treasurer of the Bennington Water Department. He has always manifested a sincere interest in town advancement and gives freely of his time and energy to the various necessary requirements of a progressive, live community.

Mr. Shea was born in Bennington, January 9, 1897, son of Eugene J. and Josephine (Dunn) Shea, his father being a native of Bennington, and his mother of Ireland. Eugene J. Shea is connected with the well-known firm of Allen and Company as foreman of their manufacturing plant.

William B. Shea was educated in the public schools of Bennington and upon the completion of his formal education, entered the banking business and became associated with the Bennington County Savings Bank, with which organization he has since remained, having made splendid progress by his interested attention to the details of bank operation coupled with exceptional ability in that particular line of endeavor. Always active in political affairs, Mr. Shea was elected to the office of treasurer of Bennington, in 1926, and at the same time was appointed treasurer of the Bennington Graded School District and treasurer of the Bennington Water Department. In all of these offices, he has since shown his capacity for efficient direction of civic activities and has earned the approval and admiration of his fellow-citizens for his many accomplishments in educational affairs, in the water department and in managing the finances of the town. He is prominent in fraternal circles, and takes an active part in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and in the Knights of Columbus. During the World War, Mr. Shea enlisted in the United States Navy, and was stationed at the training camp at Pelham Bay, New York, being discharged after the armistice.

William B. Shea married in Hoosick Falls, New York, September 1, 1920, Blanch Seward, of that town, daughter of Michael Seward, who is active in post office affairs, and Mary Louise (Bleteau) Seward. They are the parents of four children: William B., Jr., Mary Louise, James S., and Donald F.

**CHARLES ALBERT MATTHEWS** is one of Rutland's foremost business men and as president of the Rutland Machine and Auto Company, heads one of the outstanding concerns connected with the motorcar industry of this State. Mr. Matthews is one of this city's native sons who has been active in its commercial life ever since entering upon his business career, and since the formation of his present organization in 1906, he has taken an influential part in promoting municipal advance and progress.

Mr. Matthews was born in Rutland, December 11, 1875, son of Charles H. and Catherine (Van Cuyler) Matthews. Charles H. Matthews was active for many years as a carpenter and contractor. He served in the Civil War as a member of Company K, 2d Vermont Volunteers, for three years. Catherine (Van Cuyler) Matthews was a member of the old Van Cuyler family, the progenitors of which were among the earliest settlers of New York State, this family being one of the first three to settle in Schenectady, New York, in Dutch colonial days.

Charles Albert Matthews was educated in the public schools of Rutland and upon completing his formal education, he entered the employ of the D. M. White Lumber Company of this city, as bookkeeper, which position he occupied for three years. He then formed a partnership with W. S. Clark, of West Rutland, and under the firm name of Clark and Matthews, they conducted a thriving business in bicycles and phonographs. This enterprise was the first in Rutland County to handle any type of phonograph and they introduced to this county the famous Edison Talking Machine for which they were exclusive agents. They continued this type of business until 1906, when O. H. Coolidge was taken into the firm as a partner and the present concern known as the Rutland Machine and Auto Company was evolved. Mr. Matthews and his partners then opened a garage and sales room for automobiles, which at that time were in the first stages of their development. This company was the first in Rutland to receive factory shipments of motorcars in carload lots and they were the first prominent distributors in this section. They held the first agency for the Cadillac single-cylinder car, later adding the



Franklin air-cooled car. Since then, they have relinquished the Cadillac and confined their attention to the Franklin, the Willys-Knight and the Whippet, in addition to which they sell all kinds of auto accessories. All the parts and products which they distribute are of the highest quality and dependability and in their many years of service to the riding public, they have acquired a reputation of the highest type for absolute fairness and strict integrity in all business dealings. Mr. Matthews takes a deep interest in all affairs of a civic, social and fraternal nature. He is an active member of Center Lodge, No. 34, Free and Accepted Masons; the Knights Templar, and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. A charter member of the Rutland Rotary Club, he also holds membership in the Rutland Chamber of Commerce, in which body he formerly served as director; he is a member of the Green Mountain Club, and was secretary of the Rutland Automobile Association during the period of its existence. His religious adherence is given to Trinity Church, where he is prominently active as vestryman and junior warden having held these honored offices since 1922.

Charles A. Matthews married November 21, 1908, at Concord, New Hampshire, Eleanor Frances Robinson, daughter of William and Jane (Barnard) Robinson. William Robinson, whose home was for a number of years at Windsor Mills, Quebec, Canada, was a superintendent of bridge construction on the Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern railroads when these lines were being extended through the Canadian Northwest. He spent about thirty years of his life in this work only once or twice a year coming in from the unsettled territory. Mrs. Matthews' mother, Jane (Barnard) Robinson, was the daughter of a prominent lawyer of Sherbrooke, Quebec. She was a descendant of captive Johnson who was born August 30, 1754, near Felchville, Vermont, while her mother, father, brother and two sisters were captives of the Indians, having been taken prisoners the day before at Block House, No. 4, now Charlestown, New Hampshire. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews are the parents of two children: 1. Jean Eleanor, born February 5, 1910, and William G. R., born January 21, 1912. The family residence is located at No. 130 Lincoln Avenue.

**BURTON MUNROE SHEPARD**—A native of New York State, but a resident of Vermont since his early childhood. Mr. Shepard acquired his business training as an employee of several large mercantile establishments at St. Johnsbury, Caledonia County, Vermont. There he gained an extensive knowledge of the hardware and plumbers' supply business, which later led him to establish his own business as a wholesaler at White River Junction, Windsor County, where he has been very successfully engaged in that line for almost ten years.

Burton Munroe Shepard was born at Lawrenceville, New York, September 19, 1883, a son of James M. and Minnie E. (Barnard) Shepard. When he was only five years old, he came with his parents to South Royalton, Windsor County, and it was in the public grammar and high schools of that town that he received his education, graduating from high school in 1904. Mr. Shepard's family at that time consisted of his parents, five sisters and himself, and the entire family was known for possessing unusual musical talent. As the Shepard Family Concert Company they traveled extensively, giving concerts, which were very successful. When Mr. Shepard was about fifteen years old, he gave up his participation in this activity. Later he attended for some time Norwich University, Northfield, Washington County, after which he went to work as a clerk in the general store of the Berry-Ball Dry Goods Company, one of the leading department stores of St. Johnsbury, with which he

continued for some eight years. He then accepted a position with the C. H. Goss Company, St. Johnsbury, as head of its hardware department. At the end of one year a new department was added to this store carrying a full line of plumber's supplies, which was conducted under the name of The Goss Supply Company and of which Mr. Shepard was the head for six years. In 1919 he removed to White River Junction and there, together with W. G. Menut, established the business, in which he has been engaged since then, known as The Shepard Company, Inc. This company has become one of the best known and most successful wholesale plumbers' supply houses in that part of Vermont and enjoys a very large patronage, not only in White River Junction, but also in the surrounding territory. Mr. Shepard is a member of the United Brethren Lodge, No. 21, Free Accepted Masons; Cascadnac Chapter, No. 27, Royal Arch Masons; and the White River Junction Rotary Club.

Mr. Shepard married, in 1917, Charlotte Arbuckle, a daughter of T. Chandler and Sadie (Darrah) Arbuckle. Mr. and Mrs. Shepard are the parents of three children: Gladora Belle, born November 27, 1919; Betty Louise, born March 9, 1923; and Burton Munroe Shepard, Jr., born April 20, 1926.

**HARRY A. WILLS**—Occupying a prominent place in an organization which is one of the largest of its kind in the State, Harry A. Wills, of Bennington, has been connected with real estate and insurance business of Vermont since 1923 in association with his brother's firm, William H. Wills. Mr. Wills was previously active in the mercantile trade of this city, being identified with that line of endeavor for more than twenty years, during which time he made many friends in commercial circles. Since entering upon his present activity, he has met with constant success in the insurance field and he has the honor to be chairman of the executive committee of the Vermont Association of Insurance Agents.

Mr. Wills was born in Chicago, Illinois, January 1, 1884, but came with his parents to Vermont when a child, and was educated in the public schools of Vergennes. Completing his formal education, he became attached to the well-known store of A. Drysdale and Son, of Bennington, and was active in the operation of this establishment for twenty-one years, or until 1923. In that year, he severed his connection with the dry goods business and entered his brother's firm. His brother, William H. Wills, heads the concern which bears his name, the reputation of which is State-wide for dependable, satisfactory realty transactions, and as insurance agents they represent only the highest types of such organizations. The volume of business which passes through their offices is considered to be among the largest in the State. In local affairs, Mr. Wills takes a sincere, constructive interest and has always aided civic progress through the various projects and movements designed for that purpose. One of the leading voices in fraternal affairs, he is a valued member of Mount Anthony Lodge, Bennington, Free and Accepted Masons; Temple Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Taft Commandery, No. 8, Knights Templar, in which he is Commander; and Cairo Temple, of Rutland, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Besides his official capacity as secretary and treasurer of the Vermont Association of Insurance Agents, he is prominent in local business circles as a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Harry A. Wills married in Bennington, August 22, 1917, Winifred A. Adams, of this city, daughter of J. Ashley Adams, a native of Bennington, who was engaged in the interior decorating business, and Frances (Matison) Adams, who was born in Altmar, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Wills are the parents of one son, H. Aldridge, Jr., who was born June 28, 1920.



**CHARLES HERBERT SKINNER**—It was in Windsor that the late Charles Herbert Skinner, in his youth, laid the foundations for his future successful career as a druggist, by serving an apprenticeship with an uncle engaged there in the drug business. Though he went away from that city a few years after first having come to it and then spent some two decades in other places, perfecting his pharmaceutical education and practicing his profession, he eventually returned to Windsor. There he spent the last ten years of his life, conducting the very store in which he had first learned the rudiments of his profession, and taking a very active part in the life of the community. So well did he understand how to gain the liking and respect of his fellow-citizens that at the time of his death he was one of the most popular inhabitants of Windsor and that his passing away caused the deepest regret amongst all classes of people.

Charles Herbert Skinner was born at Middleport, Ohio, April 5, 1868. He was educated in the public schools of his native town, which he attended until he was eighteen years old. At that time he came for the first time to Windsor to enter the employ of his uncle, Milton K. Paine, who conducted a well-known drug business there. He remained with his relative for three years, learning in a very thorough manner the practical side of the drug business. Having decided to continue in this field, he determined to gain the best possible instruction in pharmacy and for that purpose removed to Boston and there entered the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated. In the meantime he had married and as a result found it desirable to combine his studies with active work. He removed with his young bride to Abington, Massachusetts, in 1891, and became a clerk in the drug store of a Mr. Spiller, continuing, however, his college work after business hours and in the evening. Later he removed again, this time to Waltham, Massachusetts, where he was connected for some seven years with the drug store of E. E. Butman. In the meanwhile his parents had become residents of Cameron, West Virginia, and in 1902 Mr. Skinner joined them there and purchased a drug store of his own in that town. He remained a resident of Cameron for nine years and was instrumental in advancing the welfare and growth of that community in many ways. He served as a member of the local school board and soon became known as a leader in civic and religious affairs. In 1911 an opportunity offered itself to Mr. Skinner to acquire control of the Paine Drug Store in Windsor, which had formerly belonged to his uncle and where he had begun his work as a druggist. He availed himself of it and from then on made his home in Windsor. There he not only met with great success in his business, but heartily entered into the life of the town, giving most generously of his time, effort and means to forward the public good. For three years he served very effectively as president of the Windsor Board of Trade. During this period he was also very active in the affairs of several organizations devoted to the promotion of the drug trade, and his fellow-members in these quickly learned to appreciate his unselfish interest in the common good and his great executive ability, frequently honoring him by election to high offices. For two terms he served as president of the Vermont Pharmaceutical Association and for one term as president of the New England Pharmaceutical Association. The National Board of Pharmacy also benefited by his active interest and he was its treasurer for two years. In 1914 he was appointed a member of the Vermont Board of Pharmacy, the State body which conducts the examinations of applicants for licenses to practice pharmacy and which has the power to grant and revoke such licenses. For this work he showed so much interest and ability that his fellow members on this board elected him president three years, in 1916, 1917 and 1918. In spite of these

various activities, which, of course, made very heavy demands on his time and strength, he found it possible to take a very keen interest and a very active part in religious affairs. Throughout his residence in Windsor he was a constant attendant at Old South Church and he was never too busy or too tired to devote himself to its welfare. Especially interested was he in advancing the development of its Sunday School, of which he was superintendent for a number of years and to which he gave most freely of his time and means. He was always very fond of children and had an exceptional understanding of them and their problems, and the boys and girls belonging to his Sunday School all were to him like personal friends, a relationship which was mutually treasured very highly.

Mr. Skinner married, November 21, 1891, Mary L. Smith, a daughter of Charles Thomas and Martha M. (Fitch) Smith. Mrs. Skinner's father died March 21, 1871, her mother June 8, 1917. Mr. and Mrs. Skinner were the parents of three children: 1. Oakley Smith Skinner, born at Abington, Massachusetts, a graduate of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, class of 1916, a veteran of the World War during which he served overseas with the Hospital Corps, and since his father's death his successor in the conduct of the Paine Drug Store. 2. Frank Paine Skinner, born at Abington, Massachusetts, an attendant of Norwich Military School, later a graduate at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, and an attendant of Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and likewise a veteran of the World War, though he did not get overseas. 3. Dorothy May Skinner, born at Waltham, Massachusetts, a graduate of the State Normal School at Keene, New Hampshire, and now a teacher in the public schools of Windsor.

Mr. Skinner died at his home in Windsor, No. 22 Pine Street, November 17, 1920. Through his death his family lost a loving and devoted husband and father, his friends a genial and loyal associate, and his community a citizen of the highest type whose life in every respect was an inspiration and an influence for good.

**SAMUEL MORGAN WILLSON**—A pioneer in the introduction of modern public utilities and comforts to Vermont, Samuel Morgan Willson, of Rutland, has been active for many years in the progressive development of his Commonwealth. Mr. Willson has taken a valuable, constructive part in financial and industrial organizations, all of which have contributed in large measure to the prosperity of the people and the welfare of this city and vicinity. He is one of Rutland's outstanding citizens and rightly deserves the high esteem in which he is held by his fellow residents in recognition of his long career, during which time he has accomplished so much for the public good.

Mr. Willson was born October 1, 1857, in Rutland, son of Zachias Van Kuren and Elsie (Morgan) Willson, both now deceased, and who were members of prominent, old families of Dutch and Welsh origin. Zachias Van Kuren Willson was active for many years in the early railroad activities in Rutland. The Willson family has always occupied a place of distinction in Vermont affairs and traces its ancestry back to Dutch colonial days, when their progenitors came from Holland and established themselves in the first Dutch settlements of New York State. Several of Mr. Willson's paternal ancestors have been ministers of the Gospel, and one relative, uncle of Zachias Willson, by the name of Robert Willson, was not only an able divine, but also a zealous, brilliant advocate of the abolition of slavery. At the opening of the Legislature in Albany, New York, prior to the Civil War, he made a stirring, powerful prayer stressing anti-slavery, for which he was "hanged in effigy" and his valuable library burned. Zachias Van Kuren Willson was at one time justice of the peace in Rutland, and represented his







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constituency as member of the State Legislature from Rutland in 1874.

Samuel Morgan Willson was educated in the public schools of Rutland, and upon the completion of his formal education entered the business world as a contractor for sawing and supplying wood for the wood-burning locomotives of the railroad company. He made a study of steam-producing fuels for railroads, and some time later entered the service of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, in the coal department of that concern. Here he had charge of the wholesale distribution of anthracite coal from the Pennsylvania mines, introducing it for the first time for fuel use in Rutland and this vicinity. Mr. Willson remained with this company for fifty-four years and in that time became an influential leader in the coal industry. He has for many years devoted his attention to organizations rendering public service, and he was one of the founders of the first horse-car line to be established in the city of Rutland, with a branch running to West Rutland. This line was later electrified and the controlling interest sold to another transit enterprise. In providing the people of this vicinity with the comforts and convenience of modern illumination he was a leader, having been at one time president of the Peoples Gas Light Company, which later was absorbed by the Rutland Electric Light and Power Company. Mr. Willson is a man of varied interests and is active in many divergent lines. He is a director in the Champlain Transportation Company, the oldest steamship company in this country, now affiliated with the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company. In the industrial life of Rutland, he has been a foremost factor in municipal prosperity as one of the organizers and stockholders of the Howe Scale Company, formerly of Brandon, but now of this city, while he was also a director in the Mosley and Stoddard Manufacturing Company, which concern made sash doors, lumber specialties and mill-work, but are now out of business. In the city's financial life, he has ever been concerned as one of the organizers and was for many years director and vice-president of the Clement National Bank, and also one of the organizers and now director and vice-president of the Killington National Bank, both of these banks in this city.

Mr. Willson has never been too occupied with his various business interests to lend his time and influence to works of civic welfare and philanthropy. Having a sincere interest in his fellow-men, he was one of the original founders of the Rutland Hospital Association which has accomplished so much of benefit in the cause of humanity. His fraternal affiliations are with the various branches of the Masonic order, in which he is affiliated with Rutland Lodge, No. 79, Free and Accepted Masons; Rutland Chapter, No. 17, Royal Arch Masons; Killington Commandery, No. 6, Knights Templar, and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was one of the organizers and is a charter member of the Rutland Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of Trinity Episcopal Church where he has acted as vestryman for many years. His hobby is gardening in which he finds great recreation from commercial pursuits, while he has a genuine fondness for animals.

Samuel Morgan Willson married, October 12, 1881, at Rutland, Carrie M. Wickham, daughter of Rollin C. and Mary E. Wickham, and they are the parents of one son, Earle Van Kuren, who was born January 14, 1890, and is now associated with his father in business. He served in the World War as a member of the United States Army, American Expeditionary Forces.

Samuel Morgan Willson is one of Rutland's native sons who has earned a distinguished place in State affairs for his readiness and willingness to aid substantially all worthy enterprises which have for their ultimate object the progress and development of his community and

commonwealth. Through his leadership and ability, he has occupied for many years an honored place in this vicinity.

**CHARLES LeBOURVEAU**—Literally working his way up from the bottom, Charles LeBourveau, of White River Junction, has become a prominent factor in the business advancement of this vicinity through his extensive activities in financial, insurance and hotel affairs. Mr. LeBourveau is cashier and a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of White River Junction, in addition to which he is president of the N. P. Wheeler Corporation, which is engaged in hotel operation, and vice-president of the Davis, LeBourveau Insurance Company of this city. Through these different responsible interests, he exerts considerable influence on local progress and prosperity, while in civic matters he is especially active in promoting all movements which tend towards municipal welfare or which are inspired by a spirit of service to humanity in general.

Mr. LeBourveau was born in Johnsville, Province of Quebec, Canada, April 5, 1882, son of Daniel LeBourveau, who died in Massachusetts, in 1924, and Mattie A. (Caswell) LeBourveau, who is still (1928) living at the age of eighty-one years.

Charles LeBourveau was four years of age when his parents came to Island Pond in Essex County, and he was educated in the public schools of that community. Upon finishing his high school studies, he obtained a position with the Island Pond Bank, where at first he made himself generally useful, sweeping floors and washing windows, being then only seventeen years old. By his industry and sincere interest in banking affairs, he advanced steadily during the seven years that he was employed by that institution. In 1905, Mr. LeBourveau was offered a position by the First National Bank of White River Junction, which he accepted, progressing consistently through various capacities until 1915, when he was elected cashier and member of the board of directors of this splendid institution in recognition of his valued services and excellent ability. He later became treasurer of the Interstate Trust Company, with headquarters in the bank building. Mr. LeBourveau was prominent for some time in the industrial world as treasurer and director of the Ottaquechee Woolen Company until 1926 when the company was sold, having held those offices for fifteen years. For some years, he has served as president of the N. P. Wheeler Corporation, which operates the well-known Hotel Coolidge in this city, while the insurance concern known as Davis, LeBourveau Insurance Company, of which he is vice-president, is one of the best-known in this section of Vermont, representing some of the finest corporations in the world.

The First National Bank in which Mr. LeBourveau continues to act as cashier and member of the board, is one of the strongest financial institutions of Vermont and a decided asset to the stability and prosperity of White River Junction's business life. On September 29, 1928, its resources were \$2,048,427.12, while its liabilities were \$2,048,427.12. The Interstate Trust Company, of which Mr. LeBourveau is treasurer, on the same date, had resources of \$2,433,283.84 and liabilities of \$2,433,283.84.

Mr. LeBourveau is a valued member of the White River Junction Rotary Club. In fraternal circles, he is especially prominent as a member of United Brethren Lodge, No. 21, Free and Accepted Masons; Chapter No. 27, Royal Arch Masons; Flanders Commandery, No. 14, Knights Templar; Windsor Council, No. 8, Royal and Select Masters; Mount Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Montpelier. His hobbies are fishing, hunting and golfing, in all of which he gets great enjoyment and requisite recreation from his many business and financial cares.



Charles LeBourveau married, in 1909, Mabel J. Reed, of Massena, New York, and they are the parents of two sons: 1. Reed, born in 1910, now a student in the medical school of the University of Vermont. 2. Charles J., born September 12, 1913, a student at the New Hampton School for Boys.

**REV. THOMAS JOSEPH BURKE**—Having come to St. John the Baptist's Roman Catholic Church, North Bennington, in 1914, only two and one half years after his ordination to the priesthood, Father Burke may be said to have spent so far practically all of his active career as a parish priest in that town. How greatly he has made himself beloved by his parishioners is proven by the fact that he has remained in this one charge for so long. He has understood also how to gain for himself the respect and confidence of the community at large, which has always found him deeply interested in its welfare and to which he has given many proofs of his public spirit. His success at the head of his parish has been quite notable, and he has developed it to such an extent that he found it possible to erect a fine new church in 1928.

Rev. Thomas Joseph Burke was born at Clinton, Massachusetts, December 10, 1885, a son of Thomas H. and Mary E. (Welch) Burke. His father, a native of County Mayo, Ireland, is a successful merchant in Clinton. His mother is a native of England. It was in the public grammar and high schools of that town that Father Burke received his early education. After graduating from Clinton High School in 1904, he entered Holy Cross College, Worcester, Massachusetts, from which he graduated in 1908. Having decided to prepare himself for the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church, he entered for that purpose Grand Seminary, Montreal, Province of Quebec, where he completed his theological studies in December, 1911. On the twenty-third of that month he was ordained to the priesthood by the Right Reverend Archbishop Bruchesi, the ordination taking place in St. James' Cathedral, Montreal. His first assignment was to Saint Peter's Roman Catholic Church, Rutland, Vermont, where he served as curate for eighteen months. From there he went to Saint Michael's, Brattleboro, Windham County, remaining there one year. In 1914 he was transferred to St. John Baptist's parish, North Bennington, and since June 27 of that year he has been the very efficient pastor of that church. He is a very active parish priest and a very inspiring spiritual guide, possessing a keen understanding of and deep sympathy for the many problems of his people. But beyond that he has made himself greatly liked by all people of the town, irrespective of their religious affiliations, this liking being the result of his interest in the community's welfare, of his fair-mindedness and of his many other fine qualities. His untiring work has built up the parish to a very flourishing state, and in 1928 he found it necessary to erect a new church, in order to take care of his growing congregation. Ground for the new edifice was broken on June 7, 1928, and it will be, when fully completed, one of the finest churches in North Bennington.

The history of the parish of Saint John Baptist of North Bennington goes back to the early part of the nineteenth century. At that time there were only a few Catholics living in North Bennington. Towards the middle of the century their number gradually increased, and Rev. John B. Daly occasionally visited them. In 1854 Right Rev. Louis de Goesbriand, first Catholic Bishop of Vermont, visited North Bennington and said Mass there at the residence of Daniel McCarthy. From then on until 1859 priests came regularly once a month from Rutland and occasionally Fathers Sweeney and Catlin came also from Troy, New York. Until 1885 North Bennington remained a mission and was attended as follows: January, 1859, to August, 1861, by Rev. J. M. Cloarec, later

Bishop of Vermont, then pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church, Bennington; September, 1861, to October, 1862, by Rev. James Quinn; November, 1862, to November, 1864, by Rev. W. Fitzgerald; from 1865 to September, 1872, by Rev. Dennis Ryan; October, 1872, to December, 1883, by Rev. John O'Dwyer; December, 1883, to October, 1885, by Rev. W. O'Sullivan. All these priests were the successive incumbents of the parish of St. Francis de Sales at Bennington, of which St. John Baptist was then a mission. Rev. Father Ryan, in whose day there were some one hundred and twenty Catholic families resident in North Bennington, recognized the need for better facilities for the celebration of Mass and he bought, November 1, 1871, the old Universalist Church, then called the Old Academy, added to it about thirty feet and fitted it up for divine services. The first resident pastor was Reverend Charles E. Prevost, who served during 1885-1892. In 1886 he bought a house on Houghton Street, which was converted into a parochial residence. In 1890 he purchased a bell, weighing 1,100 pounds and in the same year he had the church redecorated. In September, 1892, he was succeeded by the Reverend Ph. E. LaChance, who served until 1902. He was succeeded by the Reverend Thomas F. Schaefer who served 1902-14. The present incumbent is the Reverend Thomas Joseph Burke, who, as has already been related, came to St. John Baptist in June, 1914, and erected a new church edifice in 1928.

**STUART RAYMOND STRONG**—Having come to Vermont from his native Massachusetts soon after leaving school, Mr. Strong, ever since then a resident of Windsor, learned the machinist's trade and in that type of work has displayed unusual ability. A thoroughly trained and experienced machinist himself, he has been very successful, since he went into business for himself, some seven years ago. His initial success resulted in gradual, but constant expansion, and today he is one of the most extensively patronized and most expert electric contractors in Windsor. In recent years he has handled with great ability some very important and large contracts for electrical wiring in recently built State institutions, completing the work in every case to the entire satisfaction of the public authorities.

Stuart Raymond Strong was born at Worcester, Massachusetts, February 15, 1894, a son of James and Georgena (Freeman) Strong, the former a native of Massachusetts, the latter of Nova Scotia, Canada. He attended the common schools of his native city, which he left when he was only fourteen years old. Even prior to that he had found it necessary to devote most of the time not spent at school to working. During this period he worked on an asparagus farm near Worcester, this work necessitating very long hours. Later he was employed for some time in an envelope factory and as a delivery boy for several Worcester firms. Eventually he came to Windsor and there he spent the first two months on a farm. After that he entered the employ of the Gridley Automatic Machine Company, now the National Acme Company. At the beginning his daily wages were only one dollar and fifty cents, but when he left this firm they had risen to twice that and by that time, some five and one-half years later, he had become a full fledged and very expert machinist. In order to extend his knowledge and experience he then went to Boston, Massachusetts, where he spent fifteen months on tool and gauge work where he had charge of the grinding department and then was employed for three months with the Hoffaker Speedometer Company. At the end of that period he returned to Windsor and became connected with the Cone Automatic Machine Company, being placed in charge of the tool making department. At that time he also bought an eighty acre farm at Brownsville, which he cultivated successfully for about



five years. In November, 1921, he started, together with a Mr. Mower, under the firm name of Mower & Strong, a small place on Union Street, in which they engaged in the grinding of cylinders for automobiles. Increasing business soon made it necessary for the young firm to move to larger quarters on Depot Avenue and in 1924 the concern was incorporated. In the following year Mr. Strong bought out his partner and since then he has carried on the business alone. It is now known as Mower & Strong, Incorporated, and Mr. Strong is its president and treasurer. When this reorganization took place, Mr. Strong added electric wiring and the sale of electrical supplies to his business and at that time bought an electrical concern at sheriff's sale. His present plant occupies about 7,500 square feet of space and employs at times as many as twenty men. Since branching out into the electrical wiring business, he has handled some large State contracts for that type of work. These included wiring the new addition to the Vermont State Prison at Windsor and, in 1928, the wiring of the new Vermont State Hospital. The last named contract was the largest of its type ever handled in Vermont, amounting to some \$30,000, and was completed by Mr. Strong with the greatest promptness and success. He is a member of the Windsor Businessmen's Association, the Hourglass Club, and Windsor Lodge, No. 55, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Strong married, in 1915, Barbara Eleanor, adopted daughter of Edison and Eva (Barnard) Austin, of Windsor. Mr. and Mrs. Strong have no children and make their home in Windsor.

**R. C. McWILLIAMS**—Leadership in scientific agriculture which has come to be more and more the vogue in Vermont has properly been accorded to one of the best-known experts in this State, R. C. McWilliams, County Agricultural Agent of Franklin County. Mr. McWilliams is grounded both in the theoretical and the practical departments of the science of agriculture, and thus is qualified to serve the farmers of his jurisdiction with the best that education and actual tilling of the soil and the performance of other farm work has equipped him. He operates a large farm extensively himself, applying the principles and practices that he is teaching the farmers of Franklin to employ.

In Elysburg, Pennsylvania, R. C. McWilliams was born August 25, 1894, the son of Clifton C. and Georgianna (Jeffries) McWilliams, both natives of the Keystone State and now deceased, the former having been engaged as a farmer for many years.

His early and preparatory training in the public schools of Elysburg concluded, Mr. McWilliams entered Pennsylvania State College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1917 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He came to know and practice agriculture from the viewpoint of the laboratory, textbook and experiment station, so that when he made a start in farming on his own account in his native State, he was better furnished than most men who had entered or contemplated entering upon farming projects of their own. For several years he applied himself and his education to his farm interests, which he disposed of on accepting a call to participate in agricultural extension work in Massachusetts. In that department he remained one year, and in 1921 came to St. Albans in response to an invitation to assume the post of leader of the Franklin County Farm Bureau. He was given the title of county agricultural agent and has filled the position with remarkable success ever since his appointment. Mr. McWilliams is nothing if not practical and exemplary in his chosen profession. In 1925 he purchased a two hundred and thirty-acre farm in the town of Georgia, which to all intents and purposes is a model farm operated strictly in accordance with

scientific methods. He also makes a specialty of breeding and raising Jersey cattle.

No political party stamp attaches itself to Mr. McWilliams' exercise of his suffrage. On that score he is wholly independent, and in a true sense he is thus enabled to give the results of an open mind when making known his preferences at the polls or in a forum of his peers. He is affiliated with Franklin Lodge, No. 4, Free and Accepted Masons, and has his religious fellowship with the Presbyterian denomination.

R. C. McWilliams married, November 23, 1921, Pearl Grant, of Nova Scotia, Canada, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Anna Elizabeth, aged four years. 2. Margaret Agnes, two years. Mr. McWilliams and his family have their home on their farm in the town of Georgia, and his official address is the Farm Bureau Franklin County Court House, St. Albans.

**GEORGE MARTIN CLIFFORD**—Now half owner of the firm of Clifford Brothers, funeral directors, of Rutland, George Martin Clifford assumed this important post well qualified for discharging the duties thereof, his father having been similarly occupied throughout his life in association with the father's brother, who founded the present firm in 1875. It will be seen that Mr. Clifford must have come into this vocation well equipped through association with his father and uncle and this, added to his tact and delicacy in carrying on his business, has further enhanced the standing of this long established concern in Rutland. The funeral parlors of Clifford Brothers are well appointed in every respect, nothing but the most modern and scientific equipment being included therein, and for this reason they are classed highly among similar institutions not only in Rutland, but throughout the entire State of Vermont. Mr. Clifford is further qualified through his experience during the World War when he served in the hospital corps, United States Naval Training School, at which time his duties encompassed embalming work in several training camps. He maintains many connections outside his profession, in Rutland, and assumes a just share in the conduct of public affairs of the community.

Mr. Clifford was born July 10, 1891, at Rutland, son of John P. and Ellen (Farrell) Clifford. John P. Clifford at one time was employed by the Rutland Railroad, and at another period of his life was a member of the Rutland police force. He later entered the firm which had been established by his brother, Stephen E. Clifford, in 1875, and attained distinction for his finesse in carrying out the duties of a funeral director. Both John P. and Stephen E. Clifford are now deceased, the latter having passed away in 1927, predeceased many years by his brother.

George Martin Clifford obtained his elementary education in the parochial schools at Rutland, later attended and graduated from Rutland High School; then matriculating at Barnes School of Anatomy, Sanitary Science of Embalming, of New York City, whence he was graduated on August 30, 1908. Upon the entrance of the United States into the World War, Mr. Clifford enlisted, and was assigned to the United States Naval Training School, Hospital Corps, graduating from this school in August, 1918. He served in the Medical Corps of the Navy, hospital branch, doing embalming work in the camps of South Carolina, at the period when so many deaths were occasioned by the influenza epidemic there. After the armistice and his honorable discharge from service, Mr. Clifford returned to the firm of Clifford Brothers, at Rutland, and in 1920 was admitted into partnership by the father. Previous to this, in 1918, another son, Louis Anthony Clifford (q. v.) had entered the firm as an assistant. John P. Clifford passed away in 1927, and since his death George M. and Louis A. Clifford have carried on the business as a partnership under the



original name of Clifford Brothers. These two young men, in the conduct of their establishment, have exerted themselves to the best of their ability to provide service of the highest class, and that this service and their sympathetic attitude has been appreciated is verified by the constant increase in the sphere of their operations. Every public movement in Rutland finds in George Martin Clifford an enthusiastic coöperator, and he is, through his war service enrolled as a member of the local post, American Legion. His professional society affiliations include the Tri State Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association, while his fraternal membership is given to the Rutland Council, Knights of Columbus. A devout Catholic, he worships and assists in the support of the Holy Innocents Church of this city.

George M. Clifford married, June 4, 1924, at Rutland, Marjorie Casey, daughter of James and Margaret (Riley) Casey, both natives of Pittsford, Vermont, and this marriage has been blessed with two children: Mary Irene and George. Mr. Clifford's business address is No. 33 Wales Street, Rutland, while his residence is located at No. 14 Nichols Street, of this city.

**LOUIS ANTHONY CLIFFORD**—The firm of Clifford Brothers, funeral directors and embalmers of Rutland, now under the direction of Louis Anthony Clifford and his brother, George Martin Clifford (q. v.), was founded in this city by an uncle of the present owners in 1875. It was the first furniture and funeral establishment founded in Rutland. Subsequently, Stephen C. Clifford was joined in his enterprise by his brother, John P. Clifford, father of the present owners, and John P. Clifford took over the establishment at the time of his brother's death. He later abandoned the furniture department of the concern, but continued to operate the business under the old name of Clifford Brothers, later being joined by his two sons.

Louis Anthony Clifford was born July 4, 1897, at Rutland, son of John P. and Ellen (Farrell) Clifford, the mother a native of Clarendon, Vermont. His father was a member of the police force of Rutland at one time, and at another period was employed by the Rutland Railroad, previous to entering the funeral directing business, with which he was connected for about thirty-five years. First attending the parochial schools in Rutland, Louis A. Clifford was graduated from Rutland High School, whence he entered Renouard School of Embalming, New York City, from where he was graduated in 1918. His first employment after completing his primary education was with the Vermont Hydro-Electric Company, of Rutland, with which he remained for about six years. He was in training on this side during the World War but saw no active service. It was in 1918 that Louis Anthony Clifford began work in his father's firm, being graduated from the Renouard School in that year. Like his brother, he is possessed of those traits so necessary to a conduct of a business of this kind, and is credited with having much to do with the present standing of Clifford Brothers, embalmers and funeral directors of this city. Although still a very young man, Mr. Clifford has won the admiration and esteem of his confreres and business associates in Rutland, and already has evidenced that his part in the future development of the community will be of considerable importance. He keeps himself up to date on professional practices and methods through his membership in the Tri State Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association, while his religious duties are performed through St. Peter's Church.

Louis Anthony Clifford married in Rutland, June, 1921, Adele Charlebois, daughter of Alexander and Rose (Raymond) Charlebois. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford have three children: 1. Robert, born May 1, 1922. 2. Ruth, born, November 24, 1925. 3. Marion, born July 24, 1927.

**RONALD C. STAFFORD**—Among the keenly alert and progressive of the younger business men of Bennington may be counted Mr. Stafford, who conducts a Chrysler agency with a partner, W. R. Lowe. Mr. Stafford was born in Windsor, on April 14, 1897, a son of Charles Henry and Georgianna (Caswell) Stafford. The family early in his life removed to Rutland and he consequently attended the public schools of that city. His father was a hotel man most of his life and died in Bennington on September 10, 1925.

The younger Stafford started a business career by being associated with his father in his hotel at Saratoga, New York. The family removed to Whitehall of that same State, and Ronald Stafford went into the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company as a fireman. He returned, however, to the hotel business and managed a house in Poultney, Vermont. He next became proprietor of the Hotel Putnam in Bennington, remaining there for six years until he sold out to go into business with Mr. Lowe. During the World War, Mr. Stafford enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve, and in April, 1918, was taken into the service of the Ordnance Department. Later, he became tester of airplane machine guns at Rockaway, New York, and received his discharge on July 23, 1919.

Mr. Stafford married at Bennington, on March 14, 1922, Madeline Lowe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lowe, of Bennington.

**FREDERICK BLOSSOM DUTTON**—Born and brought up in the town of Woodstock, probably no one individual is better known than is Frederick Blossom Dutton, now proprietor of the hotel. A man of most agreeable personality, his acquaintance is State-wide, due to his business contacts, and in the town itself he is counted as a citizen always to be depended upon to serve the town's best interests. He was born on February 9, 1867, a son of Norman A. and Hannah L. (Blossom) Dutton, both natives of Woodstock.

He attended the schools of the town and as a young man worked on the estate of Fred Billings for about seven years and then drove the stagecoach for the old Eagle House for several years. Offered a position on the Elton Smith Cloudland Farm Dairy, he went there and for most of his stay with that industry was its manager. It was a finely equipped farm and dairy and he remained there for a little over twenty years, leaving only to assume the management of the Maplewood Dairy Farm, owned by G. C. McCauslin. On October 1, 1916, he bought the Commercial Hotel and became its proprietor and manager, making himself a well-liked Boniface and running an attractive and pleasant house. Mr. Dutton is a member of the Quechee River Lodge, No. 46, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Frederick Blossom Dutton married, in December, 1887, Ada Smith, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith of Sharon. Mrs. Dutton is active in community matters and is affiliated with the Order of the Eastern Star and of the Daughters of Rebekah, and of the Ottaquechee Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. They have two sons, both now married and with children of their own: 1. Robert F., born July 7, 1889, and was married to Ruth Sweet Seaver on August 17, 1912. He has a farm at Taftsville and three children: Elizabeth, born on August 27, 1914; William, born March 27, 1916; and Helen, who was born July 12, 1917. 2. Raymond S., was born on October 7, 1897, and married Florence May Freeman on August 8, 1923. They have one child, a daughter, born at Hartford in 1924 and whom they have named Philis Rae. Raymond S. Dutton is an automobile salesman of ability.



**ALBERT JOSEPH NOVAK**—Prominently identified with the industrial activities of Rutland for more than a quarter of a century, Albert Joseph Novak long since attained a high position in the regard of his fellow citizens. Industrious in his business life, he is also an enthusiastic sportsman and a convivial associate in many fraternal organizations. Zealous in his attitude toward the city and State, he has always been among the leaders in civic affairs that promise a higher efficiency in government or a sounder progress in commercial development.

He was born in Mendon, Vermont, November 8, 1878, a son of Albert and Mary (Spellman) Novak, his mother's family being one of the oldest here, in honor of whom Spellman Terrace was named. His education was acquired in the public schools, at the conclusion of which training he became associated with the creamery business here and continued in it until 1903, when he purchased the printing business of James Cruthers. With his natural fervor and efficient business sense he conducted this enterprise with great success, bringing it to its present state of high development, specializing in commercial job printing. He is also president and secretary of the Machine Composition Company of Rutland. He belongs to the Rutland Chamber of Commerce and is a life member of the Rutland Fair Association, is an enthusiastic member of the Rutland Fish and Game Protective Association and belongs to the Green Mountain Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Loyal Order of Moose, the Grange, and other organizations. In Masonry he is a member of Center Lodge, No. 34, Free and Accepted Masons; Davenport Chapter, No. 17, Royal Arch Masons; Davenport Council, No. 12, Royal and Select Masters; Killington Commandery, No. 6, Knights Templar; Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and Knights of Pythias.

Albert Joseph Novak married, in Rutland, Vermont, October 12, 1915, Fannie C. Wilcox, daughter of Henry W. and Fannie (White) Wilcox.

**PETER J. FRANZONI**—In the printing and publishing trade of Vermont, Peter J. Franzoni, of Rutland, takes a leading part as vice-president and treasurer of the well-known Machine Composition Company, one of the foremost organizations of its kind in the State. Mr. Franzoni has been a resident of Rutland since 1904, and ever since his coming here he has evinced a deep interest in the progressive development of this city, while in its fraternal societies he has taken a conspicuous part and has been the recipient of many honors from these various organizations.

Mr. Franzoni was born in Carrara, Italy, February 12, 1890, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aristide Franzoni. Aristide Franzoni has been connected for a number of years with the firm of Temple Brothers Monument Company as a marble cutter.

Peter J. Franzoni was educated in the public schools of Proctor, to which town he came with his parents at the age of five, and in Boston, Massachusetts. He attended school in New York, and upon completing his formal education, came to Rutland in 1904 and became an apprentice to the trade of marble cutter. However, he gave up that work and accepted a position with the Rutland "News" as a linotype operator, becoming highly proficient in this difficult specialty. He next became associated with the Rutland "Herald" and remained with this publication until 1923, when he entered into his present business enterprise. Mr. Franzoni, and his partner, Albert J. Novak, (see accompanying biography), formed a partnership and established the Machine Composition Company of which Mr. Novak is president and secretary, and Mr. Franzoni vice-president and treasurer. This concern is occupied in producing trade com-

position work for a large number of printers and publishers throughout this State and since inaugurating this service, they have built up a busy, substantial organization which is expanding steadily due to the excellence of the work which they turn out, and thorough satisfaction given on all contracts. In local affairs, Mr. Franzoni is always to the fore in everything pertaining to community progress and advancement, while he is particularly prominent in fraternal circles. He is a member of Rutland Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of three branches of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Rutland Lodge, No. 61, Encampment, No. 6, and Canton, Rutland. In this order, he served as Past Grand in 1917, and Past Patriarch in the same year, and was Captain in 1919. He is a member of the Rutland Post, American Legion, and of the Italian Aid Society of this city. He attends Trinity Church. During the World War, Mr. Franzoni saw active service with the American Expeditionary Forces and had eighteen months overseas as a member of Company A, 318th Engineers, Sixth Division. Although he participated in some of the severest battles, he was never wounded.

Peter J. Franzoni married, in August, 1912, at Rutland, Lucy Louise Gibson, of this city, daughter of E. D. Gibson, of Wisconsin, and Lucy (Cheney) Gibson, a native of Vermont. The family residence is located at No. 109 Robbins Street.

**A. E. HOLLISTER**—One of the enterprising business men of Bennington, Mr. Hollister is also a man who takes a deep and practical interest in the city's affairs and has a recognized prominence in the civic structure of the community. He was born here, on May 5, 1878, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollister. His father was associated with the Bradford Manufacturing Company of Bennington. After graduating from the high school with the class of 1896, Mr. Hollister started his business life by accepting a position as cashier with a grist mill, continuing in this for two years. He then went with the L. P. and L. S. Norton insurance agency, with which he remained for fifteen years, leaving that firm to enter that of Henry M. Tuttle, dealer in coal. In 1920 Mr. Hollister affiliated himself with the Catamount Manufacturing Company as manager and assistant treasurer, and has risen to the position of vice-president and treasurer in this organization, which has become well known as makers of athletic underwear for men and boys and union suits for children. The firm has only been in existence since its inception in 1917 and is making itself felt in its trade line. Founded by F. L. Bottom, its first president, and W. H. Prichard of North Adams as treasurer, the personnel of the board was changed in 1920 and reorganized with Mr. Bottom still as president, and with Mr. Hollister as vice-president, treasurer, and general manager. It bids fair to be one of the successful financial organizations in the city. Mr. Hollister is a member of the Associated Industries of Vermont, an important economic force in the State and of the Mount Anthony Masonic Lodge. He also holds membership in the Bennington Club and has been secretary of that organization, continuously for twenty years, with the exception of one year during that time. A Republican in his political convictions, Mr. Hollister has held office from time to time, and was State Representative in 1915. At another time he was elected president of the village of Bennington, for two years was trustee, and for many years has acted as village auditor. He gives of his time and energy to the affairs of the Methodist church and is chairman of the board of trustees, and of the finance committee.

On November 24, 1909, in New York City, A. E. Hollister was married to Mrs. Helen K. Smith, of Easton, Pennsylvania.



**THOMAS J. ADAMS**—For almost a quarter of a century Mr. Adams has been engaged in the stone and monument business at Woodstock and at White River Junction. In this particular line he is one of the most widely known and most successful men in Central Vermont, having gained for himself a very high reputation for integrity, ability and fair dealing. For many years he has also been very prominently active in fraternal circles, where his pleasing personality and his loyalty to his friends have made him very popular.

Thomas J. Adams was born at Randolph, Orange County, April 30, 1877, a son of Adna M. and Mary A. (Cogswell) Adams. His father, who died in 1919, was a successful farmer at Randolph Centre. Mr. Adams was educated in the public grammar schools of his native town and at the State Normal School located there. After leaving school he worked on his father's farm for some seven years, during which time he also learned the carpenter's trade. He then spent one year at Barre, Vermont, as a carpenter, after which he was employed for two years with Davis Brothers, well known granite manufacturers. January 1, 1905, he removed to Woodstock, Windsor County, and established himself there in the stone business under the firm name of Thomas J. Adams & Company. In September, 1908, Mr. Adams together with the late James E. Nichols of Northfield, Washington County, bought out the old established monument business of W. V. Soper of South Royalton, Windsor County, which he operated under the style of Adams & Nichols until January 1, 1916, when he started in business as a monument dealer at White River Junction under the same name. Mr. Nichols died March 21, 1922, but the business is still carried on under the firm name of Adams & Nichols. Since starting in business at White River Junction Mr. Adams has met with much success. He continues to maintain his home in Woodstock. He is a member of Woodstock Lodge, No. 31, Free and Accepted Masons; Ottaquechee Chapter, No. 21, Royal Arch Masons; Flanders Commandery, No. 14, Knights Templar, of which he is a charter member; and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the several bodies of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the White River Rotary Club, of which latter he is a former president. Still another organization in which he is very active, is the United Commercial Travellers, of the St. Johnsbury branch of which he is a member.

Mr. Adams married, November 9, 1909, Nora (Bridge) Spaulding, a daughter of R. D. and Emma (Spaulding) Bridge, of Bridgewater, Windsor County. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have no children. Mrs. Adams has a son, Charles R. Spaulding, by a former marriage.

**JOSEPH CRADDOCK JONES**—A spirit of rare courage and a determination to succeed were the guiding elements in the youth of Joseph Craddock Jones, now of Rutland, which have made him one of Vermont's most distinguished lawyers and one of the most prominent figures in the legal and judicial history of the State. Mr. Jones was admitted to the bar of this commonwealth in 1889 and since that time has been active in its courts, being known as one of the old school of fighting trial lawyers, possessing remarkable ability in the handling of criminal cases, attracting especial attention by his brilliant accomplishments during the various terms that he served as State's attorney. Some of the trials in which he participated received nation-wide interest, and on every occasion he has won the highest esteem for his expert, vigorous methods. Mr. Jones was born in Middle Granville, New York, June 19, 1864, son of John D. and Margaret (Roberts) Jones, who came to the United States from Wales in 1853, settling in Middle Granville. John D. Jones was one of the early pioneers in the slate industry in Middle Granville and Fair Haven and was

actively engaged in various projects undertaken to promote that industry.

Joseph Craddock Jones studied in the schools of his home district for a time, but as a boy, went to work in the slate industry, his early duties requiring him to walk two miles to the quarry and then labor twelve hours each day. He was sixteen years of age when his father died, but he was able to enter Cook Academy, at Havana, New York, some time later, where he remained for two years to complete his common school education. When he was twenty-one, Mr. Jones went to Fair Haven and entered the law office of the late William H. Preston and there applied himself to the study of law. Later, in 1887, he came to Rutland and studied for the bar with the late George E. Lawrence. In this connection, while still a student, he prepared his first homicide case, spending two months in the vicinity of Lake Saint Catherine where he gathered evidence for the defense of Calvin Inman, who was being defended by George E. Lawrence, Colonel Charles H. Joyce and Joel C. Baker. In a highly sensational trial full of surprises and unexpected disclosures, the defendant was found not guilty and acquitted. Mr. Jones passed the required examinations and was admitted to the bar of Vermont in 1889 and at once began the practice of his profession, having been active in Rutland ever since. In 1892, he was elected to the office of State's attorney and reelected in 1894, and during both these terms he exhibited his remarkable ability in criminal law. He was successful in most all his prosecutions, one of the outstanding cases having been the State *vs.* Lorraine Gould, charged with a criminal operation. This was a prominent and hotly contested case but it ended in conviction. Since then, Mr. Jones has tried hundreds of civil and criminal cases in half the counties of the State. He was again elected to the post of State's attorney in 1908, when he prosecuted Elroy Kent for murder, ending with the execution of Kent. He prosecuted Robert Eddy for homicide, and after three trials, convicted him of manslaughter, while he also prosecuted several other homicide cases during that term. Mr. Jones has represented the State or the respondent in more than twenty-five homicide cases during his career.

Foremost among the cases which he defended were State *vs.* William Koch, in 1913, who was charged with first-degree murder; George Duncan, charged with first-degree murder; and George Eastman, charged with perjury, all resulting in acquittals. The last named trial occupied twenty-nine court days, and many of the leading hand-writing and typewriter experts of the United States were called to the witness stand. Mr. Jones has always enjoyed the respect and esteem of the fellow members of his profession, who recognize and appreciate his career as an indefatigable worker, his absolute sincerity of purpose and his recognized ability. Perhaps his greatest reputation lies with his presentation of cases to the juries. As a jury advocate, he has for forty years thundered his arguments to the jury, spun his reminiscent smiling yarns, and just as quickly, changed the smiles to tears. A lover of poetry and a deep student of the Bible and classic literature, he has always been adept in quoting the right verse or correct parable at the psychological moment. Many of his perorations, prepared for vital cases, have been delivered after days spent in their preparation. As a master of oratory he is rarely equaled, while his reputation as an examiner of adverse witnesses is State-wide, and on many occasions, he has broken such a witness who has endeavored to recite a fictitious story or give false testimony. In recent years, Mr. Jones has not given as much of his time to political work as he once did, although he maintains an active interest in everything that pertains to the welfare and progress of his city and State. In 1902, he conducted the campaign of the late P. W. Clement,



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nominee for Governor and led the bolt from the State convention of that year. Mr. Jones was a delegate to the National Progressive Convention held in Chicago, in 1916. He has always been to the forefront in fighting for his convictions and took a particularly active part in the McKinley fight in 1898. His many pronounced achievements and great ability have brought him a lucrative practice, which he now conducts with his two sons, under the firm name of Jones and Jones, and in each term of the Rutland County Court, he tries from seven to ten jury cases.

Joseph Craddock Jones married in 1892, Alice Hope Long, of Rutland, and they are the parents of two sons, Lawrence Clark and George Frederic, both of whom are practicing attorneys. Lawrence Clark Jones was admitted to the Vermont bar in 1918, and George Frederic Jones in 1922, and with their father, now constitute the firm of Jones & Jones, with offices in the new Service Building, Rutland, Vermont.

**EARLE THOMAS TOWER**—Closely allied with many of the larger industrial firms and business houses throughout the State of Vermont, Earle Thomas Tower, of Rutland, while comparatively young for this profession, has attained prominence as a public accountant. His keen, analytical mind is often utilized by these various institutions in Rutland and surrounding cities, and he also is rapidly attaining a place of prominence in public and civic affairs. Mr. Tower is a member of the celebrated family of this name which maintains an association known as the Tower Genealogical Society, of Hingham, Massachusetts, where each year a reunion is held. His grandfather, one of the highly respected members of this community, served as a drummer boy for the Union forces during the Civil War. Mr. Tower's professional career, while slightly hampered through his service in the United States Navy during the World War, has been almost meteoric, and now (1928) at the age of thirty, he has gained the confidence of many eminent business men and industrialists of this section of Vermont. Already he has been chosen for public office in this city, and is a conspicuous figure in various civic, social, and fraternal organizations.

Mr. Tower was born April 21, 1898, at Rutland, son of Horace H. and Delia Mary (Fillio) Tower. Horace H. Tower was a skilled marble carver for the Vermont Marble Company, of Proctor. Delia Mary (Fillio) Tower was a native of the Province of Quebec, Canada, being of French descent. Earle Thomas Tower enrolled in the graded schools of Rutland; graduated from the Rutland High School, and then matriculated at Portland University, Portland, Maine, where he studied for three years. About this time the United States entered the World War and Mr. Tower enlisted in the navy in April, 1917, remaining in service until June 12, 1919. Two of his brothers also served the navy during the World War. Mr. Tower, who was stationed aboard a submarine chaser, spent fifteen months overseas. He now (1928) holds a lieutenant's commission in the Officers' Reserve Corps, United States Army. After his honorable discharge from the navy in June, 1919, Mr. Tower entered Portland University in Portland, Maine. It was in 1922 that he came to Rutland, and here began operating as an accountant and auditor, a vocation he has since followed. Blessed with a keen mind and having natural mathematical talents, his reputation was soon established, not only in Rutland, but in nearby communities. His work now includes accounting and auditing for many large industrial firms, business houses, and manufacturing throughout the State, although, perhaps, the most of his work is confined to Rutland County. In 1925, at the age of twenty-seven years, Mr. Tower was chosen to serve the city of Rutland as auditor and this position he has retained. His services as city auditor have been

entirely satisfactory to the citizens of Rutland, and his capabilities more and more are becoming recognized here. He is quite popular among the younger element of the city, and at the same time has won the respect of the older and more conservative generations. Perpetuating his services during the World War, he enters heartily into the conduct of Rutland Post, No. 31, of the American Legion, and is Past Commander. He also is a member of Rutland Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and has served that organization as Esteemed Lecturing Knight. He is one of the most popular members of the Rutland Country Club, as is attested by the fact that for more than three years he has served that club as treasurer. A Catholic in religious tenets, Mr. Tower worships at Holy Innocents Church.

Earle Thomas Tower married, November 29, 1923, at Rutland, Katherine Anne Davine, daughter of Frank and Anne (Bracken) Davine. Frank Davine is a native of West Rutland, while his wife was born in Burlington, Vermont. Mr. Tower's business address is No. 7½ Center Street, while he and his wife reside at No. 15 Madison Street, in this city.

**WILLIAM TAGGART COOLEY**—A member of an old and prominent Vermont family, Mr. Cooley himself was born in that State and has lived there all his life. During the earlier part of his business career he was connected for a number of years with the Cooley Manufacturing Company of Waterbury, Vermont, founded by his father. From 1913 to 1918 Mr. Cooley was president of the Cooley-Wright Manufacturing Company. At that time the Windsor Branch was separated and incorporated under the name of Windsor Foundry Corporation, and Mr. Cooley has been president and general manager since that date. Mr. Cooley is considered one of Windsor's most progressive and capable business executives and he is also very popular as the result of his pleasing personality and of his many other fine qualities.

William Taggart Cooley was born at Waterbury, Washington County, December 21, 1882, a son of the late William Cooley. He was educated in the public grammar and high schools of his native city and at the Montpelier Seminary. Immediately after leaving school he entered the employ of the Cooley Manufacturing Company at Waterbury, of which his father had been the founder and was then the owner. At that time the principal product of this company was gasoline engines. Mr. Cooley started at the bottom and, in order to become thoroughly acquainted with every branch of the business, gradually worked his way through all departments and at various times very capably filled different positions. After his father's death in 1905, he, together with his brother, Edward Cooley, continued the business. In 1913 they bought out the machinery department of M. Wright & Sons of Montpelier and incorporated the business under the name of Cooley-Wright Manufacturing Company, of which Mr. Cooley was made president and chairman of the board of directors. Several years later, in 1917, a branch foundry was started at Windsor, Windsor County, and at that time Mr. Cooley disposed of his interests in the Waterbury plant and purchased the newly started Windsor plant. In the following year, together with another brother, Frederick J. Cooley, he incorporated the Windsor Foundry Corporation, of which he has been president and chairman of the board of directors since then. This company, largely as the result of Mr. Cooley's able and progressive management, has enjoyed constant growth and prosperity and has become one of the most important and most substantial industrial establishments in that section of Vermont. Its floor space has increased from the original 10,000 square feet to 27,000 square feet. During the World War the company employed large additional forces in order to meet the great demand for its products. During that period



it manufactured principally machine tool castings used by many prominent machine tool manufacturers. Mr. Cooley is a member of Winooski Lodge, No. 51, Free and Accepted Masons.

Mr. Cooley married, October 10, 1910, Clytie L. Burt, a daughter of Adolphus and Harriet (Chambers) Burt. Mrs. Cooley's father is a prosperous farmer of Enosburg Falls, Franklin County. Mr. and Mrs. Cooley are the parents of one daughter, Harriet Jane Cooley. The family home is located at No. 10 Clough Avenue, Windsor.

**NORMAN L. CORLISS**—Native of St. Albans. Norman L. Corliss spent five years of his young manhood in Colorado, where he worked on ranches, returning to his birthplace in 1890. Here he renewed his farming activities and today is one of the leading agriculturists and dairymen of this district of Vermont, with a profitable business and a wide circle of friends. Descending from old colonial stock, he inherited the industrious qualities of his forebears and also their inherent civic pride and national patriotism. His interest in local progress has been illustrated by the intensive manner in which he has conducted his own enterprises while at the same time coöperating with others engaged in commercial pursuits, to the improvement of general conditions because of this attitude. He is one of the very ablest citizens of agricultural Vermont, a contingent of the population that is the backbone of material progress.

Born in St. Albans, January 17, 1862, he is a son of Martin J. Corliss, a veteran of the Civil War and a practical farmer, and Paulina (Skinner) Corliss. They were both born in St. Albans, the grandfather of Norman Corliss having settled here in 1816, and both are deceased, Martin J. in 1910, his wife in 1896. Their son attained his education in the local public schools and farmed with his father until he was twenty-three years of age, then going to Colorado, where he remained until 1890. In that year he returned to St. Albans and took up a farm of his own, cultivating it intensely. Today he is the owner of three hundred and seventy-four acres of fine land, whereon he raises all the hay and grain necessary for the maintenance of his herd of forty dairy cattle and has a surplus for the outside market. His principal occupation is dairying, but he also owns and cultivates some four hundred fine maple sugar trees. He is a stockholder in the St. Albans Coöperative Creamery and is a Republican in politics. His fraternal affiliations are with the Sons of Veterans and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Norman L. Corliss married, in October, 1894, Agnes L. Janes, deceased in July, 1902. They were the parents of one child, Donald, owner of a farm at St. Albans, Vermont.

**HENRY CORTIESE FARRAR**—There is compelling interest in the life and work of Henry Cortiese Farrar, of Rutland, who has been a leading citizen of this community for many years. He has been a school teacher, an engineer, a hotel clerk and eventually made himself one of the most successful life insurance workers in the State of Vermont. He has always been a man of action and high purpose, versatile in his accomplishments, indefatigable in his labors, fair and fearless in his dealings with others. His rise has been proportionate to his industry and command of the enterprises with which he has been associated, bringing him today to an enviable place in the commercial ranks of this district. He is a natural maker of friends because of that ephemeral quality called personality, and these he holds by virtue of a sincere honesty and sympathetic kindliness that has great appeal to all manner of men. His citizenship is staunch, his interest in the affairs that occupy the promoters of good government deep, his faith in the successful commercial evolution of the State abiding and ever calling

him to coöperate to his full strength of mind and body in its promotion.

He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 5, 1856, and was adopted when an infant by Charles Andrus and Loraine Olive (Gardner) Farrar, his foster father having been a farmer and manufacturer of cheese. The name of Farrar is traced back to Gaulkeline, or Walkeline de Ferraris, a distinguished follower of William, Duke of Normandy, before that warrior invaded Britain and won the victory at the Battle of Hastings, after which he became William the Conqueror. From this knight was descended Jacob Farrar, who came to America from England in 1653 and whose signature appears on the original covenant of incorporation of the Town of Lancaster, Massachusetts, September 24, 1653. His descendant, Charles Andrus Farrar, lived at Rupert, Vermont, and it was there that the adopted son began his education, extending it in the schools of Tinmouth, East Rupert, Pawlet and at the Middletown Academy. He lived in these places with Gamaliel Gardner, his foster mother's brother. He taught school for one term in Dorset, Vermont, and afterward became clerk in the Ludlow House, at Ludlow, Vermont, later going to the Hampshire House, at Ware, Massachusetts. Returning to Ludlow, he entered the employ of the Ludlow Toy Manufacturing Company, where he worked for two years, then going to South Dakota, where he intended to settle. Conditions, however, did not appeal to him and he returned to Vermont, taking a position as stationary engineer at the Lincoln Iron Works, in Rutland. Here he remained for five years, part of the time acting as yard foreman of the works. He was compelled to abandon this career on account of ill health and, in May, 1888, became an agent of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of Vermont, where he remained for eighteen years, when he established himself independently, acting as district manager for the Equitable, which position he held until December 31, 1904. In January, 1905, he formed a partnership with W. E. Ayer, of Windsor, the firm starting with the important agency for the Provident Life & Trust Company. This association continued until January 1, 1911, when Mr. Farrar was appointed general agent for the State of Vermont, a position he still retains. For three years he also has been general agent here for the Maryland Casualty Company. In January, 1909, he was elected a director of the Vermont Health & Accident Association, of Rutland, afterward being elected its president. In religion he is a Universalist. Mr. Farrar is a member of Rutland Lodge, No. 61, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a Past Noble Grand, and Past Grand Patriarch of the Otter Creek Encampment. He is also Past Grand Representative of Vermont to the Supreme Grand Lodge of the World and has held every post of honor within the gift of the Grand Lodge of Vermont. Mr. Farrar is also a member of Center Lodge, No. 34, Free and Accepted Masons; Vermont Consistory of Burlington, thirty-second degree; and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Rutland, Vermont. For many years he has served as a trustee of the Odd Fellows Home of Ludlow.

Henry Cortiese Farrar married, in Ludlow, Vermont, November 30, 1880, Jennie U. French, daughter of Andrew L. and Ellen (Reed) French, of Ludlow.

**DEAN IRVING MARTIN**—The very fact that ever since he left school, more than twenty years ago, Mr. Martin has been connected with one and the same concern, one of the leading industrial establishments of Bennington, is typical of this well-known Bennington businessman. It is also proof of his loyalty and devotion to duty, which characteristics have gained him not only the good will of his employers, but also frequent promotions to different positions of ever increasing importance and responsibility. These qualities also find expression in



his deep and always unselfish interest in the town's affairs and in his useful participation in many of its activities.

Dean Irving Martin was born at Bennington, Bennington County, May 14, 1886, a son of William and Georgianna (Collins) Martin. His father, a native of Lansingburg, New York, was for many years one of Bennington's best known merchants, being engaged there in the boot and shoe business. He, too, was always much interested in the affairs of the community and during a long period served as town agent. He died in Bennington October 31, 1899. Mr. Martin's mother was born in Shaftsbury, Bennington County, and is still living as this is written (1928). The son was educated in the public grammar and high schools of Bennington, graduating from the latter in 1906. Immediately after leaving school he entered the employ of the Holden-Leonard Company, one of the important manufacturing establishments of Bennington, engaged in the manufacture of ladies' woolens, with a large plant on Mill Street. Without ever changing his employment, he has continued to be associated with this company since that time. His first position was that of office boy. During the years following he was promoted from time to time to different positions and today he holds that of assistant paymaster. Though he has never sought and, indeed, has always refused to hold public office, he has always devoted himself energetically to the furthering of everything promising to advance the welfare and growth of the community and its people. He is president of the Welfare Association of Bennington and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Bennington Center Cemetery Association. He is also a member of the Bennington Club, of the House Committee of which he has served as chairman. Very active in Masonic circles, he is a member of Mount Anthony Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Bennington Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Taft Commandery, Knights Templar, of which he is treasurer; and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Martin is not married and makes his home with his mother.

**CHARLES HENRY FITCH**—At the time of his death in 1928 one of the oldest native born sons of Windsor and one of its most prominent leaders in business and financial affairs, the late Charles H. Fitch was for many years effectively active in the development of that town's industries and resources. With unselfish devotion he gave freely and to the very end of his long and busy life of his time, experience, knowledge and means, so that, whatever might tend to improve and extend the welfare and prosperity of his beloved native city, might be carried out. Naturally he enjoyed to an unusual degree the respect, liking and confidence of his fellow townsmen, who showed how greatly they relied upon him by frequently honoring him with election to important offices of trust and responsibility.

Charles Henry Fitch was born at Windsor, Windsor County, August 16, 1846, in the small brick house known as the Thompson place, a son of Samuel R. and Martha (Tasker) Fitch. He was of sturdy New England stock and the youngest of five children, two girls and three boys. As the result of his mother's death, while he was still very young, the family was broken up and Mr. Fitch became a member of the household of David Hoisington, a resident of the Sixth District, in whose home he continued to live until he was twenty-one years old. He received his education in the public schools of Windsor. Later he entered the coal, grain and lumber business, in which he continued to be active until 1914, when he disposed of his interests. In this business he met with such success that before very long he became one of the leading capitalists of the town and became actively interested in many other local enterprises. He was a

member of the board of directors of the Windsor Machine Company and, together with several other prominent local businessmen, made it possible by his financial support of this undertaking to keep it in Windsor. He was also connected with the local canning industry, since it was started. After the death of Mr. C. D. Penniman he succeeded the latter as president of the Windsor Savings Bank, of which he was also a director. In 1926 he succeeded the late Dr. Brewster as president of the Windsor Library Association. Always interested in public affairs, he was very effectively active in politics. He served as Selectman for eight years, as Lister for five years, and as a member of the Vermont House of Representatives during 1908-10. His religious affiliations were with the Old South Church, of which he was a very constant attendant and in the activities of which he took a very helpful part, holding at different times various positions of trust, amongst them membership in the board of trustees of the Blood Fund, through means of which the old church building was restored.

Mr. Fitch married (first), in 1869, Helen A. Robinson of Weathersfield, Windsor County. She died in 1911, and he married (second), February 2, 1914, Della Kent Hadley of Windsor, Vermont. Mr. Fitch had no children by either of his marriages.

Charles Henry Fitch died at his home in Windsor, January 3, 1928, in his eighty-second year. During his long life, which was one of great usefulness and unselfish service in many directions up to its very end, he had made so many valuable contributions to the welfare of his native town, that his passing was felt as a very serious loss by the entire community, which will always cherish his memory.

**REV. MERTON W. ROSS**—Prominent among the clergy of the Episcopal Church in the vicinity of St. Albans, Vermont, the Rev. Merton W. Ross is pastor of St. Luke's Church, to which post he was called in 1926 to succeed the Rev. W. I. Rutan.

Merton W. Ross was born on May 10, 1873, at Underhill, Vermont, son of John and Lorenda (Gile) Ross, both of them natives of Underhill. His father, who was a farmer by occupation, died in 1896, and the mother in 1906. After having finished his preliminary schooling, Merton W. Ross was engaged for some time in railway work with the New York Central Railroad. With that organization he performed clerical work until, in 1900, he prepared for the Episcopal ministry at the General Theological Seminary of New York and by private study under the direction of his Bishop. He was ordained by Bishop George F. Seymour at Springfield, Illinois, and then for a time served as secretary and chaplain to Bishop Seymour, and as city missionary at Springfield. After four years in this position, during which time he built St. John's Church, Springfield, he went to Omaha, Nebraska, where he served St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. In 1907 he went to Superior, Wisconsin, as rector of St. Alban the Martyr's Church. There he remained until 1919, when he became executive secretary for social service of the Diocese of Chicago, where he established Chase House, a church settlement house. In 1921 he went to Traverse City, Michigan, as rector of Grace Church, and from there in 1925 to Niles, Michigan, as rector of Trinity Church. In 1926 he was called to his present position as rector of St. Luke's Church, in St. Albans, Vermont. This church was established in 1816, and since then has had the following pastors: Stephen Beach, Jordan Gray, Elijah Brainerd, Nathan B. Burgess, Joseph S. Covell, Louis McDonald, Sylvester Nash, George Allen, Henry Hoyt, Josiah Perry, Charles Fay (who built the present edifice), J. I. Bliss, N. F. Putnam, Thomas Haskins, Thomas Burgess, A. B. Flanders, W. H. Benham, S. H. Watkins, Albert Gale, George W. Smith, R. E. Armstrong, A. B. Rudd, W. I. Rutan and Merton W. Ross. The church at the time of



writing (1928) has an enrollment of more than four hundred members, and is justly proud of its bell chimes, which were installed in 1924, and are the most beautiful of their kind in this vicinity.

The Rev. Father Ross, in addition to his duties as rector of St. Luke's, takes part to a considerable extent in the social and fraternal life of his community, being a community, as well as a spiritual leader. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is affiliated with the lodge at Niles, Michigan, and the Knights Templar there; and also to the Knights of Pythias. At the time of writing he is just completing the rehabilitation of the Episcopal Church at Underhill, Vermont, which will serve the inhabitants of that valley.

In 1915, the Rev. Merton W. Ross married Grace Sechler, of Sechlerville, Michigan, and they have a son, Winfred Alban Ross.

**LEWELLYN J. EGELSTON**—In the realm of commercial education, Lewellyn J. Egelston of Rutland occupies a commanding position throughout the State of Vermont as head of the Rutland Business College, one of the foremost schools for business training in New England. Mr. Egelston has always been prominent in political affairs and had the honor to serve as a member of the Vermont State Senate for four years, during which time he exerted a tremendous influence in legislation concerning educational advance and progress, while in all matters that related to the welfare and prosperity of his commonwealth he was an energetic leader.

Mr. Egelston was born in Franklin, New York, and was educated in the common schools of that State. He grew to boyhood on the family farm, attending school in the winters and helping with the many chores of the farm during the summer. After advancing as far as possible in the district schools, he entered the Delaware Literary Institute at Franklin, New York, where he studied for the teaching profession, and when he reached the age necessary to secure a State license, began to teach in the country schools, boarding around from house to house in his district. Ambitious to advance, he worked energetically during the summer vacation periods in farming occupations. After several years of alternate teaching and farming, Mr. Egelston matriculated at the Albany Business College, Albany, New York, where he studied a commercial course. Upon his graduation from this institution, he was engaged for a few months to teach in this school, and in that short period ably demonstrated his great ability as an instructor in business requirements. In September, 1894, he accepted a position in this city as teacher of bookkeeping, penmanship, arithmetic, spelling and other necessary subjects in the Rutland English and Classical Institute, which at that time was operated by George W. and O. H. Perry. After five years service as an instructor, Mr. Egelston was able to take over the school and since that time has conducted it independently as a business college solely, imparting instruction in all branches which concern a modern business education. The various subjects which are taught in this school include stenography, typewriting, bookkeeping, stenotyping, arithmetic, spelling, English, dictaphone operation, filing, correspondence, office training and mimeographing. This institution has the splendid record of having trained more than ten thousand young men and women since it was inaugurated. Each year, the attendance averages from one hundred and fifty to two hundred students, with more and more applying for admittance. In its equipment, it embraces every modern device of practical use in a business office and the students receive thorough training in their use, becoming familiar with everything that is to be found in an up-to-date metropolitan organization.

In civic affairs, Mr. Egelston has been actively prominent for a number of years, having served as a member of the Board of Aldermen from 1915 to 1919, while

he was later elected to represent this senatorial district at the State Capitol and as a member of the Senate of the State of Vermont, distinguished himself for his unselfish support of every measure destined to advance the interests of the State. He was chairman of the committee on Educational Institutions and was also chairman of the Highway Traffic Committee, in addition to which he served on the Committees on Suffrage and Elections; Penal Institutions; Education; Appropriations; State and Court Expenses. In fraternal circles, Mr. Egelston has always been to the fore, being a member of Rutland Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Davenport Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Davenport Council, Royal and Select Masters; Killington Commandery, Knights Templar, and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, having been recorder in the latter organization from 1914 to 1919. He has been an active worker in the Scottish Rite bodies, having served two years as Thrice Potent Master of Delta Lodge of Perfection and also having passed through the chairs in Otter Creek Council and Otter Creek Chapter of Rose Croix. At the Supreme Council session held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in September, 1919, he was elected to the Thirty-third degree and this crowning honor was conferred upon him in Chicago, Illinois, September 21, 1920. Mr. Egelston is also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, as well as Rutland Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Vermont Lodge, No. 1, Knights of Pythias.

He maintains the greatest interest in his school work and is daily to be found in the classroom, instructing his students in the various subjects that have made the graduates of the school so successful as bookkeepers, stenographers, teachers and government employees. For many years, he made a specialty of ornamental penmanship and several of his students developed this talent to such a high degree that they have since become instructors in some of the foremost schools of the country. Mr. Egelston is greatly interested in games and sports and at one time was champion checker player of this State. He is fond of the water and especially likes motor-boat racing.

Lewellyn J. Egelston married, September 10, 1890, Bertha O. Philbrick, of Plymouth Union, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Vera V., a member of the teaching profession. 2. Lewellyn, Jr., a rural mail carrier in Lyndonville. 3. Mildred, married Raymond R. Beane, of Rutland.

**REV. LOUIS ALBERT VEZINA**—Charged with the pastorate of the Sacred Heart of Mary in Rutland, which is held by the Roman Catholic hierarchy to be one of the most important missions in Vermont, the Reverend Louis Albert Vezina soon became one of the most vigorous and progressive members of this community. Having the power of organization developed in high degree, he set about his task in such manner that within a period of only four years his congregation was nearly doubled in membership and the influence of his work was widely beneficial, regardless of religious sect. Coördinated with his priestly rôle is a virile citizenship that has been happily illustrated by the active interest he has taken in civic and commercial enterprises of the district, where he has filled important offices as successfully as he has conducted his churchly duties. Seldom has there been noted in this State a combination of talents such as his for effective organization in many fields, a patriotic gentleman who works for the benefit of all mankind and one whose circle of admirers and friends grows with every day that he lives and labors among us.

Born in Danville, Province of Quebec, Canada, December 13, 1875, he is a son of Regis and Zoe (Lefrançois) Vezina, who removed to Salem, Massachusetts, in 1878 and to Fall River in 1879. He entered the parochial schools in Fall River, completed the courses







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there and was then sent to college in the city of Quebec, where he was graduated in 1895. This was followed by four years of study of theology at the seminary connected with Laval University, at the conclusion of which he was ordained in the priesthood by the Archbishop of Quebec in the cathedral of that city, February 18, 1900. In the following month he was appointed pastor at Norton Mills, with missions at Wallace Pond and Bloomfield. In July, 1901, he organized a parish at Shoreham, where he remained for six years. In January, 1907, he was promoted to the important parish at Vergennes, Vermont, where, during the first four years of his pastorate, his congregation increased from 600 to 1,000 members and the revenues of the parish doubled.

In the civic affairs of Vergennes he has taken an active part, serving as president of the Champlain Tercentenary committee and as president for many years of the Board of Trade, which he was influential in organizing. He has taken great pride in his church, which edifice is a very handsome Gothic type of architecture, built of blue marble and which has a seating capacity of 800 persons. His congregation at the Sacred Heart and at the associated mission in West Rutland is composed of the French speaking residents of the district. Because of his interest in good music and his power of organization, Rutland is indebted to him for many fine concerts. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Catholic Order of Foresters, of which body he organized a court at Shoreham. He was for two years a director of the Vermont State Court and was twice a delegate to international conventions.

**BRADFORD CLEAVER POWERS, M. D.**—Departing in a measure from the well trodden paths of medical practice, Dr. Bradford Cleaver Powers, of Rutland, for some years has been engaged in Roentgenology and physical therapeutics and in these specialties is one of the pioneers of Vermont and has met with signal success in his work. For more than fifteen years he has been in professional practice in Rutland, the last half of which have been devoted to the development of his X-ray studies and the treatment of disease through this modern method. There is a great deal of the philosopher in this scientist, who delights in studies of deep subjects on science and literature. At the same time he is a lover of nature in all her moods, of animals and of his fellowman, a true humanitarian, as well as a citizen of extreme devotion to the progress of the community in which he lives and works. His practical experience in his profession has been broad and diversified, and he brought to this State a comprehensive knowledge and skill that are deeply appreciated by the people who require the benefits derived from medical science. One of his most delightful and alluring attainments is his uncanny skill in magic art, of which he is held to be one of the foremost exponents in the entire country, having membership in the International Brotherhood of Magicians, of which the late Harry Houdini was long the president. In short, Dr. Powers makes all of the activities into which he enters an inspiration to others to do the very best that is in them, leaving nothing to chance and studying continuously to perfect himself in that with which he interests himself. He is a very attractive character and has made a host of intimate friends during his successful career in this district of Vermont, a decided addition to the professional ranks of the State. Born in Troy, New York, May 17, 1877, a son of Noel and Helen (Boland) Powers, his father a native of Petersburg, Vermont, and one of the pioneer shirt and collar manufacturers of Troy, whose death occurred in Burlington, this State, in 1920, he attended the public schools and was graduated from the academy at Lansingburg, New York, in 1894, after which he matriculated at the University of Vermont and was graduated from

that institution in 1912. Coming to Rutland in 1913, he began a general practice and continued it until 1920, when he took up the X-ray exclusively, his interest in this branch having been aroused by his experiences during the World War, when he was a member of the volunteer Medical Corps. For the year prior to his coming to Vermont he was non-resident medical officer of the Western Hospital, of Montreal, Canada. He belongs to American Medical Association; Vermont State Medical Society; Rutland County Medical Society; Rutland Clinical Club; Radiological Society of North America, and is a Fellow of the New England Society of Physical Therapeutics and honorary member of the Bloss Council, Cryptic Rites of Masonry, of Troy, New York. Dr. Powers is Past Master of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 74, Free and Accepted Masons, of Montreal, Canada, and admitted in 1912 to Royal Arthur Lodge of Montreal, one of the organizers of latter. He was again admitted to Rutland Lodge, No. 79, Free and Accepted Masons, in 1914, on coming to Rutland. He is a member of Davenport Chapter of Rutland, Royal Arch Masons; Davenport Council of Rutland, Royal and Select Masters; Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons; Killington Commandery, Vermont Lodge, No. 1, Knights of Pythias, and is Past Chancellor of Myrtle Lodge, No. 8, of Montreal, Canada, Knights of Pythias; was secretary-treasurer of the Board of Control, which under Quebec laws formed the activities for Grand Lodge; also one of the active members instituting the Grand Lodge at Montreal. In Rutland he also has membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Loyal Order of Moose and the Rutland Exchange Club. He attends the Baptist church.

Bradford Cleaver Powers married, in 1899, Eleanor J. Dunwoodie, of Montreal, daughter of William and Jennie (Griffith) Dunwoodie. They are the parents of Gladys, born in Montreal, Canada, October 15, 1900; married Dr. E. E. Hinds, of Rutland, Vermont, whose biography accompanies this.

**EDWARD ELROY HINDS, M. D.**—Although but a comparatively brief time in practice, Edward Elroy Hinds, of Rutland, already has attained a high position in the surgical ranks of the medical profession of Vermont. His urge for the surgical branch of the profession came after he had acceded to his father's wishes and begun the study of medicine, and, so readily did his latent talents respond, that his progress has been watched and admired by many older members of the profession, who predict for him a career of growing success. Dr. Hinds prepared himself carefully for his work, appreciating the fact that success in a scientific field was a matter of constant application and tireless devotion to the task of keeping in step with the rapid march of discovery and progress. Steady nerves and a cool head are among the essentials of a good surgeon, to which attainments must be added a deep knowledge of the body and its limitations. These attributes are a part of the equipment of this young practitioner, whose ability has been broadly recognized and applauded. He is also a virile citizen in other respects, fond of outdoor recreation and of mingling fraternally with friends, while his interest in the civic enterprises of the community qualify him as a valuable member of most progressive type.

He was born in West Rutland, Vermont, January 11, 1897, and was educated in the elementary grades and the high school at Hudson, New York, graduating from those in 1916 and then attending the University of Vermont, where he took the medical course. He was graduated from that institution in 1921 and received his degree of Doctor of Medicine. During the following year he served as an interne in the Union Hospital of Fall



River, Massachusetts, becoming resident surgeon during 1922 and 1923. He resigned from that position at the close of 1923 and came to Rutland, where he established himself in surgical practice, having specialized in that branch. He is a member of the surgical staff of Rutland Hospital and a junior member of the American College of Surgeons; a member of the college fraternities of Phi Chi, of which he was secretary in 1921; Theta Nu Epsilon and the senior honorary society of Cap and Skull. His other fraternal affiliations include the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Knights of Pythias; Rutland Lodge, No. 79, Free and Accepted Masons; Davenport Chapter, No. 17, Royal Arch Masons; Killington Commandery, No. 6, Knights Templar; Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and other bodies. He also belongs to the Vermont State Medical Society, and is president, 1928-29, of the Rutland County Medical Society. His clubs are the Exchange, Fish and Game, Rutland Country and Rutland Clinical. His church is the Methodist.

Dr. Edward E. Hinds married, in Rutland, Vermont, December 18, 1923, Gladys Powers, daughter of Dr. Bradford Cleaver Powers, of Rutland, whose biography accompanies this, and his wife, Eleanor J. (Dunwoodie) Powers, a native of Montreal, Canada. Mrs. Hinds is their only child. Dr. and Mrs. Hinds are the parents of one child: Edward Elroy, Jr., born November 19, 1926.

**EDWIN HUBBLE BROWN**—Trained from boyhood as a farmer and equipped with such a valuable trade as carpenter, Edwin Hubble Brown, general manager of "Point Farm," at St. Albans, is held to be one of the most capable men in his line in the State of Vermont. This farm is the property of former Governor Smith, who had observed for years the work of Mr. Brown on his own acres, where he had attained a conspicuous success and was known as one of the leading agriculturists in Franklin County. He is a man of outstanding stability, filled with ambition to obtain the best results from the property of which he takes command and possessed of an industry that is a tradition in his family, for his father before him was a successful farmer and from him the young man learned what may be truly termed the profession of agriculture. In Vermont, where he has been engaged in his vocation for upward of thirty years, he is known as a citizen who takes a deep interest in the general welfare of the community and who is imbued with the principle that individual success in an undertaking of importance to the commerce of the district is an incentive to others to friendly competition. This plan of action has resulted in the general prosperity, no small portion of which may be attributed to Mr. Brown's activities and principles, which set him upon a plane of standard citizenship.

His birthplace was Coxsackie, New York, a village on the west shore of the Hudson River, about twenty miles south of Albany, July 14, 1873, where his father, Matthew Brown, cultivated a farm for many years and is still living at the age of eighty-four years. His mother was Almeida L. (Record) Brown, a native of Franklin County, Vermont, deceased. Matthew Brown was a native of the Province of Quebec, Canada, and returned there when his son was an infant, remaining for eighteen years and then coming to Vermont, where Edwin Hubble, who had been educated in Canada, began his active work on the family farm. He remained in association with the elder Brown until he was twenty-three years of age, when he undertook the independent cultivation of a farm of three hundred and twenty acres in Franklin County. Here he continued for twenty years, achieving success, in 1916 selling his holdings in order to accept the position of farm manager for J. B. Wilbur, of Manchester. After two years there he removed to Swanton and managed for five years the Jennison farm. He then

became associated with the Armington Construction Company in his trade as a carpenter and also did some work for the Central Vermont Railroad. This work he continued for several years at St. Albans, in the employ of former Governor Smith, who, in 1925, prevailed upon Mr. Brown to undertake the management of his "Point Farm" there. He still continues in that occupation. In politics he is a Republican, in religion a Methodist, while fraternally he is affiliated with Seventy-six Lodge, No. 14, of Swanton, order of Free and Accepted Masons. He is also a member of the Farm Bureau.

Edwin Hubble Brown married, January 20, 1897, May Belle Holmes, a teacher of Swanton. Their children are: 1. Sarah Holmes, employed by the Hagar Hardware Company of Burlington, Vermont. 2. Hazel May, married George Corliss, of the City Electric Lighting Company of Stamford, Connecticut, and they are the parents of one child, William George. 3. Mildred Belle, married E. H. Pockett and they are the parents of one child, Richard. 4. Myrtle Grace, married Ralph Baker, associated with Swift & Company at Rochester, New York, and they are the parents of one child, Barbara Ann. 5. Evelyn Rosalie, a graduate nurse, married Dr. Earle Foster, of Burlington. 6. Ralph Donald, a veteran of the World War, serving in the Aviation Corps, later a student of law at George Washington University, Washington, District of Columbia, and an employe of the Postoffice Department in Washington; married Ruth Leazenby, of Laramie, Wyoming. 7. Alpha Irene, at home. 8. Robert Edwin, attending high school.

**GUY LUTHER MCCUIN**—A native and life-long resident of Vermont and a product of that State's educational system, Mr. McCuin has been connected with one of the largest industrial establishments in the State ever since his graduation from college. As the result of his unflinching devotion to whatever duties were assigned to him, as well as of his ability and industry, he received frequent promotions to different positions of ever increasing responsibility and importance. Today he is the manager of one of this concern's plants. In this position he has shown exceptional executive ability and he is regarded very highly by his superiors, his associates, his employees and the community at large.

Guy Luther McCuin was born at Belvidere, Lamoille County, September 7, 1897, a son of John R. and Minnetta Eunice (Brown) McCuin. His father, now deceased, was a farmer at Belvidere. His mother is a native of Lowell, Orleans County. Mr. McCuin was educated in the public schools and at Brigham Academy, Bakersfield, Franklin County, from which latter he graduated in 1917. Later he entered the University of Vermont, where he took up the study of agriculture and where he graduated in 1923 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. Immediately after having completed his education he entered the employ of the Nelson-Hall Manufacturing Company, with which company he has been connected continuously since then. His advancement has been very rapid and he is now manager of the plant at Montgomery, Franklin County. An able executive, he not only knows how to maintain the plant under his direction in the best possible condition, but he also understands how to gain and hold the loyalty and respect of those who work under him. He is well liked in the community and takes an active part in its life. He is a member of the United States Naval Reserves. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masons, being a member of Mississquoi Lodge, No. 9, Free and Accepted Masons. While at college he belonged to Zeta Chi Fraternity, of which he is a charter member. His religious affiliations are with the Congregational Church.

Mr. McCuin married, August 17, 1925, Florence Caroline Martin of Richford, Franklin County. Mr. and Mrs. McCuin are the parents of one daughter, Phyllis Carrie McCuin, and make their home in Montgomery.



**JUDGE WILLIAM J. MEAGHER**, who is a native of North Bennington, began the practice of law in Bennington, and since 1919 has continuously served as municipal judge. He has been associated for years with both the business and professional life of Bennington, and is held in high esteem among his fellow men, especially for his conduct of his office of the judgeship. Judge Meagher was born at North Bennington on August 3, 1876, a son of Thomas Francis and Mary K. Meagher. His father, who died many years ago, was also born at North Bennington, and his mother, Mrs. Mary K. Meagher was born in Cossackie, New York, coming to Bennington about sixty-five years ago, where she still lives.

William J. Meagher received his early training in the public schools of Bennington, graduating from the high school here. Upon the completion of his studies, he worked for a time as clerk in the store of J. Ed. Walbridge, and subsequently as clerk for C. Fred Van Vleck. Judge Meagher in 1896 began the study of law in the offices of Barber and Darling at Bennington, where he remained for six years. In 1900 he was admitted to the practice of law before the Vermont Courts. He remained with the firm of Barber and Darling until 1906, when he was elected State's Attorney for Bennington County, which office he filled until December 1, 1914. His first appointment to the municipal judgeship came in 1919, when Governor Clement named him for this important office. Since that time he has been regularly appointed judge at the end of each successive two year term. In this position he has earned the respect of the community by enforcing the law at all times.

Upon many occasions he has been requested to take part in important public activities. He has been counsellor, attorney, proctor and solicitor of the United States Supreme Court. He has been corporation counsel for the Village of Bennington, and is now chairman of the board of trustees of the Village of Old Bennington. From 1906 to 1914 he served four terms as State's attorney for Bennington County, while since 1919 he has been occupied with his present duties as judge, with the result that his services to the general public have been more extensive than those of the ordinary man engaged in the legal profession. In addition to his legal and court work, Judge Meagher has participated to a considerable extent in the social affairs of Bennington. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of the Mt. Anthony Country Club and the Knights of Columbus, of which he is an ex-Chancellor. He also keeps in constant touch with general developments in his profession through membership in the Vermont Bar Association and the American Bar Association. His religious faith is that of Roman Catholic and he is a member of St. Francis de Sales Church at Bennington.

In May, 1914, Judge William J. Meagher married Fanny (Abbott) Blackmer, also a native of Bennington, and a daughter of Lyman and Laura (Hancock) Abbott. Mrs. Meagher's son by a former marriage, Samuel H. Blackmer, is now associated with Judge Meagher in the practice of law.

**ROBERT CLARK BOYNTON**—Continuing the family tradition of superior hotel operation, Robert Clark Boynton, of Rutland, has been connected with his father's business, the Hotel Berwick, of this city, since 1920 and in addition is now the owner and manager of the beautiful Crestwood Hotel, which is one of the most distinctive and exclusive summer places to be found in this State. Mr. Boynton purchased the latter in 1927 and opened it that same year to meet the requirements of summer visitors of taste and discrimination. He has had a splendid foundation in hotel management, especially under his father's tutelage, and now as manager of both the Hotel Berwick and the Crestwood Hotel, he holds a prominent place in Vermont hotel circles.

Mr. Boynton was born in Morrisville, June 23, 1894, son of Albert J. and Flora (Fuller) Boynton, his mother having been born in Stowe. Albert J. Boynton has been active in the hotel business for many years, having been thus engaged in Morrisville and Burlington until 1883, when he removed to Rutland and entered the old Bates House. In 1884, he became connected with the Hotel Berwick which he conducted for many years and in which he is still active, although his son now acts as manager. Mr. Boynton is a direct descendant of Colonel John Boynton, who was commissioned colonel by the Council of Safety of Massachusetts, in 1773. He was a colonel in the Revolutionary army and rendered valiant aid to the cause of independence throughout the war. He died at the age of eighty-four, leaving a family of twelve children.

Robert Clark Boynton was educated in the public schools of Rutland, and after high school, entered Dartmouth College, from which he was graduated. While attending high school and Dartmouth College, he worked during vacation months at the Ampersand Hotel, Saranac Lake, New York, and the Lake Placid Club at Lake Placid, New York, after which he became associated with the Fort William Henry Hotel at Lake George, New York. After leaving college Mr. Boynton for a while acted as employment manager of the Universal Winding Company of Providence, Rhode Island, later becoming methods accountant for the New York Telephone Company in New York City. In 1920, he returned to Rutland and became attached to his father's enterprise as proprietor of the Hotel Berwick in which capacity he has since continued. This is one of the finest hotels in the State, doing business all the year round, and catering to a regular, substantial clientele. Among travelers, it is recognized as a hospitable house, comfortable and pleasant in every respect, where visitors are assured of the finest service amidst cheerful surroundings. The Crestwood Hotel, which Mr. Boynton owns and directs, is a delightful summer vacation house. The main building, with its extensive grounds and marvelous gardens, was formerly the estate of General Henry Baxter, famous in the 70's as a captain of industry. A man of vigorous personality, he built railroads and was one of the early presidents of the New York Central Railroad, selling out his interests to Cornelius Vanderbilt. He was also builder of the Cleveland-to-Dayton Railroad; he controlled the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, and owned several valuable marble quarries in West Rutland, besides which he was prominent as a stock market operator, all told, being one of this section's best-known citizens.

In fraternal affairs, Mr. Boynton is an active member of the Free and Accepted Masons; the Knights of Pythias, and the American Legion. He is one of the leading members of the New England Hotel Association, the American Hotel Association and is president of the Hotel Association of Vermont. In all local activities, he takes a constructive part as a member of the Rutland Chamber of Commerce; the Vermont Chamber of Commerce; the Rutland Rotary Club and the Rutland Country Club. His religious affiliation is with the Congregational church. During the World War, Mr. Boynton was a soldier in the United States Army, but was stationed in this country until his discharge from the service after the armistice.

Robert Clark Boynton married, October 12, 1922, at Rutland, Gail Wilson, daughter of Frank and Florence (Waterhouse) Wilson, and they are the parents of two sons: John Wilson, born October 19, 1924; and Wilson Clark, born September 25, 1928.

**CARL WARREN CAMERON**—Having taken an active part in various departments of municipal government, Carl Warren Cameron, of White River Junction, is this city's popular postmaster, having been appointed to this office by the President on August 15, 1921. Since



that time, Mr. Cameron has fulfilled the duties of his post with remarkable ability and accomplishment, and he continues to receive the highest praise from all his fellow-citizens for the splendid service given by the postal department of this city under his able direction. He is particularly prominent in fraternal circles and is an active leader in the Masonic order, in addition to which he is always among the leaders in civic activities pertaining to the advancement of the city or the betterment of public welfare.

Mr. Cameron was born in Hartford, May 23, 1879, son of Frank W. Cameron, who is retired, and Lucinda S. (Watson) Cameron, of Hartford, who died April 12, 1888. Frank W. Cameron was born in Marshfield, Vermont, but now resides in Frankfort, New York, and is one of the highly respected residents of his vicinity.

Carl Warren Cameron was educated in the public schools of Hartford, and after high school, spent three years as an apprentice in the drug business. On April 1, 1902, he became a clerk in the post office and continued in government service until 1917, when he accepted a position in a banking institution from which he resigned in 1921 to take up his duties as postmaster of this city. In the civic life of this city, Mr. Cameron has always been actively interested and he has held the office of treasurer of the town, later becoming tax collector, holding both these offices at the same time. As postmaster of White River Junction, Mr. Cameron has won the admiration of the entire community for his courteous attention to all matters, his pleasing personality and his sincere desire to give to the people the most efficient, dependable postal service that is possible. His achievements in this line of endeavor speak for themselves and are an eloquent testimonial to his energetic efforts. In fraternal affiliations, Mr. Cameron is a prominent member of United Brethren Lodge, No. 21, Free and Accepted Masons; Cascadac Chapter, No. 27, Royal Arch Masons; Flanders Commandery, No. 14, Knights Templar; Windsor Council, No. 8, Royal and Select Masters; Mt. Sinai Temple, of Montpelier, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Order of Eastern Star; Hartford (Vermont) Lodge, No. 1541, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Modern Woodmen of America, Hartford Camp, No. 9923. He is a valued member of the Rotary Club, and in politics, is a staunch supporter of the Republican party. His religious adherence is given to the Congregational church.

Carl Warren Cameron married, August 11, 1909, Caroline Wallace, daughter of Everett J. and Charlotte (Safford) Wallace, of Hartford; Mr. Wallace being assistant immigrant commissioner for the United States stationed at Montreal, Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron are the parents of eight children: 1. Wallace, born June 25, 1910, died July 16, 1911. 2. Everett W., born May 12, 1912. 3. Carl J., born August 17, 1913. 4. Charlotte L., born October 3, 1915. 5. Margery A., born December 30, 1917. 6. Mary L., born May 13, 1919. 7. Caroline L., born August 24, 1921. 8. Susan W., born July 14, 1924. During the recent World War, Mr. Cameron was actively engaged in this district as United States Food Administrator.

**FREDERIC HAVILAND SIBLEY**—For the past four years Frederic Haviland Sibley has been identified with the Olin Scott Machine Works as manager. He is a native of Bennington, in which place the works are located, and is a graduate of Williams College, class of 1918. Mr. Sibley is a trustee of the Olin Scott Fund, Incorporated, and is president of the Frary Manufacturing Company of Charlemont. The Olin Scott Machine Works are engaged in manufacturing special machinery, such as automatic wood turning lathes, black powder machinery, etc., and are located at No. 300 Pleasant Street, in Bennington.

Frederic Haviland Sibley was born in Bennington, Vermont, April 9, 1895, son of A. Buel Sibley, a knit goods manufacturer of Bennington, and of Harriette (Morgan) Sibley, both natives of Bennington. He attended the public schools of Bennington, including the high school, and then prepared for college at the Westminster School in Simsbury, Connecticut, after which he matriculated in Williams College, at Williamstown, Massachusetts, where he completed his course with graduation in 1918. After graduation he found employment with the Allen A Company, with whom he was engaged in production work for about three years. He then became associated with William H. Wills for a short time, after which he accepted a position as secretary in the employ of George Rockwood & Company, with whom he remained for a period of two years. In 1924 he came to the Olin Scott Machine Works, as manager, and this responsible position he is still filling (1928). The concern is a well-known one in this section of the State, engaged in the manufacture of special machinery, and has been in existence since 1862, when it was founded by the late Colonel Olin Scott. Since that time it has been continuously in business and has made for itself an enviable reputation for skilled work and for sound business methods. Mr. Sibley is upholding the traditions which have won success in the past and is a man who, while holding on to the best that has been achieved, looks toward progress as the center of achievement. Along with the successful management of this well established enterprise Mr. Sibley is also at the head of the Frary Manufacturing Company, of Charlemont, a wood-turning concern which is handling a large business. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Olin Scott Fund, Incorporated, and is active in numerous local organizations, including the Young Men's Christian Association, which he serves as secretary of the board of directors; and the Athletic Field Association, of which he is vice-president. He is auditor of the school district, and a member of the local water board, and is actively interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the town. During the World War he enlisted, in April, 1918, and was successively located at Camp Devens, Ayer, Massachusetts; Camp Lee, Petersburg, Virginia; and Camp McClellan, at Anniston, Alabama, receiving his discharge in December, 1918. His religious affiliation is with the Baptist Church.

Frederic Haviland Sibley was married, in New York City, August 28, 1918, to Doris A. Carpenter, who was born in Bennington, Vermont, daughter of T. A. and Sarah (Champine) Carpenter, both natives of Albany, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Sibley have one child, Deborah Morgan, who was born March 21, 1923. The family home is located at No. 127 Union Street, in Bennington.

**JAMES KENDRICKS BATCHELDER**—Died on November 29, 1925, in his eighty-fourth year, Mr. Batchelder as dean of the legal profession of the Vermont Bar and a much beloved individual, was sincerely mourned throughout the State upon his demise. He died, as he would have liked, in harness, only a few days after arguing the James case. He has left traditions of wit and brilliancy of powers that will long be remembered and to the last gave a vigorous and happy ambience to his work that was characteristic. One of his contemporaries wrote of him that it seemed impossible to believe in facing him across a council table that "here was a man who was born before the railroads came, when veterans of the Revolution were still living, when the mountain town was as good as the valley town, when the stage coach had four horses, a boot and straps and was the common carrier; that he had taken part in trials when our Court House was on Town Hill in what we called Old Bennington, when Bennington was East Bennington or Algiers." Mr. Batchelder was born on the mountain at Peru, the tenth of November, 1842. On his



father's side he was a descendant of Joseph Batchelder who came from Canterbury, Kent County, England, in 1636 and settled at Salem, Massachusetts. His mother's name was Nancy Barnard and her lineage is traced to a French Huguenot named James Bernard, who came to this country at the time of the Huguenot troubles in France. Mr. Batchelder was distantly related to Daniel Webster, whose grandmother was Susanna Webster, daughter of Benjamin Batchelder. It is amusing to note that among the papers pertaining to Daniel Webster, is the following quoted from a letter to his son: "I believe we are all indebted to my father's mother for a large portion of the little sense which belongs to us. Her name was Susanna Batchelder. She was the descendant of a clergyman and a woman of uncommon strength of understanding. If I had had many boys I should have named one of them Batchelder." Mr. Batchelder's father, Ira Kendricks Batchelder, moved to Peru from Mount Vernon, New Hampshire in 1819. He was a notable figure in Peru, a lawyer and a teacher. He taught, among other schools, in the Burr and Burton Seminary at Manchester. He was the author of a history of the neighborhood and was Assistant Judge of Bennington County Court when his son was admitted to the bar. Mr. Batchelder obtained his preliminary education in the local public school and then at Burr and Burton Seminary, where a grandson is now a student, and after graduating from that institution entered Middlebury College, graduating from there in 1864. He himself taught school for a while. He studied law in the office of Judge James M. Tyler at Wilmington and Brattleboro and at the Albany Law School. His first appearance in court was in association with the late Harvey K. Fowler, the defendants being represented by Miner and Prindle of Manchester and his last appearance was at a special term of the Supreme Court at Rutland on November 17, 1825. He had practiced in the courts of Vermont for fifty-nine years and five months. About the time of his admission to the bar, Mr. Batchelder took up his residence at Arlington, retaining it until his death. At the beginning of his practice he was associated for a short time with Harman Canfield, and later he carried on a partnership with Orion M. Barber, now a member of the United States Court of Customs Appeals at Washington. In 1882 he formed a partnership with Edward L. Bates which continued to the time of his death, the office being maintained at Bennington. For a brief time, Mr. Batchelder practiced in Troy, New York, but it was not a felicitous connection and soon abandoned. Mr. Batchelder acted as town moderator in the town of Arlington for thirty-four years and the town law agent during most of his residence there. He represented the town at the State Legislature in 1874, 1876 and 1884. He was Speaker of the session during this later term. In the campaign of 1880 at the time of the election of Garfield, he was presidential elector. In 1890 and 1901, he was acting president of the Vermont State Bar Association, of which he was a charter member and in 1908 and 1909 was elected its president. He acted as one of the Commissioners for Vermont under appointment by Governor Fuller of Vermont in 1892, for establishing the boundary line between this State and Massachusetts. From 1874 to 1880 he was State Attorney of Bennington County and in 1912 was one of its Senators. He was twice a candidate for the Republican nomination for the governorship and was one of the leading candidates for representative to Congress at the time that the Republican party nominated David J. Foster. A factional quarrel in Bennington County undoubtedly prevented Mr. Batchelder from obtaining the political position to which his talents gave him the right to aspire.

On January 7, 1926, at the annual meeting of the Vermont State Bar Association at Montpelier, a fine tribute

was paid to the memory of James Kendricks Batchelder by Attorney Robert E. Healy. He spoke from intimate knowledge of Mr. Batchelder and from an admiring personal association. In part, he says: "While in the plenitude of his powers he had, in the sphere of his practice, few equals and no superiors. He was a master of pleading both in law and equity. Few lawyers ever lived whose practice brought them into touch with so many phases of life and so many kinds of people. Few have known human nature better. For over half a century he was on every important jury case tried in Bennington County. In his time he represented railroad corporations, banks, farmers, millionaires and laborers. His preparation of a case was careful and his presentation skilful, his cross-examination shrewd and efficient, his arguments to juries sometimes homely, sometimes eloquent and always based on a wise appraisal of his auditors. No one in his county knew more of its citizens, and for many years he could call every jurymen by his first name. He won many notable victories and was particularly skilled in trials involving land suits. The Fuller murder case, tried in the early eighties, was one of the county's most noted cases and Mr. Batchelder assisted in the prosecution. Counsel for the defense was Charles Eddy, counted as one of the most brilliant criminal lawyers of the day. Parts of Mr. Batchelder's address to the jury are still quoted in Bennington and they have the rhythm and cadence of blank verse.

Mr. Batchelder was always a student of history and his greatest admiration was not for notable figures of the bar as much as for the early patriots of Vermont, to whom he felt spiritually akin. He was for many years a member of the Bennington Battle Monument and Historical Association, being its vice-president in latter years. He delivered Memorial Day addresses beyond number in every Vermont County, and one of the most quoted of his addresses was that one which he gave at Peru at the dedication of the monument to commemorate the march of Stark's army to the battle of Bennington, an oration that was a masterpiece of patriotic fervor and poetic expression. Mr. Batchelder loved his mountains and spent his vacations at every opportunity among them. There he wrote many of his sketches and addresses. He is buried at the cemetery at Manchester, nearby the Green Mountains and close to the road that leads to Peru.

In 1867, James Kendricks Batchelder was married to Alta Parsons of Arlington, who predeceased him and he is survived by an only daughter, now Mrs. Claude M. Campbell, and by three grandchildren. Mr. Batchelder held membership in the Masonic Lodge of South Londonderry and in the Bennington Club where he spent much of his time in later years and where his memory will long be kept fresh and green. Over six feet tall, never over-weight and always stalwart and erect and of resonant and powerful voice, he was a notable figure in any gathering. Truly a great man, mentally as well as physically, he is remembered as such by a great number of people of both social and professional connection.

**FRED BEAUCHAMP**—One of Rutland's best known pharmacists, Fred Beauchamp is now proprietor and half owner of the old established drug business in which he served his apprenticeship as a boy. Mr. Beauchamp is one of Rutland's native sons and he has been connected with pharmaceutical affairs in this city ever since entering upon an active career. With a partner, Mr. O'Rourke, he purchased in 1920 the organization in which he had been employed for so many years, and continues to operate this establishment with substantial success.

Mr. Beauchamp was born May 21, 1889, at Center Rutland, son of Joseph and Olympia (Villeneuve) Beau-



champ, both of whom were born in the Province of Quebec, Canada. Joseph Beauchamp was engaged for many years as blacksmith in Center Rutland.

Fred Beauchamp was educated in the public schools of Center Rutland and in the Rutland High School. He later entered the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, at Boston, from which he was graduated with the class of 1912. In 1907, he entered the pharmacy of C. W. Ward as an apprentice and after several years left to enter college, returning to this store immediately after his graduation, where he took up his duties as a registered pharmacist. This organization had been founded in 1873 by Dr. E. C. Lewis, and at his death was purchased by C. W. Ward who conducted it until his death in 1912, when the business was purchased by F. E. D. Farmer and Company. Mr. Beauchamp continued his connection with the store under his new employer and after the death of Mr. Farmer, managed the business in the interests of the other members of the firm. He achieved great success as manager because of his thorough knowledge of business operation and his expert ability as a pharmacist. In 1920, Mr. Beauchamp and Mr. O'Rourke bought out the remaining owners and since then have carried on a modern, dependable drug store. They have established a reputation of the finest kind throughout this city for goods of the highest quality, while their prescription department receives the best recommendations from all the leading physicians of the vicinity for their expert care and superior materials used in compounding all prescriptions. They have not only followed the fine traditions of the original enterprise founded in 1873 upon the same location, but they have added to its prestige by their splendid, progressive methods. Mr. Beauchamp takes an active part in civic matters and is prominent in fraternal circles as a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters. He is a valued member of the Rutland Chamber of Commerce. In promoting the welfare of the people of this community, he devotes much of his time as a member of the local Board of Health. His religious adherence is given to the Roman Catholic Church and he attends the Sacred Heart of Mary Church.

Fred Beauchamp married, in 1914, Irene M. Rousseau, of Rutland, daughter of Alfred E. and Celina (L'Heureux) Rousseau, and they are the parents of six children: 1. Helen Jean, born July 24, 1915. 2. Maurice F., born October 14, 1916. 3. Laurence A., born February 28, 1919. 4. Joyce R., born March 8, 1922. 5. Edna H., born February 24, 1924. 6. Alfred J., born April 9, 1926. The family residence is located at No. 148 Adams Street.

**CHARLES WILLIAM SIMPSON**—Interested in mechanics since his early youth, Mr. Simpson acquired a most unusually thorough mechanical training by many years' practical experience in various parts of the United States with different important manufacturers of machinery, especially of the automatic type. Eventually he took up the selling of these products and as foreign representative was responsible during almost twenty years for greatly spreading the fame and use of this typically American product in many European countries. In this work he showed such notable executive ability that finally, in 1927, he was recalled to his native country to assume the responsible position of general manager of the Windsor, Vermont, plant of the National Acme Company, one of the largest manufacturers of automatic machinery in the world.

Charles William Simpson was born at Barton, Orleans County, Vermont, May 20, 1879, a son of Charles E. and Mary (Bradshaw) Simpson. His father, who died in 1925, was a farmer at St. Johnsbury, Caledonia County. His mother was a native of Lyndon Corners, Caledonia County, to which locality her ancestors had come from Coventry, England, after first having lived for some time in Canada. Mr. Simpson was educated in

the public grammar and high schools of St. Johnsbury. At the age of seventeen years he went to work for the Fairbanks Scale Company, with which concern he remained for some four years, working successively in the valve department, at blacksmithing, nickel-plating and scale assembling. The next two years he spent with F. M. Davis, of Denver, Colorado, a manufacturer of mining machinery, after which he returned east and for about eighteen months was connected with the Wool-work Valve Company of South Boston, Massachusetts, manufacturers of steam whistles. This was followed by a few years' work with the Hancock Company of Boston. During the four years following he was engaged in making various parts of automatic machines and injectors. In August, 1909, he came to Windsor, Windsor County, where he became connected with the Windsor Machine Company, being placed in charge of its automatic machine department. Two years later, in 1911, he was sent to Europe selling automatic machinery and, until the outbreak of the World War in 1914 he travelled extensively for that purpose in England, Germany, Russia, and Sweden. During the World War he was located in England, engaged in the selling and installing of automatic machinery, a product which was of the greatest importance at that period and which was extensively used in connection with the manufacture of munitions. After the end of the war he became direct representative of the National Acme Company for England, France, Italy and Sweden. In this work he continued with notable success until April 1, 1927, when he was made general manager of the Windsor plant of the National Acme Company, which position he has held since then. Mr. Simpson is considered an authority on automatic machinery, a standing which he well merits, considering that he has been, at one time or another, connected with every branch of that industry. He is a member of Vermont Lodge, No. 18, Free and Accepted Masons; Vermont Commandery, No. 4, Knights Templar; thirty-second degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the Hourglass Country Club; the Rotary Club; and the Engineers Clubs of London and of Manchester, England.

Mr. Simpson was married at St. Johnsbury, Vermont, September 7, 1899, to Annie McIver, a daughter of Peter and Annie McIver, of Quebec, Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson have no children and make their home at No. 18 Ascutney Street, Windsor.

**FRED STICKLES**—Since 1910 Fred Stickles has been associated with the Henry M. Tuttle Company, dealers in coal and building supplies, who also handle a successful trucking business. He is now (1928) a partner in the company and manager of the business.

Fred Stickles was born in Churchtown, New York, June 16, 1870, son of Calvin Stickles, a farmer of that place who served for some years as a member of the school committee, and of Lucindy May (Mink) Stickles, both natives of Churchtown. Mr. Stickles received his education in the public schools of his birthplace, and then, while still a boy, found employment in Bradford's Knitting Mills in Bennington. That was in 1887, when he was seventeen years of age, and for five years he maintained that connection. Industrious and faithful, he gave the best possible service and was thrifty in the care of his earnings. In 1892 he made a change and associated himself with the Lasher Stocking Company, of Bennington. It is evident that from the beginning Mr. Stickles was a person of stability and of tenacity of purpose, not given to making hasty changes, for after spending five years in the first mill business he entered, he remained for an even longer period in the next place, completing thirteen years there. At the end of that time, having had active experience of twenty-three years in the two mills, he became associated with the Henry M. Tuttle



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Company, of Bennington, in 1910. From that time to the present he has devoted his energy to forwarding the interests of the company, and as the years have passed has received his reward in one promotion after another until, at the present time (1928) he is a partner in the company and manager of the business.

The Henry M. Tuttle Company has developed from a very small and modest beginning to its present large proportions, building carefully upon the secure foundation of quality material, prompt service, and a square business deal. It handles coal and all kinds of building supplies, sending these commodities to a very large patronage scattered over a wide territory surrounding Bennington, and in addition to a prosperous business in these commodities also conducts a thriving trucking business. It is the largest concern of its kind in Bennington, and is still growing.

Mr. Stickles is a member and ex-director of the Bennington Chamber of Commerce and a member of the board of water commissioners, and takes a very pronounced interest in civic affairs in Bennington. He is a member of the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association, and member of the Bennington Club; and his fraternal affiliations are with Mount Anthony Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His religious membership is with the Methodist Church, which he serves as a member of its board of trustees.

Fred Stickles was married, in Bennington, Vermont, December 18, 1894, to Luella Tuttle, who was born in the family home on Gage Street, in Bennington, and died July 5, 1926, daughter of Henry Marcus Tuttle, a native of Bennington, and founder of the Henry M. Tuttle Company, and of Julia A. (Lincoln) Tuttle, and they have one daughter, Lelia, who married Clifford T. Adkins, and they live at Bennington. They are the parents of a daughter, Brenda, born in 1920. The Stickles home is at No. 511 Gage Street, in Bennington.

**GEORGE GATES NICHOLS**—Progressing steadily through the various official positions of the mercantile organization with which he was associated, George Gates Nichols, of White River Junction, has the honor to act as president of the enterprise which he first entered as an office boy. Mr. Nichols was made president of the White River Paper Company in 1913, and has ever since been active in his capacity of executive, assisting in directing the prosperous activities of this great establishment. He has been connected with this company for more than thirty-five years and knows the needs of the paper trade inside and out, being considered one of the foremost leaders in this trade throughout Vermont.

Mr. Nichols was born in Concord, New Hampshire, July 13, 1871, son of Lovell W. and Emeline S. (Webster) Nichols. Lovell W. Nichols was born in Springfield, New Hampshire, and saw active service in the Civil War. He was a member of the Eleventh New Hampshire Regiment, Company F.

George Gates Nichols was educated in the public schools of New Hampshire, having moved to Bedford, New Hampshire, with his parents when he was ten years of age. Two years later, the family moved to Enfield, New Hampshire, where they resided five years, after which they took up their residence in White River Junction. Here Mr. Nichols made his first and only business connection, having the unique record of spending his entire business career with his present company. The story of his rise from office-boy to president must appear similar to that of a hero of fiction, but nevertheless it is a fact. He studied the various processes of the industry and became familiar with all the different operations of the business, advancing with consistent success through the ranks of the concern until, in 1913, he was made president of the company. The White River Paper Company is one of the many large jobbing concerns in

New England and is a factor in the wholesale paper trade, which has been such a great addition to Vermont's commercial advancement. Under Mr. Nichols's able, intelligent direction, its affairs have progressed to a remarkable degree and its successful operation has contributed in large measure to the industrial prosperity of this town. In municipal activities, Mr. Nichols lends his influential support to every cause which proposes the betterment of local conditions or the promotion of civic progress, while in the active direction of city government, he has been prominent for a number of years. He has served as chairman of the board of selectmen of this town since 1919 and in politics is a staunch adherent of the principles of the Republican party. He is a valued member of the Rotary Club and his fraternal affiliations are with the United Brethren Lodge, No. 21, Free and Accepted Masons. His religious connection is with the Methodist Church.

George Gates Nichols married, July 12, 1909, Ethel G. Watson, daughter of Albert and Ellen (Upton) Watson, of Pittsfield, New Hampshire, and to this union has been born one son, Lawrence Watson, born July 9, 1910.

**LEWIS EMERY SPRINGER**—The main interests of the career of Lewis Emery Springer have been centered in the hotel business in the States of Massachusetts, Maine, and Vermont, and equipped with an experience that is inclusive of every department of hotel life from bell-boy to proprietor, he is rightly accounted one of the leading men engaging in the business in New England. As proprietor of the Windsor House, at Windsor, Vermont, Mr. Springer is well known as a host who manages his hotel from the standpoint of the traveler and the regular boarder of good taste, and therefore his hostelry holds no second place among Vermont hotels.

Lewis Emery Springer was born November 14, 1884, at Portland, Maine, a son of John W. Springer, who was in the shoe business at Portland, and of Alice (Randall) Springer. After attending the public schools at Portland, Maine, Mr. Springer engaged as a bell-boy at the Rock End Hotel, North East Harbor, Maine, in the summers and at the West End Hotel, Portland, in the winter during 1898-99, and in the same capacity in 1900 at the Preble House, and later he was made room clerk and cashier. On April 1, 1917, he went to the Touraine Hotel, in Boston, as bookkeeper, where he was also room clerk and cashier, so continuing until June 23, 1923. He took over the Windsor House on lease, July 1, 1923, and on September 1, 1925, he purchased the property.

Fraternally, Mr. Springer is affiliated with Windsor Lodge, No. 18, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Scottish Rite Lodge of Perfection. He is president of the Masonic Acacia Club, president of the Hourglass Country Club, and member of the Rotary Club. His religious fellowship is with the South Congregational church.

Lewis Emery Springer married, January 1, 1914, Adelaide Pool, daughter of Eben A. and Annie (Dunton) Pool, of Boothbay, Maine. Their children: 1. Lewis E., born February 6, 1915, at Portland. 2. John E., born January 30, 1917. 3. Richard P., born April 23, 1919, at Medford, Massachusetts. 4. Robert Gordon, born March 2, 1928, at Windsor, Vermont.

**CHARLES J. SLEEMAN**—A native of far-away Syria, but a resident of the United States since his early boyhood, Mr. Sleeman's success as a businessman in the old New England town of Bennington may be taken as proof of the fact that energy, industry and integrity find their reward today as much as ever in the history of this country. Entirely through his own efforts and as the result of hard work, great ability and a progressive outlook upon life and its problems, he has made for himself an enviable reputation as one of the most substantial of the younger generation of Bennington's business men.



Charles J. Sleeman was born in Mount Lebanon, Syria, Asia, July 5, 1900, a son of Sleeman Shaker and Lillian Neckley. Both his parents were born in Mount Lebanon, Syria, where his father was very prominently active in public affairs, holding various important local offices at different times, including those of town representative and a member of the school board. Mr. Sleeman received his early education in the public schools of his native country. Shortly before the outbreak of the World War, in 1913, when he was only thirteen years old, he came to this country, of which he has been a resident since. At first he lived for five years at Winchendon, Massachusetts, where he worked in the Glenallan Mills. In 1918 he removed to Bennington, Bennington County, where he entered the grocery business, continuing in it four years. In 1922 he purchased the building at No. 716 Main Street, Bennington, and there established himself in the wholesale and retail business, handling confectionery, groceries, tobacco and similar products. As the result of untiring energy, honesty and industry he has built up within a few years a very prosperous business, which under his able management is bound to expand still further. In recent years he has also acted as agent for mechanical pianos and organs in Bennington and the adjoining territory, and in this line, too, he has created a very profitable trade. Another successful undertaking of his is a roller-skating rink and dance hall on Union Street, Bennington, which under his careful management has become one of the most popular places of its type in the town. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and of the Foresters of America. He was also a member of the Bennington Howitzer Company, Vermont National Guard, to which company he belonged for six years and of which he was a sergeant, having previously held the rank of corporal. His religious affiliations, like those of his wife, are with the Roman Catholic church, and more particularly with St. Francis de Sales Church of Bennington.

Mr. Sleeman married, at Bennington, July 1, 1928, Rose Agnes Ciocea, a native of North Bennington and a daughter of German and Rose (Drinkwater) Ciocea. Mrs. Sleeman's father, a prosperous North Bennington merchant, is a native of Italy, while her mother was born in Albany, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Sleeman make their home at No. 714 Main Street, Bennington, which adjoins his store and which, like the latter, is his own property.

**SAMUEL ASA REED**—Among the merchants of Windsor, Vermont, Samuel Asa Reed has received deserved recognition throughout this section as one of the foremost of the hardware dealers, and as one who has established his business upon a sound and permanent basis. This is due to a varied and valued experience in the general business world, in which Mr. Reed has found many friends, and made himself a factor in progressive community enterprise.

Samuel Asa Reed was born August 24, 1858, at Dannemora, New York, a son of James B. Reed, who was a native of Ireland, and was for many years head-keeper of Dannemora Prison, and Harriet Ellen (White) Reed, a native of Ludlow, Vermont. After attending the Dannemora public schools, Mr. Reed began work in a brickyard, carrying brick at fifty cents a day, after which in succession, he was with the Shelby Ironworks four years, fireman on narrow gauge railroad one year; chain carrier for surveyors taking up Government land for ironworks, for six months in Alabama. After a year of study at Greenwich Academy, Greenwich, New York, he was engaged as clerk in the Bromley House, at Dannemora, New York, for a year; then, for nine months, as shipping clerk for the Kibby candy factory, at Springfield, Massachusetts; for a year as candy salesman for the Kibby company; in 1881, he became employed

in the Jones and Lamson machine shop, at Windsor, finishing his apprenticeship in two years. He continued to work as an all-round machinist until his firm sold out to the Windsor Machine Company, when he was made foreman, and later, general manager. On December 1, 1893, he bought out the F. C. Keyes plumbing and hardware business on State Street, and on April 1, 1894, removed to his present location two doors below, on State Street. During the World War, he relinquished the plumbing end of the business, and confined his activities to general hardware, as at present.

Fraternally, Mr. Reed is affiliated with Vermont Lodge, No. 18, Free and Accepted Masons; and Windsor Lodge, No. 55, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Vermont, as well as Past Grand Representative of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has visited all over the country in that capacity, and has sat with many notables in conventions. He represented the Grand Lodge of Vermont at the Sovereign Grand Session held in San Francisco in 1904; in Philadelphia 1905; in Toronto 1906, in St. Paul 1907, in Denver 1908, and he was Grand Marshall, at Atlanta, Georgia, in 1910; at Winnipeg in 1912. He is a member of the Flood Commission of the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

Samuel Asa Reed married, May 1, 1883, Abby Jane, daughter of Chester H. and Lucy Jane (Harlow) White, of Cornish, New Hampshire. She was born November 17, 1859, and is a member of Friendship Lodge, No. 41, of the Rebekahs.

**ALFRED ARTHUR SOULIÈRE**—Active in the municipal affairs of St. Albans, Alfred Arthur Soulière, who is now serving his second term as Alderman of the Second Ward, has shown to his constituents that he is eminently fitted to be their representative through his splendid accomplishments in the service of his city and people. Mr. Soulière is also prominent in railroad circles, being general foreman of the Car Department of the Central Vermont Railroad, which responsible post he has held since his appointment in 1925.

Mr. Soulière was born in Montreal, Canada, October 24, 1890, son of Marcel and Anagine (LeClaire) Soulière, his father having been born in Montreal, now deceased, and his mother, born in Montreal, in 1852, still survives.

Alfred Arthur Soulière was educated in the National Schools of Montreal and upon the completion of his formal education, was apprenticed to the cabinet-making trade which he mastered thoroughly, continuing at this work until 1914 when he came to St. Albans. Here he was occupied at his trade until 1917, when he accepted a position with the Central Vermont Railroad as cabinet-maker. With this great transportation company, he found a new field for his ability, and accordingly progressed rapidly and received various promotions until he was made general foreman of the Car Department in 1925, a position which he has continued to fill with efficiency and ability. It is in the field of municipal service that Mr. Soulière has attracted civic prominence. In his first term as alderman of the Second Ward, he won the confidence and esteem of his people with the result that he was returned to office with an overwhelming majority and is now in his second term. He possesses the ability to see beyond the immediate present and with a knowledge of the future needs of this city, has worked enthusiastically for municipal improvements. He was almost individually responsible for the passing of a bond issue by the city to create funds for the paving of city streets and equipping the community with modern, improved water facilities, for he realized the necessity to the advancement of the city of properly constructed highways to care for in-



creasing traffic conditions and an efficient water supply system to protect the health and lives of its residents. A true, public-spirited citizen, the people of this community are fortunate to have as a representative leader a man who has their interests at heart and who has shown by his zealous efforts his sincere devotion to the cause of municipal betterment and progress. In fraternal affairs, Mr. Soulière is active in the Knights of Columbus and the St. John-the-Baptist Society. He and his family are members of the Roman Catholic Church.

Alfred Arthur Soulière married, June 29, 1914, Evelyn L'Ecuyer, and they are the parents of four children: Marcelle, born in 1915; Laurence, born in 1920; Cecile, born in 1922, and Gloria, born in 1924, all of whom attend a French convent school.

**DR. WINFRED BIGELOW GAGE**—When his particular school of healing shall have attained that high position to which all of its adherents look forward with confidence, the name of Winfred Bigelow Gage, of Rutland, will be written as the first practitioner of chiropractic in the State of Vermont. The difficulties that are met in attempting the introduction of a novelty in the scientific field are recognized, for the army of skeptics is a large one and has been trained through generations to turn to the doctor of traditional training when in need of physical help. Tireless effort must be put forth to alter this faith in the medical men of the old school, constant illustrations of the value of the new to assist, if not to altogether take its place, must be set before the people. They must be educated, as children are, by the use of every device to prove the contention of the teacher. If success is met and converts made, the teacher is to be commended as a valuable citizen, for educators in progressive movements stand high in the regard of all civilized communities. Such is the position that has been achieved by Dr. Gage at the end of a dozen years of practice of chiropractic in Rutland. He is a man of admirable qualities, civic and social, fraternal and religious, a substantial American and a wholesome citizen.

He was born in Crown Point, New York, September 28, 1880, a son of George D., deceased in 1914, and Emily (Bigelow) Gage, and attended the public schools of Crown Point. He then took the course at the Palmer School of Chiropractic, in Davenport, Iowa, from which he was graduated in December, 1915. He came at once to Rutland and established himself in practice, the first of his school here. Upon his first anniversary as a practitioner he gave a banquet to the five other practitioners of chiropractic in Vermont, at which time was organized the Vermont Chiropractic Association and Dr. Gage was chosen president. In 1919 these chiropractors succeeded in having a bill enacted in the Vermont Legislature legalizing their right to practice. They then organized the Vermont State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Fraternally he is affiliated with the Rutland Lodge, No. 79, Free and Accepted Masons; Davenport Chapter, No. 17, Royal Arch Masons; Killington Commandery, No. 6, Knights Templar; Vermont Consistory Scottish Rite Masons of Burlington; and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is Past Monarch of Orion Grotto and Junior Deacon in the Rutland Masonic Lodge. He belongs to the Rutland Ski and Green Mountain clubs and is a member of the official board of the Methodist church.

Winfred Bigelow Gage married, in Crown Point, New York, September 5, 1905, Pearl Newell, daughter of John Anderson and Stella (Spaulding) Newell, deceased. Their children are: 1. Vivian, born November 8, 1908. 2. Vernon, born June 16, 1909. 3. Paul, born December 16, 1918. 4. Pearl Stella, born July 31, 1923.

Dr. Winfred Bigelow Gage has four other brothers

practicing chiropractic. They are as follows: Dr. Hosea W. Gage, located at Plattsburg, New York; Dr. William Allen Gage, located at St. Johnsbury, Vermont; Dr. George B. Gage, located at Barre, Vermont; Dr. Ralph E. Gage, located at Newport, Vermont. This establishes a most unusual record of five doctors in one family.

**REV. JAMES DANIEL SHANNON**—Having been prepared for the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church at what now is known as Montreal University, Rev. Shannon has devoted his entire active career as a parish priest, covering some four decades, to the spiritual welfare of several communities in his native State, Vermont. In the different towns, in which he has been stationed from time to time, he has known not only how to gain the liking, confidence and respect of his own people, but also how to make himself always a powerful influence for good throughout the entire community and how to make valuable contributions to the advancement of the welfare of all people. This has also been true in respect to his relations with the people of Bennington, where he has been at the head of a Roman Catholic parish since 1927. In that comparatively short period he has made uncounted friends amongst all classes of people, both within and outside of his denomination.

Rev. James Daniel Shannon was born at Enosburg Falls, Franklin County, March 22, 1861, a son of Matthew and Catherine (Harvey) Shannon. His father, who was a farmer, was born in Roscommon, Ireland, while his mother was a native of Berkshire, Franklin County, Vermont. Father Shannon received his preliminary education in the public schools of Enosburg Falls and later became a student at Laval University, now Montreal University, Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada, where he prepared himself for the priesthood and from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Ordained to the priesthood in Montreal, December 22, 1888, by the Bishop of Sherbrooke, Province of Quebec, his first assignment was to Fairfield Center, Franklin County, Vermont. Four months later he was transferred to Underhill Center, Chittenden County, where he served from May, 1889, until October, 1899, and while there built the beautiful Gothic brick church. The next fourteen years he spent in Middlebury, Addison County, and there he erected the marble church on College Street. This is considered an outstanding structure, among the most beautiful of Vermont churches. During his residence in Middlebury he served on the town school board and for several years on the board of village trustees. Father Shannon was then stationed in Bellows Falls, remaining there for some thirteen years. While in the latter place he purchased the old town high school and lot for a Catholic Parochial School, and also erected the marble memorial altar and chancel rail. April 10, 1927, he came to Bennington, where he has served as pastor of Saint Francis de Sales parish ever since. In the several towns, in which he has carried on for so many years his inspiring and useful work as a parish priest, he has invariably gained a very high reputation, not only as an able and untiring spiritual guide and adviser to his parishioners, but also as a public-spirited and useful citizen, always to be found willing to support every movement tending to advance the welfare of the community, its people and its institutions.

The parish of St. Francis de Sales, of which Father Shannon now is pastor, has a very interesting history. It is the oldest of Bennington's Roman Catholic churches, its beginnings going back many years prior to the establishment of the parish and the building of a Roman Catholic church. In the earliest days Catholic priests came from New York and Massachusetts on



occasional visits to Bennington, to minister to the sick and to celebrate Mass. As early as 1822 a Father McQuade is reported as having come from time to time, but it is not known where his permanent station was located. During 1834-36 Father Shanahan came periodically from Troy, New York, while during the next few years Father O'Callaghan, who resided in Burlington, likewise ministered to the needs of Bennington's Catholics. Services were held in the State Arms Building, in the Court House and in private residences. The mission at that time was composed of the Catholics of Bennington, Pownal, Woodford and Shaftsbury. In January, 1837, Rev. John B. Daly, of Middlebury and Castleton, began to attend Bennington and was constant in his ministrations until 1854. He celebrated mass in the old Court House, until it was burned down, October 20, 1846, then in the brick academy, erected in 1821. When the new Court House, which stood near the homestead of Ethan Allen, was built, mass was said there, until 1854, when the first Catholic church in the southwestern part of the State was erected at Bennington. In that year Father Druon of Rutland assumed charge of Bennington. He remained in town about six months, bought the lot for the first church on March 15, 1854, and built the church during that year. It stood at the fork of roads on the hill leading to Old Bennington, which now is the Vermont Historical Museum. Its cornerstone was blessed August 6, 1854, by Right Rev. Louis de Goesbriand, the first Catholic Bishop of Vermont, which State, formerly part of the Diocese of Boston, had been erected into a separate Diocese, with Burlington as the Episcopal See. During 1855 Father Picar looked after the mission from Rutland. He was succeeded by Father Boylan, also of Rutland, who bought the cemetery back of the church and who continued in charge until January 1, 1859. On that date the first resident pastor came to Bennington, Rev. J. M. Cloarec, who later became Vicar General of the Diocese of Burlington, Vermont. He opened the first Catholic school in the basement of the church and remained until August 1, 1861, when he was succeeded by Rev. Joseph Duglue and shortly after by Rev. James Quinn. The latter resigned in November, 1862, Rev. William Fitzgerald becoming pastor until November, 1864, during which time he added to the church property and built the vestry. Rev. Denis A. Ryan followed him, serving until September, 1872, during which period he bought the large tract of land north of the old church, built on it a parochial residence, and bought the old Universalist church in North Bennington, which then became a mission attached to his own parish. He was succeeded by Rev. John O'Dwyer, who served until his death in December, 1883, and who is buried in the cemetery in front of the parochial mansion. During his pastorate he purchased a considerable lot of land, established a new cemetery, a school house and convent abutting west side of what is now Convent Avenue, and upon his invitation the Sisters of St. Joseph came to Bennington. His successor was Rev. William J. O'Sullivan, who served until October, 1885. The next pastor was Rev. John S. Michaud, who, during 1886-88, bought a large tract of land and erected on it the present beautiful Gothic stone edifice on the north side of Main Street, one of the largest and handsomest in Vermont. Elected Bishop-Coadjutor of Vermont in 1892, Father Michaud was succeeded, January 1, 1893, by Rev. A. J. Barron, the new church in the meantime having been completed and having been dedicated, October 21, 1892. Father Barron bought more land, erected St. Francis de Sales Academy, improved and beautified the church, installed a modern lighting system, and erected the Stations of the Cross, beautiful works of art, done in Italy under his personal supervision. Shortly before his death, which occurred in November, 1913, he installed a number of beautiful

stained glass windows. He was succeeded by Rev. T. R. Casty, who came to Bennington from West Rutland and served until his death in March, 1927, being succeeded, April 10, 1927, by the present incumbent, Rev. James D. Shannon.

**REV. WILLIAM PAUL HACKETT**—Having come to one of Bennington's Roman Catholic churches as curate and assistant pastor soon after his ordination to the priesthood, Father Hackett, during the two years of his residence in Bennington, has succeeded in gaining the liking and confidence of his parishioners by his untiring work in their behalf. But beyond this he has also gained the respect of the community at large, which has always found him eager to support in every way anything tending to advance the welfare of the town and its people.

Rev. William Paul Hackett was born at Brandon, Rutland County, June 10, 1897, a son of William and Bridget Agnes (Casey) Hackett. His father died December 18, 1899. Father Hackett received his early education in the public grammar and high schools of Proctor, Rutland County, graduating from the latter in 1916. Later he became a student at Holy Cross College, Worcester, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated with the degree of A. B. in 1922. Having decided to enter the priesthood of the Roman Catholic church, he then continued his theological studies at Saint Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Maryland, from which he was graduated in 1926. On May 29 of that year he was ordained to the priesthood by the Rt. Rev. Joseph J. Rice, D. D. F., Bishop of Burlington, Vermont. His first assignment was to the Roman Catholic Church at Barton, Orleans County, Vermont, where he served for three months. October 10, 1926, he was transferred to Bennington, Bennington County, where he has served since then with great ability as curate of Saint Francis de Sales Parish and as assistant to its pastor, Rev. James Daniel Shannon (q. v.). He has proven himself not only a very able parish priest, but has also made for himself an enviable position as a public-spirited citizen and he enjoys the confidence and liking of all classes of people, irrespective of faith. Still at the beginning of his career, the qualities which he has shown so far in his work assure him a promising future, during which his work will undoubtedly increase constantly in importance and influence.

**FRANK HERBERT CLARK**—Engaged in the general practice of law at Windsor, Frank Herbert Clark has won a place of leadership in his profession, as well as the esteem and goodwill of his associates and all with whom he is concerned in his professional and business and social life. Formerly Windsor's postmaster, he is both popular and dependable in all matters of community interest and advancement.

Frank Herbert Clark was born August 13, 1860, at Reading, Vermont, a son of George M. Clark, who was a member of Company E, 16th Vermont Infantry, and of Lucinda (Felch) Clark, of Reading. Mr. Clark attended the public schools of his birthplace, and was graduated at Green Mountain Academy in the class of 1880. Matriculating at Michigan University, he was graduated there in the class of 1884, and then studied law with Gilbert A. Davis, at Windsor, for about three years. In 1887, Mr. Clark received the appointment of customs inspector at Newport, Vermont, and five years afterwards he came to Windsor to practice law. In 1916, he was appointed postmaster of Windsor, and after holding that office until 1921, he resumed the practice of his profession.

Fraternally, Mr. Clark is affiliated with Lodge No. 55, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a Past Noble Grand; W. C. Tracey Post, Sons of United







J. B. Ripley.

Veterans of the Civil War, of which he has been the Commander; and he is correspondent for the Vermont "Journal."

Frank Herbert Clark married Rose Hickson, daughter of Richard Hickson, and their children are: 1. Katherine, who married Captain Karl Underwood, of the 172d Infantry. 2. Margaret C. Hunnewell of Windsor.

**JESSE A. HARVEY**—Among the energetic and progressive business men of Richford, Mr. Harvey counts as a vital force and a dependable asset in the constructive life of the community. He was born in Cambridge, on April 27, 1880, a son of Arthur C. and Charlotte F. (Miller) Harvey, both Vermont-born.

His education was in the local schools and when he was twenty-two he went to Montpelier as an appointed engrossing clerk, and later became assistant Secretary of State. He was in the Legislature of 1902 and 1904, after which time he went into the firm of B. J. Kendall Company at Enosburg Falls, as bookkeeper and office manager. In 1916 he became associated with the Nelson-Hall Company at Montgomery as their purchasing agent. When the Richford branch of this company was started, he was transferred there to assist in its promotion. In 1923, he was made manager of the plant a position that he has ably filled ever since. The name of the organization has since been changed to the Atlas Plywood Company and it is one of the substantial industries of the State. Mr. Harvey is a Republican in his political affiliations and has served as justice of the peace in Richford, and also as school director. Mr. Harvey is a member of the Blazing Star Lodge, No. 23, of the Free and Accepted Masons, Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He and his family are attendants of the Episcopal church.

On February 8, 1906, Mr. Harvey married Florence Stratton of Enosburg and they have a daughter, Amy Louise, born on February 2, 1911.

**JOHN BUTLER RIPLEY**—When Mr. Ripley, in 1919, established the J. B. Ripley Brass Foundry in Windsor, he entered a business in which he had worked for many years as the employee of others. The experience thus gained has enabled him to build up his own company very rapidly and it enjoys today a very extensive patronage and a very high reputation for expert and careful workmanship and for reliability and promptness. His pleasing personality makes him a much liked member of numerous fraternal and other organizations. In many other respects, too, he is considered one of the most substantial members of the community.

John Butler Ripley was born at St. Johnsbury, Caledonia County, December 30, 1861, a son of John A. and Rhoda B. (Cheney) Ripley. His father, who was also a native of St. Johnsbury, was a veteran of the Civil War, during which he served in Company C, Eighth Vermont Infantry, under Colonel Stephen Thomas. His military service during this war was typical of the family's fine tradition of patriotism, for the great-grandfather of the subject of this article had served as a dispatch bearer in the War of 1812, losing his life while thus engaged in the defense of his country. This gentleman's son, the grandfather of John Butler Ripley, had the distinction of having melted the first lot of iron used for making the first Fairbanks scale. Mr. Ripley was educated in the public schools of Concord, Essex County, and then went to work in the Fairbanks Machine Shop, where he remained for two years, his superior being an uncle of his, Henry Cheney. He then entered the employ of the Paddock Iron Works, where he remained for some three years, learning the iron moulder's trade. The next few years he spent with different concerns, mostly in the same line of business, including three years, 1888-

1891, at St. Johnsbury, where he was then employed by David E. Harriman. In 1891 he became connected with the Lyndonville Brass Foundry, Lyndonville, Caledonia County, continuing with this company for fourteen years. Eventually he bought the general store at Wheelock, which he conducted with much success for eight years, and during which time Mr. Ripley held the office of postmaster. During his residence in Lyndonville he was very active in that town's affairs, serving at one time for a period of three years as assistant town clerk and treasurer. In 1919 he removed to Windsor and there established the business in which he has been engaged since then, the J. B. Ripley Brass Foundry. Though started on a small scale, the undertaking met with great success from the very beginning and in the last nine years the growth of the business made it necessary to enlarge its facilities four times. In January, 1923, the business was incorporated and since then its founder has been president and general manager. It makes brass, bronze, composition, aluminum and other non-ferrous castings, ranging in size from one ounce to half a ton. Mr. Ripley has always been much interested in fraternal affairs and he is a member of Crescent Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Lyndonville; Haswell Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Palestine Commandery, Knights Templar; Windsor Council, Royal and Select Masters; Vermont Consistory, thirty-second degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Order of the Eastern Star. He is also a member of the Sons of Veterans, of the Vermont Division, of which he is a Past Commander, and of the Windsor Rotary Club, of which he is a charter member and a past president.

Mr. Ripley married, April 30, 1901, Addie May Hubbard, a daughter of James and Annie (McDonald) Hubbard, the former a stone mason and contractor of Lyndonville. Mr. and Mrs. Ripley are the parents of one son, Hubbard L. Ripley, born in Lyndonville, March 3, 1909, a graduate of Lyndonville Centre Institute and of Wentworth Institute, Boston, Massachusetts, and since the completion of his education employed in his father's plant. Mrs. Ripley is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Sons of Veterans, of which latter she is a past president.

**ALBERT WHIPPLE GORTON**—As secretary-treasurer of the Combination Cash Store Company, of Rutland, Vermont, Albert Whipple Gorton fills a place in this community that is of great value to both the city and its people. In addition to his contribution to Rutland's business life, Mr. Gorton is active in social and fraternal affairs, and there is scarcely a phase of public life in which he is not keenly interested.

He was born on March 11, 1877, in Wallingford, Vermont, a son of Delmer E. and Frances A. (Mathewson) Gorton. He received his early education in the public schools of Wallingford, and subsequently attended the Burr and Burton Seminary. From his earliest days he was deeply interested in business activities, and as time went on he took what part he could in different business enterprises. The Combination Cash Store Company, of Rutland, of which he is now secretary and treasurer, was started as a small auction company in the basement of a building. That was in 1882. After two and one-half years, it was removed to a corner building; then, because of an ever increasing business, the company moved next door to its present location. So it was that as early as 1895 the Combination Cash Store Company was housed in a five-story building. After the great fire of 1906, which wrought such havoc in the city, the company purchased its present property, and built the store which it now occupies. Mr. Gorton has been associated with the company since 1900, from which year he worked for four years as an employee before he was admitted to membership in the company.



The officers of the organization now are: Mr. Hulett, the founder, president; Mr. Gardner, vice-president; and Mr. Gorton, secretary and treasurer. The company, in addition to its Rutland store, now conducts a flourishing branch store in Manchester, Vermont.

Mr. Gorton, not satisfied with being one of the leading business men of this Vermont city, is ever active in the affairs of his fellow townsmen, and is always ready to devote his time and energies without stint to the development of movements which he believes to be of value to the city and its people. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which his affiliation is with the Center Lodge, and he is also affiliated with the Vermont Consistory of Scottish Rite Masons and holds the thirty-second degree, and with Cairo Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs also to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he is a member of the Rutland Lodge, No. 345.

In Manchester, Vermont, in October, 1922, Albert W. Gorton married Nellie Dupuis, who at the present time is a partner in the Manchester branch of the company, and whose parents, natives of Manchester, Vermont, are now deceased. The Gorton family home is situated at No. 11 Mansfield Place, Rutland.

**ALFRED T. WRIGHT**—Having learned as a youth the printing trade in his native England, Mr. Wright, after having later spent several years in different lines of business, eventually renewed his connection with the printing business, first in Bermuda and soon afterwards in the United States. A resident of Vermont since 1910, he established himself as a printer at White River Junction, Windsor County, in that year and in more recent years has also become editor and publisher of a weekly newspaper. In these latter capacities he has shown such ability that under his management his publication has steadily grown in importance and influence.

Alfred T. Wright was born at Braintree, Essex County, England, October 8, 1883, a son of John and Ellen (Elliston) Wright. He was educated in the public schools of London, England, which he left at the age of thirteen years to learn the printing trade. For this purpose he entered the printing office of the "West Ham Herald and Forest Gate Gazette," where he served five years of a seven-year apprenticeship. After leaving he gained considerable business experience by becoming connected with several London business concerns. At first he engaged in buying and selling flour, grain and feed on the London Corn Exchange. Later he became interested in window dressing, winning a cup, in 1903, given by Spratts' Patent, Limited. In 1906 he left England and came to Bermuda, where he was employed for some time by the "Royal Gazette and Bermuda Colonist." Two years later he went to the United States, working at first at the printing trade in Boston and afterward coming to Vermont. In November, 1910, he started in business for himself at White River Junction under the name of Right Press, which was later changed to the Right Printing Company. As the result of Mr. Wright's untiring energy, thorough knowledge of all branches of the printing business and considerable executive ability this company now enjoys a large and profitable job printing business. It was incorporated in 1922 and at that time it leased "The Landmark," one of Vermont's best known weekly newspapers. Mr. Wright has since then acted as its editor and publisher. He decided that there were great possibilities for a newspaper which would cover not only the town of White River Junction itself, but also the surrounding territory, and under his able and aggressive management these possibilities have been realized. By his work he has gained the backing and confidence of the entire community and much of it has been devoted to the advancement of its

growth and prosperity. He is a member of United Brethren Lodge, No. 21, Free and Accepted Masons; Cascadnac Chapter, No. 27, Royal Arch Masons; Flanders Commandery, No. 14, Knights Templar; Windsor Council, No. 8, Royal and Select Masters; the Order of the Eastern Star; Hartford Lodge, No. 1541, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and the White River Junction Rotary Club. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Wright married, June 24, 1914, Mildred B. Ashley, a daughter of Dennis E. and N. Jennie (Ward) Ashley, of White River Junction. Mrs. Wright likewise is active in Masonic affairs, being a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. and Mrs. Wright are the parents of three children: Wallace A., Alfred T., Jr., and Susan Ellen.

**HERBERT ALLEN WILLIAMS**—The insurance field in that part of the State of which Windsor is a very active centre, is very thoroughly covered by Herbert Allen Williams, expert in insurance matters, and representative of many of the leading companies that deal in all insurance lines. Mr. Williams is recognized throughout the State, also, for his gifts of leadership as a musician.

Herbert Allen Williams was born March 11, 1872, at Windsor, Vermont, eldest of the three children of Lucian O. Williams, who was born June 4, 1841, at Grantham, New Hampshire, and died June 4, 1927, in his eighty-sixth year, and of Lora (Barnard) Williams, who was born at Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts, and died in April, 1913, at Windsor. Lucian O. Williams had resided in Windsor Village for sixty years, and had been an officer at the Vermont State prison for thirty-five years. He had retired early in life, and he was the oldest member of the Masonic Order in the town.

After attending the Windsor public schools, Mr. Williams was employed for a year in a shoe shop, and for seven years in a machine shop. Since then, he has established his insurance offices at Windsor, where his business is flourishing and prosperous. For ten years, Mr. Williams has been teaching band music; and he is the leader of the Claremont, New Hampshire band, and of the Windsor, Vermont, military band. Fraternally, Mr. Williams is affiliated with Claremont Lodge, No. 879, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Windsor Lodge, No. 55, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Herbert A. Williams married, August 24, 1923, Florence E., daughter of Harry and Cora (Lawn) Emery, of Windsor. Their children: Elizabeth Jane, and Frederick Allen. Mr. Williams' brother is Louis E., born August 3, 1876, and he has a sister, Edna M., born January 27, 1882. During the Spanish-American War, in 1898, Mr. Williams was a member of the 2nd Regiment Band.

**C. W. PETERSEN**—A resident of Bennington almost ever since he had come to this country from his native Denmark almost four decades ago, Mr. Petersen for many years has been one of that town's leading merchant tailors. His success and the high standing which he has gained for himself in the community, are the more to his credit, because they were achieved in the face of several unexpected and undeserved difficulties, such as illness and several disastrous fires. That even these have not been able to halt his progress is additional proof of his possession of unusual courage, determination and ability.

C. W. Petersen was born in Denmark, February 3, 1872, a son of Christian and Mary (Hensen) Petersen, both natives and residents of Denmark, in which country his father was employed as a moulder in a foundry. He was educated in the public schools of Denmark, from where he came to this country in 1891 at the age of



twenty-one years. At first he lived for a short time in Troy, New York, but in 1892 he settled at Bennington, Bennington County, of which town he has continued to be a respected resident ever since. For one year and eight months after his arrival in Bennington he worked for Fred Smith, then one of Bennington's prominent merchant tailors. Being ambitious and eager to own his own business, he established himself as a merchant tailor under his own name on October 1, 1894, and since that time, thirty-four years ago, he has been in the same kind of business in Bennington without interruption, though the location of his store has been changed from time to time. His first establishment was located in that part of Bennington which was destroyed by the big fire which occurred in February, 1896. Though naturally this was a severe set-back to the young business man, coming so soon after he had first established himself in business, Mr. Petersen did not lose courage, but immediately found new quarters and resumed business with a minimum loss of time. At that time he opened a store in the Hawks Block of that period. Less than two years later, December 18, 1899, fire again laid waste his place of business and once more wiped out his entire stock and equipment. But this calamity, too, was promptly overcome and business was carried on by Mr. Petersen almost without any interruption, though, of course, these two fires, coming so quickly one after the other, involved considerable losses and required many sacrifices on the part of Mr. Petersen, so that he might continue in business. In recent years his establishment, one of the best known of its type in Bennington, has been located in the present Hawks Block, at No. 310 West Main Street. Mr. Petersen, though progressive in all his business methods, is a merchant tailor of the old school and restricts himself entirely to the production of custom-made clothing for both ladies and gentlemen. His work has acquired a very high reputation for the unvarying high quality of its materials and workmanship. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and of the Bennington Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Petersen married, at Bennington, October 10, 1894, Anna Tolf, a native of Sweden. Mr. and Mrs. Petersen were the parents of one daughter, Mary Petersen, who was born at Bennington, November 12, 1896. Miss Petersen, a young lady of exceptional charm, died suddenly, at Hoosick Corners, New York, September 6, 1922, as the result of an automobile accident.

**GEORGE MILTON BRADLEY**—Owning and conducting the affairs of the N. M. Bradley Music Company, George Milton Bradley takes a leading rôle in the public and business life of Rutland, Vermont, of which he is one of the foremost residents. This company, which was formerly owned by his brother, was taken over by him at the beginning of 1928 when his brother retired, although Mr. Bradley had been working with the organization for a number of years prior to that time and is one of the most widely known citizens of this part of Vermont.

Born in Plymouth, Vermont, October 27, 1862, George Milton Bradley was a son of Fred Bradley, a farmer of Plymouth, Vermont, who was born in West Plattsburg, New York, and of Burt (Rhody) Bradley. In the early days of his boyhood he attended the public schools of Plymouth, his native town; and, when he was a very young man, ran a stage across the mountains. Later he established a livery business in Woodstock, Vermont, but, desiring to put his efforts into some responsible business in a progressive community, he came to Rutland and became employed with his brother, N. M. Bradley, in the music store. For eleven years he worked with the brother, and then, on January 1, 1928, when N. M. Bradley retired from active business endeavor, he bought the music business, which he has continued since

that time under the name of the N. M. Bradley Music Company. He is constantly at work laying plans for extending the store's scope and interests, and in all his work has the best wishes of his fellow townsmen, who appreciate the task that he is performing and the services that he is rendering.

In addition to his business activity, Mr. Bradley has long been interested in the public affairs of his town and community. He is widely and favorably known, not only in Rutland, but in the neighboring towns and cities of Vermont, where he and the members of his family have lived for so many years. At one time he lived only two miles from the Coolidge store, which also served as the post office, where he collected his mail daily. Mr. Bradley is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which his affiliations are with the Woodstock Lodge, No. 31, of which he is a Past Master; the Quechee Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; the Vermont Commandery, Knights Templar, No. 4, of Windsor, Vermont; and Cairo Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also holds membership in the Knights of Pythias in which he is identified with the Rutland lodge. His religious affiliation, as well as that of the other members of his family, is with the Universalist church.

On January 5, 1891, in Bethel, Vermont, George Milton Bradley married Bertha Louise (Davis) Bradley, daughter of Azro and Rosanthy (Snow) Davis. By this marriage there has been born one son, Neile Davis Bradley, who is now engaged in business with his father. The family residence of the Bradleys is situated at No. 82 Grove Street, Rutland.

**ARTHUR N. SHEPARD**—After having acquired a very thorough business training by being connected for some twenty-eight years with leading mercantile establishments in Arlington and North Bennington, Bennington County, Mr. Shepard, in 1910, bought out his employer and since then has devoted himself to the conduct of this business at North Bennington. There he is considered not only one of the leading merchants, but has also established for himself a very high reputation for fair dealing, integrity and keen business judgment.

Arthur N. Shepard was born at Arlington, Bennington County, August 19, 1860, the oldest of four children of Fayette and Julia Frances (Buck) Shepard, the other children having been: William, now deceased; Harry, now deceased; and Charlotte Shepard. His father, who worked for many years in a wood working factory and who was a veteran of the Civil War, during which he served for nine months and received his discharge as the result of disability suffered in the performance of his duties, was a native of Fort Ann, New York, while his mother was born at Arlington, Bennington County. Mr. Shepard was educated in the public schools of Arlington. During his youth he worked in a wood working plant. Later he became a clerk for the firm of Judson & Deming, merchants of Arlington, with whom he remained for sixteen years. In 1898 he removed to North Bennington and there entered the employ of A. S. Hathaway, one of the leading merchants of that town. Twelve years later, in 1910, he bought out Mr. Hathaway and since then has continued to conduct the business under his own name with great success. Today he is rated as one of the most substantial business men of North Bennington, enjoying to an unusual degree the respect and confidence of his fellow townsmen.

Mr. Shepard married at Arlington, Bennington County, November 12, 1883, Frances Celia Blair, a native of the Province of Quebec, Canada, and a daughter of Thomas and Esther Blair, both natives of Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Shepard are the parents of two children: 1. Gertrude Shepard, born at Arlington, August 12, 1884, now wife



of A. J. Buchanan of Arlington, Massachusetts, and mother of one son, C. S. Buchanan. 2. Arthur C. Shepard, born in Arlington in May, 1891. The family home is located in North Bennington.

**A. LEON ESTY**—A travelling salesman throughout the Eastern territory for twenty-five years in the hardware and cutlery business, Mr. Esty was well qualified to open his own place of business, knowing to the most technical detail, the hardware products, and in the ten years of conducting his store in Richford, he has become one of the leading merchants of the town. Mr. Esty is a Canadian by birth, born in Southern Quebec, on August 31, 1877. His father, Alson L., and his mother, Sybil (Parsons) Esty, were both Canadian born and at the same place.

Mr. Esty was educated in the local schools and, as a youngster, came to Richford and worked in the hardware store of Powell and Comings, acquiring his early knowledge of the branch of merchandise in which he has specialized, with this firm. He remained with them for twelve years and then, securing a position of travelling salesman with the Boston house of Bigelow and Dowse Company, he went on the road for them, remaining in this position for fourteen years, and leaving them to go with the Geneva Cutlery Company, for whom he covered the eastern Mississippi section. In the meantime he had established a hardware business of his own in Richford. His wide experience of men and merchandise was a potent factor in his success on the road, but after eight more years of travelling, Mr. Esty felt the urge to settle down and conduct his business in this town. He has been found to be a useful citizen and one who always shows a keen interest in matters pertaining to the town's welfare. He was elected on the Democratic ticket November 6, 1928, to represent his town in the State Legislature for the years 1929 and 1930. Mr. Esty was made president of the Richford National Bank in August, 1927, and he is also the proprietor of the Esty Auto Sales and Garage Company. He and his family are attendants of the Episcopal Church of Richford and he is a member of the Calumet Club and, fraternally, belongs to the Missisquoi Lodge, No. 9, of Free and Accepted Masons; the Lafayette Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Champlain Commandery, Knights Templar; and St. Albans Council of Royal and Select Masters.

On September 6, 1899, Mr. Esty married Belle Comings of Berkshire and three children have been born to them: 1. Beatrice, who has graduated from the Mount Holyoke College. 2. Florence, who attends the Milwaukee State Teachers' College. 3. Alson, now in the high school.

**RALPH HORATIO WALKER**—Equipped with the right sort of experience that has brought about his success in his responsible position as warden of the Vermont State Prison, Ralph Horatio Walker renders an efficient and much prized service for his constituency, in the able and thorough manner in which he directs the affairs of that institution. Warden Walker takes a personal and a conscientious interest in all his activities at Windsor, and he has well earned the high repute that is his as a public official of the finest type.

Ralph Horatio Walker was born August 20, 1880, at North Hudson, New York, son of John S. and Sarah A. Walker. When he was seven years old, he removed with his parents to Elizabethtown, New York, where he attended the public schools, graduating at high school with the class of 1897. He first worked in the capacity of attendant for nineteen months at a private sanitarium at Winchendon, Massachusetts, when he went to Vergennes, Vermont, where for six and a half years he was connected with the State Industrial School, and for the last two and a half years was assistant superintendent there.

For five years he served as superintendent at the Boys' Private School, Barre, Massachusetts, and then was called to Windsor as warden of the Vermont State Prison department, house of correction.

When Warden Walker took over the wardenship interests in 1914, the State owned forty acres of land about one mile from the institution where they raised crops, also a garden plot of about twelve acres, adjoining the prison. In 1916 they purchased three hundred acres about three miles away; and in 1918, one hundred and ten acres more adjoining that; and again, in 1927-28, three additional farms, consisting of eight hundred acres, making a total of 1,200 in all, and upon this vast acreage there are a pair of oxen, 165 head of pure bred and accredited Holstein cattle, twelve horses, three tractors, many swine and fowl, beside many modern farming implements, twenty-eight inmates being kept on the farm the year around. From the farm there are furnished daily to the prison about five hundred quarts of milk. The surplus from the dairy is separated and made into butter, which is furnished to the State Hospital at Waterbury. A fish hatchery has been built upon the property from which are distributed trout for the many brooks in the vicinity as well as for the Ascutney Fish and Game Club, of Windsor.

Fraternally Warden Walker is affiliated with Vergennes Lodge, No. 1, Free and Accepted Masons; Windsor Chapter, No. 4, Royal Arch Masons; the Vermont Consistory in the thirty-second degree; and the Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a past-president of the Rotary Club, Hourglass Country Club, director of the National Prison Association, director of the Windsor County Young Men's Christian Association, chairman of the local Boy Scout Commission, member of the Ascutney Fish and Game Club; and of the South Congregational Church. A Republican in politics, Mr. Walker is a member of the Windsor Board of Selectmen.

Ralph Horatio Walker married, March 8, 1909, Carrie May Roscoe, daughter of Reuben S. and Mary Roscoe, of Marblehead, Massachusetts. Their children: Ruth S., student at the Seminary, Northfield, Massachusetts; Ralph R., student at Windsor High School; Arlan R., in grade school at Windsor. Mrs. Walker is a member of the Windsor Ladies Club, president of the Ladies' Aid Society, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

**PATRICK J. DOLAN**—Progressive in a degree not excelled in Northern Vermont in his time, the late Patrick J. Dolan, president and treasurer of the Cahee House Furnishings Company, of Rutland, was instrumental in bringing that establishment to a high position of service, efficiency and quality of its offerings. Mr. Dolan was acknowledged on all sides to have been a past master of the art of merchandising, and the store in Rutland, of which he was one of the founders, stands as a monument to his thorough knowledge of the lines carried and to his business sagacity and personal integrity.

Born in Rutland, in May, 1878, died in that city, in February, 1928, Patrick J. Dolan was educated in the local schools. He made an early start in his business career, and eventually joined the staff of Cahee, Parker & Spencer, which was established in 1892, carrying on an undertaking business in connection with the furniture store. In 1894, Mr. Parker disposed of his interest to Mr. Spencer. In 1909, Mr. Spencer withdrew from the firm and entered business at another location and under his own name. At that time also the undertaking department of the firm was closed out, and thereafter the principals gave their attention exclusively to the house furnishings business, by which it has come to be so favorably known in the Rutland zone of influence.



*Ralph H. Walker*





Of the business as originally established, none of the principals survive in that connection. Of the reorganized concern, under the title of the Cahee House Furnishings Company, the late Mr. Dolan was one of the first owners and officials, holding the offices of president and treasurer to the time of his death. He was a major factor in building up the good-will of the concern, having not only a comprehensive knowledge of the furniture business but an intimate acquaintance of the people and the territory which the store serves. The company also operated a store in Springfield, Vermont, which it purchased in 1916, and it formerly, for many years, conducted a store in Fair Haven, but disposed of both to other parties in 1923.

Mr. Dolan was a popular member of the Knights of Columbus in the Rutland Council. He was deeply interested in the work of the Chamber of Commerce and held membership in the Rotary Club of Rutland. His religious fellowship was with the Roman Catholic church.

Patrick J. Dolan married Catherine Kenney, and they were the parents of a son, John J. Dolan, born October 20, 1908, who, on the death of his father, assumed the management of the Cahee House Furnishings Company. After he attained his majority, in October, 1928, he was elected to an official position in the company, which is to be congratulated upon having the son of the late president express his willingness to follow his father's footsteps. In having done so, he will also be enhancing the value of a family name which has helped build the commercial prestige of the capital of Rutland County.

**DR. EDWARD J. SPENARD**—Within the few years that he has been practicing the profession of chiropractic in St. Albans, Edward J. Spenard has established a high reputation in this comparatively new branch of medical science and has brought to his office a large clientele of intelligent people. A native of the State of Vermont, he has a fine record of service in the naval establishment of the country and is considered among his fellows as a most exemplary citizen and a decided addition to the ranks of his profession of the district. He is a maker of friends and a believer in fraternal organization, where men of gregarious instincts enjoy the recreation of mingling and exchanging their views on questions pertinent to matters of public interest.

He was born in Montpelier, Vermont, February 20, 1874, a son of Benjamin and Julia (Dusham) Spenard, both natives of this State, now deceased. Educated in the local schools and graduating from high, he later attended the Palmer College of Chiropractic. For several years after leaving school he engaged in the electrical engineering business in Manchester, New Hampshire, and in 1917 enlisted in the United States Navy and reached the grade of warrant officer. Honorably mustered out, he entered the Palmer College and was graduated in 1921. For two years he engaged in his profession in Rock Island, Illinois, and also took an advanced course in the Palmer Hospital. He then came to St. Albans and established himself in practice and has been so engaged to this time. He is independent in politics and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen of America, Improved Order of Red Men, Loyal Legion, Universal Chiropractors' Association and the Vermont State Chiropractors' Association.

Dr. Edward J. Spenard married, in October, 1910, Rose St. Lawrence, of Manchester, New Hampshire.

**CLARENCE EDWARD FAGAN, M. D.**—A native of Rutland, Dr. Clarence Edward Fagan has been following his profession in this city since December, 1924, having been the first known member of his family to

enter the medical profession. Since coming to Rutland he has conducted a general practice while at the same time specializing in obstetrics, a department of medicine in which he now admittedly is one of the leading authorities in Vermont. He came to Rutland highly qualified, both through education and previous experience, the latter having included a period of service in hospitals in New York City. His career also has encompassed military service, and his professional affiliations are of the highest class. When such qualifications are accompanied by an innate ability for medical practice, as in the case of Dr. Fagan, respect and honor naturally come to the holder thereof.

Dr. Fagan was born September 13, 1897, in Rutland, son of Martin H. and Alice (Canty) Fagan, of Vermont, both being of Irish descent. Martin H. Fagan is a designer of clothes in North Carolina, and is considered an authority in his vocation. Clarence Edward Fagan attended the parochial schools of Rutland; graduated from Rutland High School, and matriculated at the University of Vermont. He was graduated from this institution with his degree in 1922, and it was while in the University of Vermont that he gained his military experience with the Student Army Training Corps there. After graduating from the university, Dr. Fagan took a post-graduate course (internship) at St. Mary's Hospital, Passaic, New Jersey. This training occupied his time from 1922-24, after which he went to New York City, entering the Lying-In Hospital. He was in this institution for about three months, where he did special obstetrical work. Dr. Fagan came to Rutland in December, 1924, and here launched a general practice. His experience in the New York City hospital had convinced him that he possessed special abilities for obstetrical work, and after he came to Rutland he continued to specialize in this branch of his profession. During the comparatively brief period of his residence here he has attained a reputation as one of the best specialists in Vermont, although this reputation has not been attained through neglect of his general practice, which has assumed large proportions. Although he is one of the youngest men in the profession here, Dr. Fagan bears a reputation for skill that might well be envied by many older men. He has not ceased for an instant his research work in medicine and surgery, and this is evidenced through his active membership in several organizations pertinent to his profession, including the Vermont State Medical Society and the Rutland Clinical Club. He is also a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, and he holds membership in Sigma Nu, Theta Nu Epsilon, Alpha Kappa college fraternities, and the Cap and Skull (Senior Honorary Society). Dr. Fagan, while a conscientious citizen and a man who exercises his suffrage regularly at the polls, does not care for public office and is not greatly interested in political organizations. Public welfare movements, however, find in him a ready supporter and an earnest worker. He is a devout Catholic, attending St. Peter's Church, at Rutland, which is under the charge of Father Brown.

Dr. Fagan married, September 9, 1924, in Rutland, Mildred Thomson, daughter of Milton W. and Delia (Crowley) Thomson, of Vermont. The doctor and his wife have one son, Clarence Edward, Jr., born December 21, 1927. Dr. Fagan's office is located at No. 67 Grove Street, Rutland.

**LYMAN ALONZO GIBBS**—Having become a resident of White River Junction in his early manhood, the late Mr. Gibbs was for many years one of that town's most substantial and widely known business men. Kindly, generous and loyal by nature he gained the friendship, liking and respect of large numbers of his fellow citizens and in every way he was considered representative of the best type of useful citizenship.



Lyman Alonzo Gibbs was born at Brandon, Rutland County, January 30, 1858, a son of the late Alonzo and Martha Gibbs. When he was only one year old, his parents removed to Woodstock, Windsor County, and then to West Lebanon, in the public schools of which town Mr. Gibbs received his education. From there he went to White River Junction, Windsor County, and there engaged in the livery business. In this enterprise he met with much success and eventually he decided to merge his business with the operation of a local hotel, the Junction House. In this undertaking he was associated with Mr. Wheeler, and he and his partner quickly became known as able and reliable hotelmen. Mr. Gibbs was especially qualified for this kind of work, because he was a man of much personal charm and understood how to gain and hold the friendship of all kinds of people. He was frank, sincere and open-hearted, and not given to moods, but always met people and whatever problems life presented to him with unchanging optimism. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while his religious affiliations were with the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Gibbs married Clara Belle Bigelow of Gaysville, Windsor County. Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs were the parents of two sons: 1. Charles Lyman Gibbs, born October 1, 1884, educated in the public schools of White River Junction and at Montpelier Seminary. He was for many years a traveling salesman for the National Biscuit Company. He died suddenly of heart trouble in a hospital at Springfield, Vermont, while on a business trip, December 27, 1925, leaving a widow, Mrs. Leah (Dalrymple) Gibbs, and two children, Lucille and Wendell Gibbs. 2. Alfred A. Gibbs, born December 1, 1886, now a resident of White River Junction, Vermont. He married Regis Stevens of Boston and they are the parents of a daughter, Majorie Bigelow Gibbs.

Mr. Gibbs died at his home in White River Junction, October 7, 1924. Through his death his family lost a loving and devoted father and husband, his friends a genial and loyal companion, and his community an upright, industrious and useful citizen.

**THOMAS A. DAVENPORT**—As owner and manager of a prosperous bakery business in Bennington, Vermont, Thomas A. Davenport is harvesting the rewards of close application, tireless energy, and steady tenacity of purpose which have held him to the job of developing and maintaining this enterprise for a period of twenty-eight years. When he took over the business in November, 1900, it was a small and very modest concern using only a half-barrel of flour per day. Now (1928) as a result of Mr. Davenport's continued efforts, four thousand barrels of flour are yearly converted into nourishing and toothsome breads, cakes, and pies, and distributed to a large waiting public who know how to appreciate good bakery products. The bakery is located at No. 212 Gage Street. Mr. Davenport is also vice-president and a member of the board of directors of the Bennington Hosiery Company, of which he is one of the incorporators. He is prominent in the Masonic Order, and is one of Bennington's substantial and highly respected citizens.

Thomas A. Davenport was born in Lansingburgh, New York, March 13, 1869, son of Augustus and Marilla E. (Packard) Davenport, both natives of Lansingburgh; and grandson of Thomas Cotton Davenport, who was at one time one of the oldest residents of the town of Lansingburgh and who had served there as justice of the peace for a period of twenty-six years, taking a deep interest in all local public affairs and becoming very popular among his fellow townsmen. Augustus Davenport was a merchant in Lansingburgh, who died in 1893, and the family is one of the oldest of the town. A great-grandmother of Thomas A. Davenport was

a first cousin of Ethan Allen of Ticonderoga fame, and both branches of the family are highly respected ones in this State. After attending the Lansingburgh public schools, to which he went after attending a private school from the time he was four years old until his admission to the public schools, Mr. Davenport, on account of depression in his father's business, left school at the age of fourteen years and found a job in the retail grocery store of Davenport and Chambers, in Lansingburgh, where he remained for three years. At the end of that time he entered the wholesale grocery business in the employ of Flack & Company, of Troy, New York, but a year and a half later he accepted a position as shipper for Bolton & Skillman, cracker manufacturers, which connection he maintained for two years. His next position was one of quite a different nature, doing mechanical work for an electrical company, and in this connection he helped to wire the first cars that ran on the Troy & Lansingburgh Railroad. There he remained for five years, at the end of which time he associated himself with Miller, Hall & Hartwell, collar manufacturers of Troy, with whom he remained for three years as foreman. In the fall of 1897 he left Troy, New York, and came to Bennington, Vermont. Here he entered the employ of C. W. Russell who was his father-in-law, and who was conducting a small bakery, and this was the beginning of his success in this line of business. On November 5, 1900, he purchased the business, which then was a small and struggling one, and from that time on for some years it was only by hard work and the closest application that he kept the concern "going and growing." Gradually the modest production which required only the half-barrel of flour per day increased, and with increase of amount produced came a larger margin of safety, as Mr. Davenport was too wise to expand faster than the demand warranted. At last came the assured success which makes it possible to work comfortably and without worry, and for this boon Mr. Davenport gives abundant credit to the "wife of his youth" who was a tireless worker, both in the business and in social work. She was responsible, in no small way, he asserted, for his success, and he feels that the credit of the achievement belongs to her as well as to him. As success has come, and time and energy were released for other interests, Mr. Davenport has given attention to other business concerns and to civic interests. He is vice-president and a director of the Bennington Hosiery Company, of which he is one of the incorporators, and in this enterprise, as well as in his own business, his sound judgment is an important asset. He is a member of the Bennington Chamber of Commerce, and has always been interested in all that pertains to the advancement of the welfare of the town.

Fraternally, he is identified with Mount Anthony Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Temple Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Royal and Select Masters, of which he is a Past Master; Lodge of Perfection, of which he has been a member for fourteen years and is a Past Master; Taft Commandery, Knights Templar, of which he is a Past Commander and a Past Prelate; Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Rutland, Vermont. He is also a member of the Vermont Association of Past Commanders of the Knights Templar; a member of the Vermont Consistory Association; and representative for Vermont to the Grand Commandery of Texas, which position he has held for many years. In local affairs he served as trustee of the village for four years, and served as chairman of the finance committee, and has always stood for progress in affairs of the town. He is a member of the National Home Guard, and his religious membership is with the Baptist church.

Thomas A. Davenport was married (first), April 17, 1888, to Mary L. Russell, daughter of C. W. Russell,



founder of the bakery business which Mr. Davenport now owns. She was his constant helper in the development of the business and also found time for a large amount of social work, serving as president of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist church, as vice-president of the Kings Daughters; and was always an active worker in any charitable or civic enterprise undertaken in the village. She was a member of the Eastern Star. She died in 1926, and Mr. Davenport married (second), January 8, 1927, Grace M. Ratelle, who was born in Maskinonge, Province of Quebec, Canada, daughter of Alfred and Mary (Grenier) Ratelle, both natives of Canada. To the first marriage three children were born: 1. Herbert A., born June 28, 1890, who is associated with his father in the business and now (1928) takes the greater part of the care of the business. He became associated with his father in 1910 and learned the bakery business "from the ground up," rising to his present position as practical head of the concern. He has always co-operated most fully with his father, a fact which is much appreciated by the older man, who feels that to the son, as well as to his first wife, belongs much of the credit for the success of the business. 2. Ethel G., born December 7, 1894. 3. Charles Leland, born March 16, 1902. The family home is located at No. 204 Grandview Street, in Bennington.

**CHARLES A. RICH**—After many years' connection with a large farm machine manufacturing company at Bellows Falls, Windham County, followed by several years' work as a sales representative for another firm, Mr. Rich eventually came to St. Albans, Franklin County, as manager of one of the most important of that city's industrial establishments. Though he assumed this position only a short time ago, he has already proven himself a very able executive and has made for himself many friends, both amongst his business associates and his employees and amongst his fellow-citizens.

Charles A. Rich was born at Phillips, Maine, March 8, 1881, a son of Alanson G. and Florence P. (Kemp-ton) Rich, the former a prosperous farmer of Phillips. He was educated in the public schools and then went to work for a few years with the Dorchester Express Company at Dorchester, Massachusetts. From there he went with the Walworth Manufacturing Company, with which he remained for three years. Next he became connected with the Vermont Farm Machine Company of Bellows Falls. With this concern he continued for nineteen years, holding different positions of steadily increasing importance and responsibility and acquiring a very thorough knowledge of its business. After severing his connection with this company, he became a member of the sales staff of the S. Gumpert Company. At the end of three years, October 1, 1927, he returned to Vermont as manager of the George H. Soule Manufacturing Company of St. Albans, manufacturers of evaporators, used extensively in the maple sugar industry. His previous training and his natural ability made it possible for him to make a notable success in this position, which he continues to fill very capably. He is a member of King Solomon's Temple Lodge, No. 45, Free and Accepted Masons, of Bellows Falls, and of the several other Masonic bodies, up to and including the thirty-second degree, as well as of the St. Albans Owl Club. In politics he is a supporter of the Republican party and its principles.

Mr. Rich is not married and makes his home at St. Albans.

**ROSS HUNT BUTTERFIELD, D. M. D.**—A survey of the successful business and professional men of this country would disclose that their boyhood ambitions lay far afield from their present calling. Such, however, is not true of Dr. Ross Hunt Butterfield, dental

surgeon of Rutland, for at the early age of ten years he definitely decided upon dentistry for his career, and has ever followed that desire until now he is one of the most conspicuous figures in this profession in the State of Vermont. Dr. Butterfield has been deeply engrossed in his profession for almost two decades, his career in Rutland having begun some ten years ago. Without detracting in the least from Dr. Butterfield's professional standing, it may be said that there are fewer men in the Masonic organization that have attained the prestige held by him. In Masonry he has been honored with many offices of high rank, extending far beyond the confines of his local community, and the list of his associations in other fraternities, social and civic organizations, attains such proportions as to make difficult a list of them in a work of this sort.

Dr. Butterfield was born November 14, 1887, at North Troy, Vermont, son of Alfred Harvey and Gertrude E. (Hunt) Butterfield, the father a native of Lowell, Vermont. Alfred Harvey Butterfield was a notable figure in journalism, having been owner and editor of the "North Troy Palladium" for forty years, and for a similar period served as custom officer at North Troy. He was an influential figure in many public works during his earlier life.

Dr. Butterfield entered the public schools of North Troy, and after completing the high school courses there, matriculated at Tufts Dental College, which graduated him in 1911 with his degree of Doctor of Medical Dentistry. Previous to this, however, Dr. Butterfield spent his vacations, beginning at the age of ten years, in the employ of a drug store in North Troy. He continued this practice until he was nineteen years of age, and it was through his association with the drug store that he became interested in dentistry, which influenced him later to enter Tufts College to prepare for that profession. Dr. Butterfield has a brother, Hugh Butterfield, on the staff of the Burlington "Free Press," and another brother, Dr. A. M. Butterfield, is a doctor of medicine at North Troy. After his graduation from Tufts Dental College in 1910, Dr. Butterfield launched his practice in North Troy, Vermont, in 1911, where he remained for seven years, or until 1918. In this last-named year he came to Rutland, realizing this was a better field for his profession, opened his practice here and has remained since. He is fully conversant with all details of dental surgery, and his offices are equipped with every modern convenience for the alleviation of pain. This, combined with his skill and finesse, has created a large practice which requires constant attention to his work, and for this reason alone one finds it difficult to conceive how he has been able to conduct the duties encompassed in his other activities, and especially those of Masonry which are so numerous.

The doctor's professional affiliations include membership in the American Dental Association, and the Vermont Dental Association, while his religious beliefs are those of the Congregational church. In the ranks of Free Masonry he is a member of Rutland Lodge, No. 79, Free and Accepted Masons; Davenport Chapter, No. 17, Royal Arch Masons; Past Commander of Killington Commandery, No. 6, Knights Templar; member of Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Past Monarch of Orion Grotto; Lodge of Perfection, Scottish Rite; is the "Dad" of Lincoln Chapter, De Molay; was a member of the Shrine Patrol for eight years; representative of Orion Grotto, Mystic Order Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, at the Supreme Council held in 1925 at Atlantic City; representative of Orion Grotto at the Supreme Council held in 1928 at Richmond, Virginia. In the Knights of Pythias, Dr. Butterfield is a member of Trojan Lodge at North Troy; representative of Trojan Lodge, No. 20, Knights of Pythias, at Grand



Lodge held in 1923, at Barre, Vermont. He was a trustee of the Congregational church at North Troy; a member of the board of directors of the Cemetery Association; was first treasurer of the North Troy Free Public Library, and a member of the North Troy Dramatic Club for ten years.

Dr. Butterfield was married, November 14, 1911, at Stowe, Vermont, to Isabel Nida Adams, daughter of I. Erwin and Mary Jane (Irland) Adams. Her father was born at Stowe, while her mother is a native of Nova Scotia. The children of this marriage are: 1. Barbara, born August 31, 1912. 2. Erwin, born August 5, 1914. 3. Corrinne, born July 23, 1916. The Butterfield family residence is located at No. 18 Deer Street, Rutland, while the doctor's business offices are at No. 24½ Center Street, Rutland.

**LEO ELMER PRATT**—Well qualified for his present (1928) position as Judge of the Probate Court, in Fair Haven, Leo Elmer Pratt is an illustrious son of an illustrious father, his career having included many years devoted to public office and positions of public trust. That he has been enabled to so satisfactorily serve his constituents is due to the fact that he early in life received from his parents a splendid moral training, which later was enhanced by a most complete English and professional education. He is a leader in politics, has served in many local public offices, has represented Fair Haven in the Legislature (in both houses), has served as school official, and also is interested in the slate industry of this State. His fraternal and social affiliations are many and varied, and his talents are given freely to local civic organizations.

Mr. Pratt was born May 16, 1887, at Moriah, New York, son of Elmer B. and Nettie A. (Parker) Pratt, formerly of Vergennes, but now residing in Maine. Elmer B. Pratt is well and favorably known throughout the entire State of Maine, and is superintendent of the Maine State Reformatory for Men. At one time he was assistant superintendent of the Boys' School, in Vergennes, his service in this institution covering a period of twelve years.

Leo Elmer Pratt was enrolled in the public schools at Vergennes, Vermont, in early childhood; was graduated from Vergennes High School, and matriculated at Albany Law School, Albany, New York. After he had been graduated from Albany Law School in June, 1910, Mr. Pratt studied law in New York State, where he was admitted to the bar in 1912. In the following year Mr. Pratt was admitted to practice in Vermont, in 1913, and formed a law partnership with Philip M. M. Phelps in Fair Haven, which since has been the scene of his operations. His training and ability were soon recognized by his colleagues and fellow-citizens here. In 1915 he was appointed Judge of the Municipal Court which position he held until 1925, except in the years 1921 and 1922. At the 1923 session of the Vermont Legislature, Mr. Pratt was a Representative from Fair Haven, and in 1925-26 was elevated to the rank of Senator from Rutland County in the State Legislature. He has evidenced his interest in school affairs by devoting himself for three years to the duties of member of the Board of School Directors, and since 1917, he has been trustee of the Public Library. Such a record as has been outlined heretofore needs little comment, the various positions of trust encompassed therein speaking volumes for Mr. Pratt's public spirit and his training and natural talents. In his extended career as public official he has been noted for his honesty, and his decisions as judge, while mixed with compassion and leniency, have been wise and just. Vermont, as is commonly known, is a vast producer of slate and its by-products. This industry attracted Mr. Pratt and he is deeply interested in slate production here.

A member of the Republican party, Mr. Pratt has not only been an active worker, but he has been a leader of this political organization, having served as chairman of the Republican Town Committee for five years. His civic work is performed through membership in the Fair Haven Chamber of Commerce, and he finds recreation through his association with the Rutland Country Club. In fraternal affairs Mr. Pratt has devoted most of his loyalty to the Masonic organization. He is a member of Eureka Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Fair Haven; Eureka Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Fair Haven; Killington Commandery, Knights Templar, of Rutland; Morningside Council, Royal and Select Masters, of Poultney, Vermont; Vermont Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also is a member of Fair Haven Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and his religious worship is given through the Congregational church, at Fair Haven.

Leo Elmer Pratt married, in October, 1915, at Portland, Maine, Bertha E. Enselein, of Albany, New York, daughter of John A. and Rose Enselein.

**ADGIELON KENSON HALL**—Among Windsor's valued citizens, Adgielon Kenson Hall crowns his years with the results of a well-spent life, and his friends and neighbors are at one in their recognition and praise of his well-directed efforts in civic advance. Mr. Hall was born November 26, 1855, in Windsor, a son of Alfred Hall, who was born February 20, 1804, passed his entire life on the old home farm, and died January 7, 1893, in his eighty-ninth year, and of Catherine (Morgan) Hall, born June 16, 1815, married August 26, 1833, died October 15, 1869. Alfred Hall was president of the Windsor Savings Bank for many years; was overseer of the poor and selectman for about twenty-five years; was a director of the Bridge Company at Windsor, and for years its business agent. In politics he was a Democrat, casting his first vote for Andrew Jackson, was a successful business man, a safe adviser, of a genial, social disposition, and commanded the respect of the community.

The first of the line from whom Adgielon Kenson Hall has direct descent was John Hall, who was born in England in 1627, died in Medford, Massachusetts, October 18, 1701; married, April 2, 1647, Elizabeth, daughter of Percival and Ellen Green; she died February 4, 1713. His son was Percival Hall, born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, February 11, 1672, died at Sutton, Massachusetts, December 25, 1752; married, October 18, 1697, Jane, born October, 1677, died October 28, 1757, daughter of Thomas and Grace (Fay) Willis. His son, Willis Hall, great-grandfather of Adgielon Kenson Hall, was born March 8, 1720, in Medford, Massachusetts, died April 10, 1800, in Sutton; married (first), May 15, 1745, Martha Gibbs, of Hopkinson, Massachusetts, who died February 1, 1756; he married (second), December 9, 1756, Anna, daughter of William and Anna Coye, died April 7, 1800. Jonathan Hall, grandfather of Adgielon Kenson Hall, was born October 21, 1757, and died September 23, 1845. Coming to Windsor before 1780, he located on the farm which is still owned by his grandson, and he was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He married, about 1780, Mercy Cady, who died December 19, 1860.

Adgielon Kenson Hall attended the public and high schools and worked on his father's farm until the barns and other buildings were destroyed by fire, May 6, 1905; fifteen cows, four horses and several farming implements were burned, a cow and two calves being all that was saved. The property, cleared by his grandfather a century ago, has always been Mr. Hall's home. Shortly after the fire, Mr. Hall retired from farming, and sold off some of the property that is now Hall's Terrace, a part of the old farm. Mr. Hall for more than



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twenty years served as overseer of the poor, and was selectman for a like period; was trustee and treasurer of public moneys; president and director of the Ascutney Cemetery; first director and business manager of the Cornish Bridge Company; director of the Windsor Canning Company; director of the Constitution House; and seventh degree member of the local Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry.

Adgielon Kenson Hall married, October 7, 1877, Lilla Belle Horton, daughter of M. Lyman Horton, who died October 21, 1897, and Gratia Ann (Huggins) Horton, of Windsor, Vermont, who died May 20, 1915. Mrs. Hall is a former Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which office she held for five years. She possesses six bars, indicating Revolutionary descent from John Huggins and his son, David Huggins, Sr., of the Revolution; David Huggins, Jr., of the War of 1812; David Cady, son of Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Cady, and his son Manasseh Cady, who was in the navy during the Revolution; Nehemiah Horton, who was in the Revolution, and William Marsh, who was also in the Revolution. She is a member of the Vermont Society of Colonial Dames, and is eligible to membership in the Founders and Patriots Society, and to the Mayflower Descendants.

**MICHAEL DEVITT McMAHON**—While Michael Devitt McMahon of Burlington is now (1928) best known through his affiliation with the Champlain Trust Company, of Winooski, his past life contains at least two instances that brought his name before the New England public in an unusual manner. One of these was the use of his picture in the trade mark of a widely known product, and the other is the fact that Mr. McMahon issued the marriage license to Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Coolidge. Mr. McMahon is a descendant of Irish parents, although himself a native of the Green Mountain State, where he has spent most of his life and has been identified with various forms of merchandising and has held many public offices of trust and responsibility, in addition to his duties as treasurer of the Champlain Trust Company. Mr. McMahon was born August 1, 1858, in Stowe, Vermont, son of Patrick and Catherine (Doherty) McMahon, both parents natives of Limerick, Ireland, the mother having passed away in 1895. Patrick McMahon died in 1878.

Michael Devitt McMahon attended the local grammar schools, completed his education by graduating from high school at the age of sixteen, and then went to work on his father's farm. In 1882 he first came to Burlington and here, on College Street, established a shoe store. This was a most successful venture and for ten years Mr. McMahon prospered in its conduct. At the end of that time he disposed of his shoe store, which was taken over by the Allen Shoe Company. Immediately thereafter he entered the chinaware business, establishing a store on Church Street, Burlington, and in an amazingly short time he became one of the most enterprising dealers in this product, his name being widely known throughout the State of Vermont and in northern New York. This feat was accomplished through Mr. McMahon's original idea in trade-mark design, which consisted of the picture of the man with the word "China" emblazoned thereon, and known as the "China Man." In this manner was the fame of his establishment and his product familiarized to thousands of people in this section. In 1906 Mr. McMahon again gave evidence of foresight and sagacity, when he was able to perceive the need of a new bank in Winooski. He immediately obtained a charter for the Champlain Trust Company of the city of Winooski and gained the interest in this institution of some of the best known men in the State. Among these may be mentioned George E. Whitney, general agent for the American Woolen Mills,

of Winooski, Dr. McSweeney, of Burlington, and Judge Henry Conlon, of Winooski. After the bank had been organized, Mr. McMahon was made treasurer thereof, an office he continues to hold. His able management is credited for much of the bank's success, and the institution has prospered since its doors were opened for business.

Mr. McMahon has ever been a progressive and public-spirited citizen, always alert to aid worthy movements for the public weal, and he takes a sincere interest in civic circles and fraternal organizations, being also one of the most valuable workers in church affairs. Mr. McMahon's abilities were recognized many years ago by his fellow citizens, and in 1902 the voters of Burlington elected him city clerk. While filling this post he had the unusual distinction of issuing a marriage license to the man who later was to become President of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, whose wife at that time resided in Burlington. Mr. McMahon's official duties demanded so much of his time that he was not able to care for his business interests, and this led to his disposing of the china store. Among the social and fraternal organizations with which he is affiliated may be listed the Ethan Allen Club, of Burlington, the Catholic Foresters of America, and Burlington Council, No. 279, Knights of Columbus (fourth degree). It is in Bishop De Goesbriand Council that Mr. McMahon holds the fourth degree; he was appointed District Deputy for the State of Vermont by the National Council, and during his administration organized the Vermont State Council. During the international convocation of the Catholic Foresters, in 1900, he was elected High Trustee and a member of the National Governing Board, serving thus for two years.

During the World War Mr. McMahon had a leading rôle in obtaining money for soldier welfare work at Camp Fort Ethan Allen, and the funds he raised were used to construct the first Knights of Columbus hut for soldiers at this camp. Incidentally, this was the first one of its kind in the United States and thereafter was used as a model by the other camps throughout the country. He was treasurer of this fund. The camp was dedicated by Hon. John Fitzgerald, Mayor of Boston, and numerous songs were sung at this dedication, including the Mayor's favorite, "Sweet Adaline." Mr. McMahon took a leading part in the Ter-Centennial of Lake Champlain, at Burlington, Vermont, being a member of the Joint Vermont-New York Commission, which among others included Governor Proctor of Vermont and Governor Hughes of New York and State Senator Foley, now Surrogate Judge of New York. One of Mr. McMahon's principal interests during his life has been the Roman Catholic church, he being a member of the Roman Catholic Cathedral, of Burlington, and member and treasurer of the Holy Name Society of that denomination. For more than thirty years he has had supervision over St. Joseph's Cemetery, during which time, as financial secretary, he has so improved it until now (1928) it is one of the most beautiful cemeteries in Vermont, endowed with a trust fund of thirty thousand dollars, to insure perpetual care.

Michael Devitt McMahon was married, April 23, 1889, to Mary Lonergan, the ceremony being performed in the Roman Catholic Cathedral at Burlington, with the Rev. Father Lynch officiating. Mary (Lonergan) McMahon, was born in Burlington, daughter of Michael and Sarah (McMahon) Lonergan, natives of Ireland, and a niece of Captain Lonergan who attained wide fame in the Civil War. Three children have blessed the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. McMahon: 1. Marie Angela (now deceased) born in 1894; graduated from the University of Vermont with the degree of Civil Engineer, being the only woman up to that time ever to attain this degree; married her classmate, Captain Adrian



St. John, who saw service on the Mexican border and later in France with the Chemical Warfare Service, and was stationed in Coblenz, Germany; now at Fort Leavenworth attending the government school there; they had one child, Adrian St. John, Jr. 2. Cornelius Karl, born in 1896; graduated from the University of Vermont where he received the degree of Bachelor of Science; later entered medical college, and was graduated therefrom in 1919 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine; and is now practicing in Burlington as a specialist of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and is instructor in same at University of Vermont. He married Mildred Brown, daughter of Dr. Brown, of Burlington, and two children have been born to them: Edmund and Mary Marsden. 3. Dorothy K., born in 1900; graduated from the University of Vermont with the degree of Bachelor of Arts and a member of Phi Beta Kappa; married I. Munn Boardman, and they have one child: J. D. Mr. and Mrs. McMahon have their home at No. 303 Pearl Street, Burlington, while his business address is Winooski.

**CLARENCE OAKLEY PERKINS**—An able and progressive business man of the finest type, Clarence Oakley Perkins was a member of the firm of E. D. Keyes and Company, wholesale grocers at Rutland, Vermont. His services were not only of the greatest value to his company, to the direction of which he gave his best efforts, but were also constantly employed for the benefit of the community. The useful lives of just such men as Mr. Perkins are the surest bulwark of our national prosperity and greatness, and we do well to honor them—to preserve in grateful hearts the fond remembrance of their character and accomplishments.

Born at Rutland, Vermont, March 25, 1855, Mr. Perkins was a son of Henry Olen and Mary Eloise (Giddings) Perkins, and one of several children, the others of whom were: 1. Marsh Olen. 2. Mary E. 3. Arthur. 4. Stella. 5. Effie. 6. Bertha. 7. Walter. Only two of these are now living, Bertha, now Mrs. Fred T. Tyrrell, wife of a Rutland jeweler, and Walter, who makes his home in Hollywood, California. The grandfather of the family, Moses Perkins, was one of the early settlers in Rutland, a sound business man and large land owner, holding a considerable amount of property in Rutland at the time of his death. The father was also an able business man, highly esteemed by his fellow-residents at Rutland through many years.

Clarence Oakley Perkins of this record, received his education in the excellent public schools of his birthplace, early acquiring the habits of industry and thrift, together with the love of self-improvement which remained with him in all later life. At the age of sixteen he began his business career, entering the employ of E. D. Keyes, wholesale grocers at Rutland, in minor capacity, but rising soon through manifest ability and loyal service to positions of confidence and trust. For the remainder of his life he devoted himself to this work, becoming a member of the firm which was then known as E. D. Keyes and Company, in whose subsequent success he played a conspicuous part. He possessed a really remarkable ability in the prediction of business trends and values and this with his capacity for executive control brought him his great success. To all worthy causes he was a liberal contributor, and in every movement for progress his hearty support could invariably be counted on.

On May 20, 1880, Clarence Oakley Perkins married Mary Cornelia Childs, daughter of Charles Dickerman and Mary Cornelia (Munson) Childs. Her grandfather, Abel Childs, descendant of an old New England family, lived for many years at Woodstock and Suffield, Connecticut, where he was a farmer. Her father also engaged in agricultural pursuits at Suffield, but later moved to Wallingford, Vermont, where he died at the

age of ninety years. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins became the parents of several children: 1. Louise Childs, who married B. C. Batcheler, of Wallingford, Vermont. 2. Henrietta Hall, who married Wilbert E. Burditt, of Rutland, Vermont, and they are the parents of two children, William F., 2d, and Mary Louise. 3. Emelie Munson, now a student at the Medical College of the University of Vermont as a member of the class of 1929.

Mrs. Perkins who survives her husband resides at No. 45 North Main Street, Rutland. She has been active in all community affairs, and has been particularly interested in the Old Ladies Home at Rutland, serving as a member of the board of directors for fourteen years. She has also been a member of the library board for some years.

Mr. Perkins' death occurred on October 3, 1909, bringing the deepest sorrow to the community which had come to know him so well through years of intimate acquaintance. Strong in will and character, he was also most considerate of others, treating all with whom he came in contact with uniform courtesy and kindness. Throughout life he gave his allegiance to the highest ideals, and from these he never departed, no matter what contingency confronted him, or how strongly he might be urged to do so. The immediate sense of loss at his passing has dimmed with time, but time can never erase the memory of the man and of his work, or tear down the living monument which he built through years of constructive endeavor and noble life.

**I. MUNN BOARDMAN**—An expert in insurance matters, whose entire life has been spent in his native State of Vermont, I. Munn Boardman, in the management of the long-established H. H. Hickok Insurance concern, at Burlington, is known throughout New England for the successful maintenance of his company's increasing interests, for his businesslike attainments in this special line, and for his personal worth in all his associations.

I. Munn Boardman was born January 31, 1900, at Stowe, Vermont, a son of Frederick Sherman Boardman, a native of Concord, New Hampshire, and of Susie (Munn) Boardman, who was born in Stowe, Vermont, and is now in her fifty-seventh year. Frederick Sherman Boardman, who is still enjoying good health in his sixty-second year, for more than thirty years conducted a leading grocery and restaurant at Stowe. I. Munn Boardman attended the Stowe public schools, and was graduated at the high school there in 1918. Matriculating at the University of Vermont, he was graduated there in 1922, with the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Mechanical Engineer. Mr. Boardman's business career was begun in the same office in which he finds himself today, H. H. Hickok Insurance, the oldest establishment engaged in general insurance in the city of Burlington, a business that was founded in 1800. Mr. Boardman started in as a clerk in this office, and he soon showed such a degree of aptitude for the work, and such pronounced business ability, that Mr. Hickok made him the manager of the business, a position he continues to hold to the present time. He is an active member of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, Ethan Allen Club, of Burlington; and Burlington Country Club. He is also a loyal member of Bishop de Goesbriand Council, No. 279, Knights of Columbus.

I. Munn Boardman was married, October 18, 1924, in the Roman Catholic Cathedral at Burlington, Vermont, Rev. Father Gillis officiating, to Dorothy K. McMahon, daughter of Michael Devitt McMahon and Mary (Lonergan) McMahon. Michael Devitt McMahon, son of Patrick McMahon, who was born at Escaton, Limerick, Ireland, and Catherine (Doherty) McMahon, also a native of Limerick, was born at Stowe, Vermont, August 1, 1858, and was enjoying good health in 1928.



He is the founder and organizer of the Champlain Trust Company, of Winooski, and its first treasurer, a position that he continues to hold. Mary (Loneragan) McMahon, who was born in 1866 at Burlington, is a niece of Captain Loneragan, who distinguished himself in the Civil War. I. Munn Boardman and Dorothy K. (McMahon) Boardman are the parents of John Douglas Boardman, born July 9, 1925.

**CHARLES ABRAHAM BARBER**—As chief of police of Winooski, Vermont, and deputy sheriff of Chittenden County, Charles Abraham Barber for a long period has fully met the requirements of the voters and of the community in general, chiefly owing to his personal and native abilities as an executive, and as an official who holds himself responsible to maintain the enforcement of law and order. He has spent most of his life in this State, at first in business, and since 1911 as a capable and efficient police officer.

Charles Abraham Barber was born November 1, 1880, at Crown Point, Essex County, New York, a son of George Wallace Barber and Angeline (Ariel) Barber. George Wallace Barber, who was born in a town near Ipswich, New Hampshire, and still enjoys good health in his seventy-ninth year, is a son of Joseph Barber, who originally came to this country from England, and Elmira E. Clark, whose ancestors came to America in the "Mayflower." Angeline (Ariel) Barber, daughter of Abraham Ariel, of Grand Isle, Vermont, was born at Ausable Forks, New York, September 13, 1853, and died in September, 1914, in her sixty-first year.

Charles Abraham Barber, after attending the Crown Point, New York, grammar schools, began work at fourteen years of age on a farm, and when he was sixteen years old in 1897, he came to Burlington, Vermont, where he was employed at the worsted mill in the capacity of tender on dressers. He remained there until 1900, when he left to take up work again in the farming line, this time at the Ethan Allen farm in Burlington, Vermont; and it was while he was there that he accepted an opportunity of hiring a store for the summer at Queen City Park. He then entered the employ of the American Woolen Company, this firm having succeeded to the ownership of the worsted mill at Winooski, and after two weeks as dresser tender, he was advanced to the position of overseer, continuing as such until 1911. In 1911, Mr. Barber became a police patrolman in the village of Winooski, and in 1912 he was appointed chief of police, a position that he has filled with great credit ever since. In 1922, Winooski was incorporated as a city, and Chief Barber takes a leading part in all local civic affairs: he organized Lafayette Hose Company No. 2, of Winooski, in 1906, and was made foreman of that company, a position he continued to hold until 1925. He later organized the present City of Winooski Fire Department, to take the place of the former company, and he was made chief of the department in 1927.

Chief Barber also continues to hold the office of Deputy Sheriff of Chittenden County, in which he has officiated for fourteen years, and he was a candidate in 1924, against the present incumbent. He will undoubtedly run for office again, owing to the splendid support he received from the voters of Chittenden County in his past campaign. In 1918, Chief Barber held the office of president of the Vermont State Fire Association. He is also a member of the New England Fire Chiefs' Association; Knights of Columbus, St. Stephen's Council, No. 2284, of Winooski, and of Bishop de Goesbriand Council, fourth degree; and was Venerable Councillor of the Modern Woodmen of America, Iroquois Camp, No. 8940.

Charles Abraham Barber married, May 18, 1899, at

Winooski, Vermont, Rev. Father Audette officiating, Helen Hattin, who died February 22, 1919, daughter of Peter and Anastasia (Barron) Hattin, and they had two children: Helen Marian, born November 23, 1900; and Henrietta B., born July 14, 1902. He married (second), August 27, 1920, at Winooski, Malina Lafont, daughter of Frank and Delvina (Therrian) Lafont. Three children were born of the second marriage: Charles Reginald, born October 2, 1921; Loraine Mary, born June 24, 1924, and Anita June, born June 23, 1926.

**CHRISTOPHER GORDON ALLARD**—As city clerk and treasurer of the city of Winooski, Vermont, Christopher Gordon Allard has rendered valuable service to his fellow men over a period of more than two decades, having been elected town clerk in 1903 and town treasurer in 1905. He also has held other public offices, and has taken at all times a keen interest in the affairs of Winooski and his State, being prominent in a social, civic and fraternal way. He was born October 8, 1857, in the old family home in Winooski, a house which stood on the ground now occupied by the clothing store of his brother, Francis Edward Allard. He is a son of the late Francis E. and Cecelia (Gordon) Allard, the former of whom was also a lifelong resident of Winooski, where he was born and whither his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Allard came in 1825.

Christopher Gordon Allard, of whom this is a record, attended the parochial and public schools in Winooski when he was a boy, and later went to school in Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada. When he started his active career, he was employed for two years in the offices of the Burlington Cotton Mill. Then, until 1882, he was spinner, and later foreman, of the spooling and twisting room of the Burlington Woolen Mill. From 1882 until 1885 he was clerk in the Carpenter Brothers store; and from 1885 to 1888, was employed with Platt and Company. From 1888 to 1892 he served his first time as postmaster of Winooski. From 1892 to 1893 he was assistant postmaster, while again, from 1893-97, he was postmaster. From 1897 to 1903 he was engaged in the steam laundry business. In all his political activity he was closely affiliated with the Democratic party, whose policies and candidates he supported both in the State and national elections. In 1903 he was elected town clerk, while two years later he was chosen as town treasurer of Winooski. Other offices which he held were those of village treasurer, district school clerk and graded school treasurer. These offices he still holds under the charter making the village the incorporated city of Winooski. In all his work, both public and private, Mr. Allard has ever kept close to his ideals of service, and has diligently studied the duties that lay before him both as business man and public servant.

In addition to his activity in these many different positions and capacities, Mr. Allard takes an active part in the affairs of his town and State. He is a member of Saint Stephen's Roman Catholic Church; one of the charter members of Bishop De Goesbriand Council of the Knights of Columbus, of Burlington; and a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters. In the Knights of Columbus Council he holds the Fourth degree. He is a charter member of the Modern Woodmen of America, in which order he is identified prominently with Iroquois Camp No. 8940; and also holds membership in Saint Peter's Society, as well as in the Holy Name Society.

On June 19, 1878, Mr. Allard married the daughter of the late Charles and Mary (Tiernan) Pariseau. Charles Pariseau was born in the Province of Quebec, Canada, and married, in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1853, Mary Tiernan; he died in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on March 21, 1921, at the age of ninety-five years. Mrs.



Pariseau was born in Ireland. Mrs. Allard was born April 10, 1860, in Saint Roche d'Achigan, Canada, but her parents brought her to Winooski to live when she was only four years old. They returned to Winnipeg, Manitoba, after their daughter's marriage in 1878. The marriage of C. G. Allard and Miss Pariseau took place at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, in Burlington, Vermont, the ceremony having been performed by the late Rev. Thomas Lynch, who had charge of Saint Stephen's Church in Winooski. To Mr. and Mrs. Allard were born nine children, among whom are the following: 1. Francis Charles, of Winooski, who married Mary Corinne La Valle, the ceremony having been performed on July 29, 1918, by the late Rev. J. M. Cloarec at Saint Joseph Church. 2. Thomas Henry Allard, who was united in marriage to Abbie Lefebvre, of Lafountain Street, Burlington, by the late Rev. J. M. Cloarec at Saint Joseph Church, Burlington. 3. Julian Frederick, who was united in marriage to Mary Louise Gratton, of Winooski Avenue, Burlington, on September 20, 1920, by the late Rev. N. Proulx at Saint Joseph Church in Burlington. 4. Mary C. 5. Zoe A. 6. J. William.

On Tuesday, June 19, 1928, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher G. Allard celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home, No. 34 Platt Street, Winooski. The day began with a high mass at Saint Stephen's Church, whose altar was decorated with a bridal wreath for the occasion, and down whose aisle the bridal party marched to the strains of "Lohengrin's Wedding March," the bride on the arm of F. Edward Allard, eldest brother of the groom and best man at the wedding fifty years before, and the groom accompanied by his daughter, Mary C. Allard. The ceremony was followed by a reception in the evening, which was one of the loveliest and most impressive social events that had taken place in Winooski in many a long season.

**FRANCIS EDWARD ALLARD**—Among the merchants of Winooski, Vermont, Francis Edward Allard stands high in the estimation of his fellow men. For many years he has been engaged in the clothing, shoe and men's and boys' furnishings business; while, even before he became active in this type of work, he was prominent in business circles in Winooski, his birthplace and lifelong residence.

Mr. Allard was born May 29, 1856, in Winooski, a son of Francis Edward and Cecelia (Gordon) Allard. His father, who was born in Winooski, July 5, 1830, and died on February 12, 1899, is interred in Saint Joseph's Cemetery; he was one of the outstanding citizens of his day in Winooski. The mother, Cecelia (Gordon) Allard, born in Black Rock, Province of Quebec, Canada, March 14, 1836, died December 14, 1883, and is buried also in Saint Joseph's Cemetery. They were the parents of six children: 1. Francis Edward, Jr., of whom this is a record. 2. Christopher G., whose biography appears elsewhere in this work. 3. Charles William. 4. Joseph Henry. 5. Louis Patrick. 6. George Frederick. The grandparents of this family of children were Peter and Josette Allard, the former of whom was born in the Province of Quebec and came to Winooski in 1825.

The house in which Francis Edward Allard, the younger, was born stood on the ground now occupied by his own clothing store. In his boyhood he attended the local schools in Winooski, as well as the parochial school, and then returned later to the district school and the Burlington School. He began work in the woolen mill at Winooski, now owned by the American Woolen Company. That was on May 1, 1873, when he was only sixteen years old. He continued with this work until March 16, 1875, leaving at that time to establish his own candy business at home. In this new work he was eminently successful from the outset, and made many friends in the course of fulfilling his duties. After a time the business

expanded to such an extent that he opened a candy store, which he conducted until 1910, when he closed out the business to enter his new field of clothing, hats, shoes and men's and boys' furnishings. Established in 1911, this store has grown in proportions steadily since that time, until it is today the largest institution of its kind in Winooski.

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Allard has been called upon from time to time to render important public service to his community and State. He has at one time or another been honored by the people of Winooski and Colchester by being elected to every elective office within the gift of the people, both local and State. He was auditor, trustee and first selectman; assessor for three years up to 1914; president of the village; and alderman representing the Colchester district, from 1902 to 1904, and again from 1910 to 1912. He assisted in preparing the charter for incorporation of the city of Winooski, and was elected as one of the first aldermen, an office which he held for two years. He was elected in 1925 to serve a one-year term as mayor of Winooski. In all of his work he has discharged his duties efficiently and well, with the result that others have profited by his public career. Mr. Allard takes great pride in being a member of the old band of musicians originally organized many decades ago in Winooski, and in which he has played since 1874. For several years this band has made its headquarters in Burlington. Mr. Allard is a member of several societies and organizations of importance. He holds membership in Saint Peter's Society, the Catholic Order of Foresters, and the Knights of Columbus, in which he is affiliated with Saint Stephen's Council, No. 2,284, of Winooski. His religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic church, his parish being Saint Stephen's. He is also a member of the Holy Name Society, connected with this church.

On June 21, 1882, Francis Edward Allard married Mary Jane Maguire, who was born in Malone, New York, daughter of James H. and Jane (McDermott) Maguire, both of whom were natives of County Cavan, Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Allard became the parents of the following children: 1. Catherine Cecelia, born April 8, 1888. 2. Elizabeth Jane, born January 15, 1890. 3. Margaret Mary, born January 7, 1894.

**DWIGHT TUXBURY**—One of the outstanding figures in the business life of Windsor, Vermont, in his generation was Dwight Tuxbury, a man who lived in a period of changing social and industrial structures, who kept pace with his times, and who built up one of the foremost business institutions in this place. A native of New Hampshire, Mr. Tuxbury was a life-long resident of this region of New England, and so was thoroughly acquainted with the people and conditions here, with the result that his life and his work were valuable in the highest degree to his fellow men. Also active in civic affairs, there was no matter of public importance which did not engage his attention and no movement for the welfare of Windsor and its people which was not the more successful for his participation in it. His death, needless to say, brought great sorrow to the community, whose members recognized in him, and justifiably so, a man of more than ordinary ability and achievement, whose accomplishments were profitable to himself and beneficial to Windsor.

Mr. Tuxbury was born in Meriden, New Hampshire, on July 12, 1821, son of Ishmael and Huldah (Bemis) Tuxbury, and the only surviving member of a family of three sons and five daughters. Coming to Windsor when he was but thirteen years old, Dwight Tuxbury was at first employed in Nathan Goddard's bookstore, and later in the A. G. and J. D. Hatch general store; and on April 1, 1845, he was received as partner in the Hatch store, whereupon the firm name was changed to



*Dwight Tuxbury*





Hatch and Tuxbury. In January, 1857, he formed a partnership with Luther C. White, with whom he became engaged in the general store business under the firm name of White and Tuxbury, and later, for a year or two, under the firm name of D. Tuxbury and Company, in the store now occupied by Stone and Tracy. In January, 1866, the store was burned, and upon the retirement of Mr. White, Mr. Tuxbury formed a partnership with S. N. Stone. Then Tuxbury and Stone removed to their former site, where they continued with a constantly increasing business from 1870 onward. They retained the same firm name, both before and after the admission of Charles Tuxbury, Dwight Tuxbury's son, in 1886, until the partnership was dissolved in 1895. Dwight Tuxbury and his sons thereupon started in business anew under the name of Dwight Tuxbury and Sons, which enterprise continued until 1915.

Not only was Dwight Tuxbury closely identified with the business interests of Windsor, but was equally prominent in public affairs in Windsor and the surrounding community of Vermont. He was deeply interested in the progress of the schools, and was a member of the school committee, of which most of the time he was chairman. He held the chief executive post on this committee for fourteen years. He also served as town treasurer for a continuous term of twenty-three years, which ended at his own request. A Republican in his political views, he was a member of the State Legislature in 1886 and 1887, and a trustee of the Vermont Reform School at Vergennes, Vermont. He was a member of the Congregational church.

Dwight Tuxbury's death came on April 9, 1898, after a long and useful career in Windsor. He was held in the highest esteem by his fellow men, regarded by his close friends as a delightful comrade and companion, and cherished and loved as both husband and father in his own immediate family circle.

He was twice married. His first wife was Sophia A. Gilkey, their marriage having taken place on October 18, 1847. She died on February 27, 1864. They had a daughter and four sons.

1. Edward B. Tuxbury, born July 12, 1848, attended the public schools of Windsor and Kimball Union Academy, entered the mercantile life of Boston, Massachusetts, where he continued until ill health obliged him to cease from active business. He died on October 28, 1873.

2. Frances G. Tuxbury, born July 4, 1853, at Windsor, graduated from high school in 1871, and spent the following year at the Tilden Seminary, in Lebanon. In the fall of 1872 she started her teaching career in the Windsor public schools, which she continued for seventeen years. From the beginning she sustained a well-earned eminence in that calling. Commencing her work at the West Primary, in the second term of the next year she was assigned to the Center Primary; and in the fall of 1874 she was placed at the head of the grammar school, with seventy boys and girls in her charge. She was at the head of this constantly overcrowded school for ten years, after which, under a rearrangement of the system, she was assigned to the newly organized intermediate school, and after five more years retired from her long public service to maintain at her home a small private school. During the years which constituted her early career as a teacher, the annual reports of the superintendent made special mention of her school. She is spoken of as having infused into the Center Primary School a condition of order and enthusiasm for work which had characterized her accomplishments at the West Primary, and it was generally considered that Miss Fannie's School was a model institution of its kind. When the library was started, in 1883, she became the efficient assistant to Mr. Goddard, the first librarian, during such hours as her school work

permitted, and so continued for several years. She was a devout member of the old South Congregational church, with which she was associated from earliest childhood. Positions of trust and responsibility were hers: She was treasurer of the prudential committee, treasurer of the ladies' committee, trustee of the Campbell Fund established for the church, trustee of the Blood Fund, and ever foremost in all activities of the church. She possessed an administrative faculty that does not fall to the lot of the average individual; and many local people recall a striking example of this ability in her position as head of the accounting department of the firm of Tuxbury and Stone, and afterward of Dwight Tuxbury and Sons. It was she who was the moving spirit in establishing a district nurse at Windsor, and it developed upon her to engage the nurse and attend to all the details of the work. At home she was a conspicuous figure, and there, too, her kindly, unselfish and pervading presence was sadly missed. She died February 14, 1917.

3. William Dwight Tuxbury, born January 26, 1855, at Windsor, graduated from the high school in 1871, entered the office of Jones and Lamson Machine Company in 1880, then removed to California, where he engaged in the real estate business. He returned to Windsor in 1895 to become a partner with his father and brother. During the World War he served as local and county food administrator; with the Red Cross was constantly active; and took part in all town and village activities. He was treasurer of the District Nurse Association, and served on committees at different times, although he had declined to accept public office. He was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons. He died on March 8, 1926, and cremation took place at Cambridge, Massachusetts, the ashes being deposited in the family cemetery.

4. Charles Tuxbury, born at Windsor, Vermont, January 20, 1857, attended the public schools here, was graduated from high school in 1873, and for a short time afterward worked in the Jones and Lamson office. He entered his father's general store late in 1873, when the firm name was Tuxbury and Stone, this store at the time being a well-known trading center. In 1886 he was taken into the partnership. In 1895 the partnership was dissolved, whereupon the business was continued under the name of Dwight Tuxbury and Sons until the retirement of Charles Tuxbury in 1915, at which time he was the sole owner. Charles Tuxbury is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He is a director of the Windham-Windsor Boy Scout Council, a trustee of the Windsor Library Association from the beginning and now its president, president of the Old Constitution House Association (he was also instrumental in bringing about its restoration), a member of the Cemetery Commission and its superintendent for many years, a school director and a village trustee. He was for many years tree warden, and was a director and treasurer of the Windsor Machine Company until it was taken over by the National Acme Company. He was also a director and treasurer of the Windsor Canning Company for several years; was a member of the State Board of Charities and Probation; probation officer for Windsor County; a director and one of the founders of the Children's Aid Society, a director of the Vermont Tuberculosis Society, and an active participant in the affairs of The Old South Church and the church society. There was another son, Walter G. Tuxbury, who died in infancy.

Dwight Tuxbury's second marriage, which took place on October 11, 1866, was to Eusebia Sabine Williams, of Boston, Massachusetts. They were the parents of one daughter, Sophia A., who became the wife of George



B. Cross, a dentist in Windsor, who died April 10, 1904. Sophia A. (Tuxbury) Cross was born July 10, 1869, was graduated from Windsor High School, and later attended Bradford Academy, at Bradford, Massachusetts. She was assistant librarian of the Windsor Library for several years. She is a communicant of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, and is active in its various organizations.

**REV. WILLIAM HENRY CASSIDY**—Born at Huntingdon, Province of Quebec, Canada, June 25, 1888, Rev. William Henry Cassidy, pastor of St. Dominick's Church at Proctor, is known as one of the foremost educators in the Roman Catholic communion in this State. He was graduated from the University of Montreal, Canada. He was ordained to the priesthood, December 24, 1911, by Right Rev. Joseph John Rice, D. D., Bishop of Burlington. Beginning in 1911, he was assistant pastor of the Cathedral at Burlington. He became the principal at Burlington of one of the first free co-educational Catholic high schools in the country. The school emerged very successfully from its trial or experimental stage, and following the Burlington model, the plan is coming to be more and more the vogue throughout the country, wherever Catholic education is given under the auspices of the church.

Rev. William H. Cassidy was assigned as pastor of St. Dominick's Church at Proctor, in 1921, and his people warmly acclaimed him for his excellent work there in behalf of the faith. His church has a large and consistent membership from among the two thousand people of the community, and many of them are employes of the Vermont Marble Company, which corporation has done much in the early and latter years of the Catholic parish to aid its establishment and to further its work.

**CHARLES SHELDON ATHERTON**—The blood of two of New England's earliest pioneers flowed in the veins of the late Charles Sheldon Atherton, who for more than forty years operated a farm near Essex Junction, and who at one time was a dominating factor in the affairs of this community. Mr. Atherton, whose period of residence at Essex Junction encompassed more than fifty years, not only attained material success in his agricultural pursuits, but what is more important, won the confidence and esteem of his fellow-men in the highest possible degree, utilizing all those traits that go to make a good citizen, in every sense of that word.

Mr. Atherton's ancestry has been traced to two families that have been leaders in New England for many years—the Sheldons and the Athertons—who originally settled in Hatfield, Massachusetts, in the latter part of 1632. Isaac Sheldon was the first-come, leaving his home at Windsor, England, in 1639. His son, Captain John Sheldon, moved to Deerfield, Massachusetts, in 1684. Mr. Atherton's parents were Alpha A. and Fannie (Strickland) Atherton, the father being a native of Duxbury, Vermont.

Charles Sheldon Atherton was born December 12, 1849, in Waterbury, Washington County, Vermont, and there received his early schooling in the local district schools. He later supplemented this by completing a course in business practices and methods at Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York. There he learned telegraphy, and later accepted a position as station agent at Richmond, Vermont, where he remained until he was twenty-six years of age. In 1874, he came to this community and purchased a farm near Essex Junction, which he controlled until his death, although he had given up active operation of his farm about ten years previous to his demise and had moved into the village. Fully conscious at all times of his duties as a citizen, Mr. Atherton was a dependable character in the affairs of community plannings and projects. He was of considerable influ-

ence in local political circles, and especially concerned in school affairs, as is attested by the fact that for many years he was a director of the Essex Junction School Board. He also served for an extended period as Village Selectman. Himself a progressive farmer, it was but natural that Mr. Atherton should be interested in agricultural movements, and he was a valued member of the Essex Centre Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He also was affiliated with Mansfield Lodge, No. 18, Knights of Pythias.

Charles Sheldon Atherton married, January 12, 1873, at Richmond, Vermont, Adeline M. Hildreth, daughter of the late Henry and Betsey Ann (Manwell) Hildreth, who was born December 2, 1854, in Richmond, and who passed away October 5, 1926. At that time, it was written of her: "The late Mrs. Atherton was a woman greatly beloved and highly respected by a large circle of friends and acquaintances, who will sincerely mourn her passing. The sympathy of the community goes out to the family, the relatives and the friends." Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Atherton, all of whom survive with the exception of a son, Albro B., who died in 1900. The survivors are: 1. Harry H., of Springfield, Massachusetts, a leading manufacturer of children's wearing apparel, known throughout the United States as the "Maypole" brand. 2. Roy B., of Essex Junction. 3. Alice M. Parsons, of Portland, Maine. 4. Mrs. Elizabeth A. Carroll, of Essex Junction. 5. Flora E. Atherton, of Hartford, Connecticut.

Charles Sheldon Atherton passed away December 17, 1925, at his home in Essex Junction, five days after he had celebrated his seventy-sixth birthday. Although he had lived a comparatively quiet life, preferring the companionship of his wife and children to the adventures and excitements of travel, nevertheless, he was known as a man of ability and one who was well informed on most worth-while subjects. He will long live in the memory of his many friends of this community as a citizen who was honest, dependable, and fair in his dealings with his fellowmen.

**THOMAS ALFRED UNSWORTH**—With a capacity for hard work and the vision and foresight to see beyond his immediate horizon, Thomas Alfred Unsworth advanced from the obscurity of youth to his present position as one of Vermont's industrial leaders and one of Burlington's outstanding business men and valued citizens. Mr. Unsworth began his industrial career at the age of sixteen when, as a boy in the city of New York, he worked at various occupations until he finally discovered the trade which ultimately had such a decided bearing upon his future life and brought him to his present position as president and treasurer of the E. B. and A. C. Whiting Company, of Burlington, one of the old established concerns in the manufacture of brush fibre and favorably known throughout the country.

Mr. Unsworth was born in Cleveland, Ohio, April 1, 1876, son of George B. and Susan (Wood) Unsworth, both of whom were born on the Isle of Man. George B. Unsworth was born in 1845 and died in 1910.

Thomas Alfred Unsworth emigrated to England with his parents when but one year old, and received his early education in the schools of Liverpool, England, until he was ten years old. The family then returned to the United States and made their residence in New York City where the boy attended the public schools. Upon the completion of his formal education at the age of sixteen, he worked at various occupations and gained much valuable experience which was the foundation for a life of industry and progressive achievements. In the art of brush fibre making, he found congenial employment and decided upon a career in this industry. He applied himself patiently to his trade and soon became an expert in his line, establishing a reputation for exceptional ability



with the result that he opened an independent enterprise on Pearl Street, New York, under the name of the Brush Fibre Supply Company, Inc., in 1909. The success of his organization was almost phenomenal and it soon became a dominant factor in the industry under the expert direction of Mr. Unsworth, whose thorough knowledge of the technical side of the trade coupled with his unerring ability in business transactions made possible this splendid progress. At this time the corporation of the Brush Fibre Supply Company and the firm of E. B. & A. C. Whiting of Burlington was merged and formed the corporation E. B. and A. C. Whiting Company, of Burlington on June 1, 1913, and Mr. Unsworth became treasurer and manager of the organization. With his expert methods and superior knowledge of modern business conditions, he gave new life to the company resulting in a greater impetus to manufacture and sales than was ever before experienced. Under his direction, the scope of the industry was increased and the volume of business grew to new proportions. In 1920, Mr. Unsworth bought out the Whiting interests and assumed full control which he has since continued under the original name. As president and treasurer of the concern, he directs the affairs of one of the most efficient and prosperous industrial plants in this State, which is a credit to this city and a factor in its commercial prosperity. In all civic activities, Mr. Unsworth takes a constructive part and lends his assistance and influence to every cause which has for its ultimate object the welfare and good of his community. He is an active member of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, the Ethan Allen Club and the Burlington Country Club. His fraternal allegiance is given to Burlington Lodge, No. 916, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Washington Lodge, No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons; Burlington Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons; Burlington Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar; Burlington Council, No. 5, Royal and Select Masters, and he is also a Scottish Rite Mason having attained the thirty-second degree in that order.

Thomas Alfred Unsworth married, April 12, 1904, in New York City, Julia Hirschmann, daughter of Charles Hirschmann, who was born in Breslau, Germany, in 1845, and died in 1921, and Katherine (Nies) Hirschmann, born in Breslau, Germany, in 1854, and died in 1886. To this union have been born five children: 1. Arthur Charles, born March 24, 1905. 2. Arlene Katherine, born April 1, 1907. 3. Herbert Howard, born April 10, 1909. 4. Ruth Lenore, born December 26, 1910. 5. Raymond Roosevelt, born January 7, 1919. Mr. Unsworth's business is located at Pine and Howard Streets, and the family residence is located at 498 South Willard Street.

**JOSEPH WESLEY STEVENS**—The early days of Joseph Wesley Stevens, now a well-known butter and egg merchant, held that tinge of romance that we all like to associate with men who have attained a successful maturity. He was born March 29, 1872, in Rochester, Windsor County, Vermont, the son of Asa and Deborah (Backhorn) Stevens, both of New Hampshire birth. They came to Vermont to live, and died when their son was only about three years old, and he was taken into the home of a neighboring farmer, but not with adoption. It was not a happy atmosphere for the boy, for as a mere child, he was put to the hardest sort of farm work and not allowed the opportunity of attending school and acquiring the education that the other youngsters of the district were enjoying. Realizing this lack, at the age of eighteen he ran away from the farm with the vast sum of sixty cents in his pocket, and found work with another farmer, Mr. Morse, where he could combine his energetic services with the study he yearned for. He attended the fall and winter sessions of school, when the farm work was at its lightest, and after two years at the Morse farm, went to that of Mr. Wing in Rochester,

working there under the same conditions for a year and then worked on a farm at Randolph for three years. His next employment was found in a shoe shop at Bethel, Vermont; from there he went to Dr. Sparhawk's Turkish Bath establishment; and, finally, into association with Mr. Richardson, one of the leading citizens of Burlington, at that time proprietor of the Diamond Dyes plant, and who owned large parcels of real estate in the city. Mr. Richardson took a deep interest in the ambitious young man and put him in charge of the entire Richardson block, which was a large one in the heart of commercial Burlington. In this responsible position, Mr. Stevens remained for years. In fact, he had rounded out twenty-five years and two months, when the property was sold to Mr. Abernathy, who conducted Burlington's largest department store. After this sale was consummated Mr. Stevens bought out the butter and egg business of Fred Carpenter and has successfully carried it on ever since, building the business into gratifying proportions and increasing their output each year, until the figures at this time are eighty tons of butter and five thousand crates of eggs per annum. Mr. Stevens has taken an interest always in politics but had not held office until the year 1928, when he was elected Alderman of the Second Ward, for a two-year term. He is a member of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce.

Joseph Wesley Stevens was married February 7, 1897, to Mary Elizabeth Bisson, a daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Kelley) Bisson, the ceremony having been performed by the Reverend Father Barrett in the Burlington Cathedral. Mrs. Stevens' parents were both born in Montreal, Canada, and died in Burlington, Vermont.

**DELMAR J. STEVENS** was born at Coventry on February 12, 1887, a son of George F. and Nettie Stevens, the latter from Trowbridge and the former, a native of South Stukeley, Canada. He went to the schools of Newport and after finishing at the high school there, went out as a travelling salesman for the St. Johnsbury house of C. H. Goss Company, remaining with this firm for five years, leaving them to join the sales force of the Charles Miller and Sons Company of Utica. After four years on the road for them, he decided to locate in Fairfax, and with his wife settled on the farm that was owned by her great grandfather, Lester Grovner. Mr. Stevens also opened a garage business in the town, and has conducted farm and garage since that time and made a gratifying success of the ventures. On his farm he has twenty head of Jersey cattle and cultivates the hundred acres intensively. The garage carries a Nash Motor Car Sales Agency.

Mr. Stevens is a Republican in his political convictions and holds the office of town lister. Fraternally he is identified with the Orleans Valley Lodge, No. 106, Free and Accepted Masons. Mrs. Stevens, whom he married on May 24, 1916, is an attendant of the Methodist Church.

**EBEN SUTTON**—An active factor in promoting his city's commercial advancement, Eben Sutton is one of Burlington's younger men who has come to occupy a position of progressive leadership in the mercantile affairs of this vicinity. Mr. Sutton is one of the managers of the Old Bee Hive Store which, although it ranks as one of the oldest merchandising organizations in the State, has ever kept apace with modern progress and is today just as alive and industrious as its name suggests, especially as it is controlled by men of the modern generation who possess a thorough knowledge of the demands of present day purchasers. Mr. Sutton is eminently fitted for mercantile management, as he received invaluable experience in this line in the metropolitan city of Boston where he was connected with a leading department store for some time.



Mr. Sutton was born in North Andover, Massachusetts, October 7, 1892, the son of John H. and Mary O. (Jacobs) Sutton, his father having been born in New York City in 1860, and died in North Andover, Massachusetts, in 1920; his mother was born in Peabody, Massachusetts, June 10, 1859, and survives her husband.

Eben Sutton was educated in the public schools of North Andover and at Andover Academy. Upon the completion of his formal education, he entered the employ of Wilson and Larrabee at Boston, Massachusetts, remaining four years with that excellent dry goods establishment. Next accepting a position with the American Woolen Company, he was stationed at Lawrence, Massachusetts, for some time, later being transferred to the company's plant at Winooski, where he remained with this great industrial organization until his enlistment in the service of the United States Navy, 1918. Returning to Burlington after the Armistice with the intention of resuming his connection with the American Woolen Company, he changed his plans and instead, became associated with Paul Chamberlin in the operation of the Old Bee Hive Store and in this connection has since remained, establishing a splendid reputation throughout this city for his expert business ability and for the courteous treatment and sincere interest shown to the patrons of the organization. In promoting all activities destined to further the welfare and advancement of his city, Mr. Sutton has always given his aid and influence cheerfully and generously. He is treasurer of the State Chamber of Commerce. He is a popular member of the Ethan Allen Club of Burlington and in fraternal affiliations is prominent in Cockichewick Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Burlington Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons; Cairo Temple of Rutland, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, besides which he is a member of the Scottish Rite.

Eben Sutton married, May 29, 1917, at Burlington, Ruth Chamberlin, daughter of Nelson E. and Mary Catlin (Doolittle) Chamberlin, her father, who was born in Canaan, Vermont, in 1848, died in 1916, and her mother, born in Burlington in 1852, died in 1904. Nelson E. Chamberlin was one of Burlington's oldest merchants and operated one of the oldest retail stores in this city, having acquired the Old Bee Hive Store on Church Street in 1880 from Peck Brothers who were the original founders in 1853.

Mr. and Mrs. Sutton are the parents of two children: 1. Eben, Jr., born February 1, 1919. 2. Paul Nelson, born March 29, 1920. The family resides at No. 14 Adsit Court.

**LEON ERNEST SAMPLE, M. D.**, was born in St. Albans, August 31, 1895, son of W. H. Sample, who was born in New York State, and Jane (Patterson) Sample, who was born in Quebec, Canada, both of whom are living. W. H. Sample is one of the leading citizens of this community and is now retired from active business cares.

Leon Ernest Sample was educated in the public schools of St. Albans and of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, later entering McGill University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1919, receiving the degrees of Doctor of Medicine and Master of Surgery. He served his internship at the Royal Victoria Hospital and remained at this institution for three years. He next spent three years at the Lakeside Hospital Service of Dr. Crile and then, in 1926, came to St. Albans to engage in medical practice. Dr. Sample is a member of the Champlain Country Club, and the Owl Club, while he also holds membership in the University Club, of Montreal, Canada. In his religious adherence, he is a member of the Congregational Church. His fraternal affiliations are with Phi Rho Sigma Fraternity and his professional connections are with the Franklin County Medical Society, Vermont State Medical Society and the American Medical

Association. He is a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Leon Ernest Sample married, in May, 1928, Meryle Ina Bordeaux, of St. Albans.

**BERTON H. SHANGRAW**—Building up an excellent record in the field of public service, Berton H. Shangraw of St. Albans has been connected with the St. Albans Steam Laundry for many years, and since 1918 has been sole owner and operator of this well-known industry. Mr. Shangraw has achieved a splendid reputation as a business man, and the organization which he heads has ever been one of this city's most dependable laundry establishments. He has continued to add to its patronage by his consistent policy of honesty and fair dealing, thereby earning the good-will and steady support of the residents of this community who appreciate quality of work combined with pleasant and agreeable service.

Mr. Shangraw was born in Franklin County, June 14, 1876, son of Eli and Josephine (Lovelette) Shangraw, both of Franklin County, his father being eighty-six years of age, and his mother eighty-five (1928) and they have recently celebrated their sixty-sixth wedding anniversary. Eli Shangraw was engaged in agricultural pursuits during his active career but is now retired.

Berton H. Shangraw was educated in the public schools of Vermont and the Academy at Grand Line, Quebec, Canada, and upon completing his formal education, entered the employ of the St. Albans Steam Laundry. Here he started at the bottom and by earnest application and a capacity for hard work, climbed to the top and became owner of the business where he began as a boy. The St. Albans Steam Laundry was founded about 1885 by Wood and Gilson, and in 1902 was sold to Gardner Whitcomb, who operated it for several years before selling out to Ralph Whitcomb. It was next controlled by Donnelly, who failed in business, and in 1918 Mr. Carmen bought it, and conducted it until the following year, 1919, when Mr. Shangraw bought him out and since that time has conducted its affairs with increasing success. Eighteen people are employed in this modern laundry establishment which receives the greater part of the laundry work of the residents of Franklin County, the majority of which is transported via parcel post, which in itself, is a testimonial to the superior quality of the work done here. In fraternal affairs, Mr. Shangraw is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has received all possible local honors. Politically, he casts his vote with the Republican party of which he is a staunch supporter. His religious adherence is given to the Baptist Church.

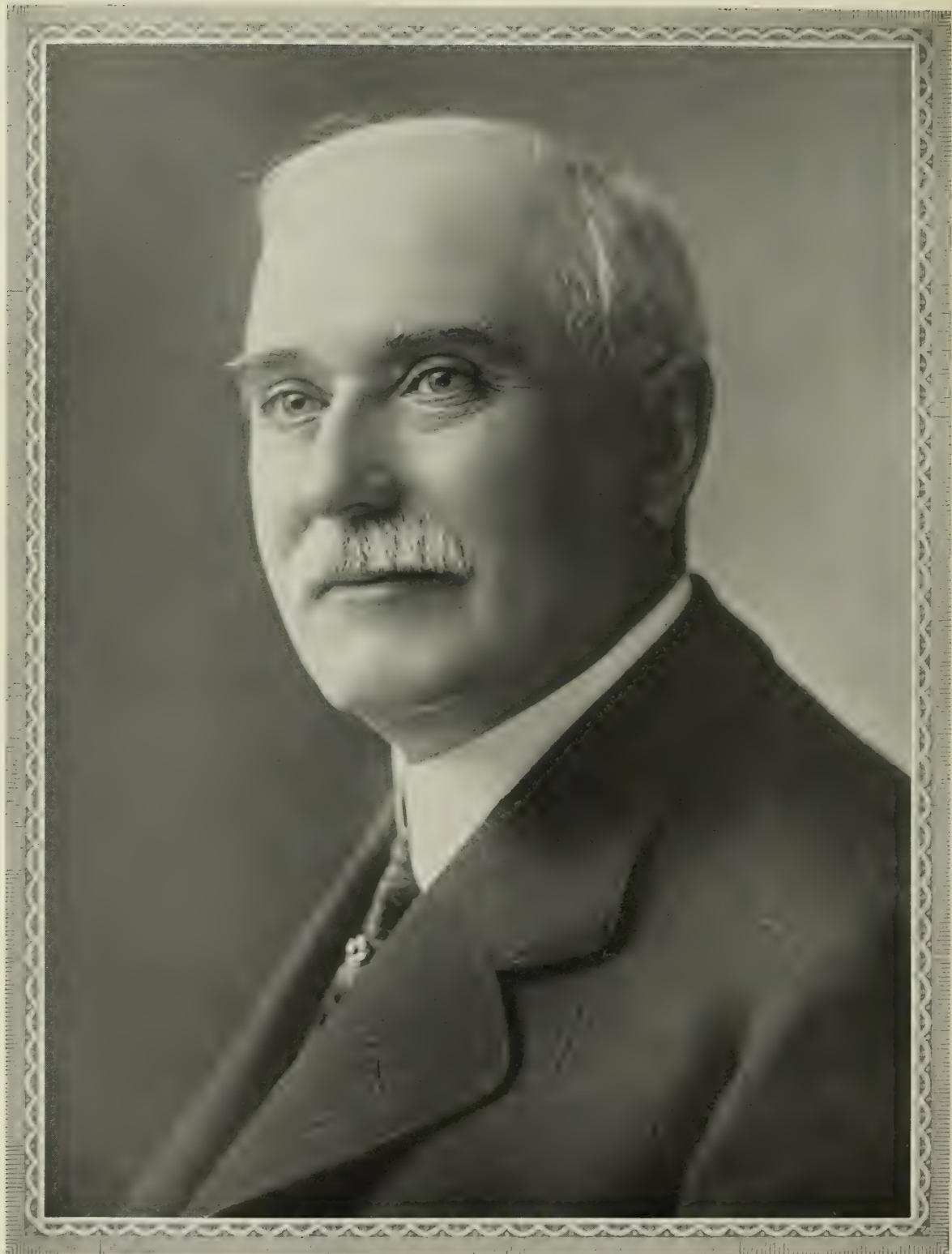
Berton H. Shangraw married, November 16, 1912, Mildred McCarroll of St. Albans.

**JAMES ANTHONY RYAN**—A leading place in the business activities of the town of Milton and its agricultural country side is held by James A. Ryan, proprietor of the grain and feed establishment which he has built up to large proportions, commanding also, as he does, the confidence and good-will of the people of his section.

Born in Georgia, Franklin County, this State, September 2, 1868, James Anthony Ryan is a son of Patrick and Ellen (Kennedy) Ryan, his father, born in Poultney, February 4, 1832, died in 1915, son of Francis Ryan and Margaret (Rogers) Ryan, natives of County Tipperary, Ireland. The mother, born in 1833, in Georgia, Vermont, died in 1873, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Cavanaugh) Kennedy. The son, James Anthony, attended the district school of his native village and finished his education at the Georgia Academy. His first formal employment was on his father's farm in the town of his birth, and he continued faithfully to assist his parent until he joined his brother, William P. Ryan, in a partnership







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farm enterprise, which they operated for ten years, and then Mr. Ryan sold his interest to his brother.

A larger opportunity in the business world called him to the town of Milton, where he purchased the grain and feed business of H. C. McNall in 1913, since which time he has conducted it as the sole owner. Approved business methods, an intimate knowledge of his customers' requirements, and a well-developed capacity for meeting them, have been the chief elements in Mr. Ryan's outstanding success and in building up the enterprise to its present size. Through his integrity and capacity for pleasing his clients, he has attained an important place among the people of the town and those of the surrounding country, which constitutes a thriving farming community. He is progressive in his methods and keeps pace with the introduction of ideas that mark advance in business conduct. His plant in Milton is ideally situated opposite the Central Vermont Railway station, and he has his own railroad sidings, the use of which facilitates the receipt and discharge of cargoes of grain and other commodities. A pleasing feature of the administration of his business is the assistance rendered by his sons, who have been taken into association with him, thus relieving him of much of the burden of responsibility with which he had coped alone for many years. He is a member of St. Albans Council, No. 297, Knights of Columbus, and is respected and esteemed as a neighbor and friend, enjoying also high standing in citizenship affairs.

James Anthony Ryan married, October 31, 1900, in Milton, Elizabeth Clinton, daughter of John Clinton, born in Ireland, and now deceased, and Eliza (O'Kane) Clinton, a native of Swanton, Vermont, who is also deceased. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Ryan: 1. John Clinton, born January 20, 1904. 2. Paul William, born September 5, 1905. 3. Helen Katherine, born February 11, 1909. 4. James Anthony, Jr., born February 8, 1918.

**LEONARD DOUGLAS WHEELER**—A native and life-long resident of Vermont, Mr. Wheeler came to White River Junction, Windsor County, almost fifty years ago and for many years has been one of that town's leaders in commercial and financial affairs. Engaged at first in the grocery business and later in the clothing business, he finally turned his attention to banking and since 1917 has been president of one of the largest and strongest national banks in that part of Vermont. Naturally he has played an important part in the modern development of White River Junction, where he is highly regarded as a public-spirited and useful member of the community.

Leonard Douglas Wheeler was born in Montpelier, Washington County, May 24, 1860, a son of Avery Gillman and Lucinda (Woodcock) Wheeler. His parents, who were both natives of Marshfield, Washington County, are no longer living, his father having died in 1907, his mother in 1902. When Mr. Wheeler was only four years old, the family removed to Randolph, Orange County, where he continued to live until he had reached the age of twenty-one years. It was in the public grammar and high schools of that town that he received his education and there he also commenced his business career. Later, after he had acquired some business experience, he joined his father in the hardware business, in which he continued for about one year. Having sold out his interest in this undertaking, he removed to White River Junction about 1881 and established himself there in the grocery business, in which he remained for about two years. At the end of that time he started a clothing store, which under his able management quickly became one of the leading establishments of its type in White River Junction and which he continued to conduct until 1924, when he disposed of it to good advantage. In the meantime he had become active in banking and in 1917 had been elected president of the First National Bank of White River Junction, a position which he still holds

and in which he has made valuable contributions to the development of that financial institution, as well as to the advancement of the town's growth and prosperity. He is also vice-president of the Interstate Trust Company and at one time was treasurer of the Ottaquechee Woolen Company, serving in that capacity until this company sold its mills. He is a member of United Brethren Lodge, No. 21, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master; Cascadnac Chapter, No. 27, Royal Arch Masons; Flanders Commandery, No. 14, Knights Templar; Windsor Council, No. 8, Royal and Select Masters; and Myrtle Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a Past Noble Grand. He is also a member of the White River Junction Rotary Club. In politics he is a supporter of the Republican party, while his religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Wheeler married (first) Jennie A. Smith of Randolph, a daughter of Austin A. and Betsie Ann (Loomis) Smith of Randolph, and by this marriage is the father of three daughters: Lucille, wife of Roger Adams, professor of chemistry at the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois; Marjorie, wife of George H. B. Fisher, connected with the Canadian Finance Corporation of Toronto, Province of Ontario, Canada; and Mary, wife of Allen Britton, a cattle dealer and farmer of Hartland, Windsor County. Mrs. Wheeler died November 7, 1921. Mr. Wheeler married (second), September 2, 1927, Sadie M. King, a daughter of Mark and Eliza (Andrews) King of Island Pond, Essex County.

**CLIFFORD ATHERTON PEASE, M. D.**—A surgeon at Burlington, Vermont, for many years, Clifford Atherton Pease has achieved a career of genuine distinction in his chosen profession, the medical science. He has studied in the famous medical centers of Europe giving much time to painstaking preparation for his work, and to the community at Burlington he supplies a ripe experience and profound knowledge of surgical methods to be found usually only in the largest cities.

Dr. Pease was born July 8, 1874, at Jericho, Chittenden County, Vermont, a son of Frank Wellington Pease, who was born in 1852 and died in 1923, in his seventy-first year, and of Ellen Maria (Atherton) Pease, born at Duxbury, Vermont, in 1854, and died in 1922.

Clifford Atherton Pease attended the public schools of Vermont, and following graduation from Burlington High School, entered the Medical College of the University of Vermont. From this institution he was graduated in 1899, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and he soon decided to give special attention to the study of surgery. In 1900 he was house surgeon at the Mary Fletcher Hospital in Burlington, at the end of which time he began the practice of surgery in this city. By constant study he kept well abreast of all the recent developments in this field, and finally, went to Europe as a student in Vienna and London. Upon his return to the United States he resumed his practice, which has grown to large proportions as the demands on his services constantly increased throughout the years. In addition to this work, Dr. Pease was instructor in neurology and medicine at the University of Vermont for ten years, and for some years clinical assistant to the chair of clinical surgery. He is now associate professor of clinical surgery at this university, and attending surgeon at the Mary Fletcher Hospital, the Bishop De Goesbriand Hospital, and the Fanny Allen Hospital at Burlington. Dr. Pease is ex-president of the New York and New England Association of Railway Surgeons, and Fellow of the American College of Surgery, the American Medical Association, the Burlington Clinical Society, and the Chittenden County Clinical Society, taking an active part in the work of these organizations. His reputation in general is wide-spread among the members of his profession.



Dr. Pease is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is a member of Washington Lodge, No. 3, Burlington Chapter, No. 3, of the Royal Arch Masons; Burlington Commandery, No. 2, of the Knights Templar, and Cairo Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Rutland, Vermont. He has been a prominent figure in the various phases of community life at Burlington and for a time was vice-president of the Board of Directors of the Burlington Young Men's Christian Association. He has also served as vice-president of the Mansfield Section of the Green Mountain Club, of Vermont. He worships in the Congregational faith, attending the First Church of that denomination in Burlington.

In 1911, Clifford Atherton Pease married Mary Stewart Stranahan, of St. Albans, Vermont, a daughter of John Stranahan, who was cashier of the Weldon Bank, in St. Albans, from the day it was founded, and of Harriet (Royce) Stranahan. Dr. and Mrs. Pease are the parents of three children: 1. Virginia Atherton, born, August 31, 1913. 2. Stewart Stranahan, born April 9, 1916. 3. Clifford Atherton, Jr., born, April 29, 1922. The family residence in Burlington is situated at No. 301 College Street.

**JOHN VINCENT KIESLICH**—Among the foreign-born who have come to Vermont, and have been absorbed into the body politic, meanwhile having shown themselves to be thoroughgoing Americans of the approved type, is John Vincent Kieslich of Burlington, one of the leading merchants of that city.

Born in Kalbacher, Austria, February 16, 1881, John Vincent Kieslich is the son of Robert and Josepha (Hofrichter) Kieslich, the father a native of Schoenvisa, Prussia, Germany. The family removed to this country when the son John was eighteen months old, and settled in Burlington, where the senior Kieslich was engaged in the business of contracting until his death in 1910. John Kieslich began his education in St. Mary's parochial school in Burlington, finishing in the public schools of that city.

At the age of sixteen, he made his start in life by entering the service of the Van Ness Hotel, Burlington, as assistant to the chef Gibson, and for a number of years held the position of assistant cook, becoming expert in the matter of promoting the hotel's reputation for its excellent cuisine. For fifteen years he continued to have a hand in the preparation of appetite-satisfying viands, and his compensation being fairly large, and he being of the thrifty type, it was possible for him to save money enough to be used as capital in his own business venture.

In 1909, Mr. Kieslich launched out in a grocery and meat enterprise at No. 8 Ward Street, Burlington. From his former experience as assistant chef he was enabled to buy choice meats and other provisions to good advantage, and prosperity attended his efforts from the beginning. The business continued to grow until the point was reached where larger and more modern quarters were required. In 1913 he built his present modern home and store at 201-203 North Avenue, and has ever since carried on a steadily increasing business. He and his store are extremely popular in the neighborhood, where he spent his boyhood. In the operation of the establishment he has the capable assistance of two of his sons who are attending school in Burlington.

Mr. Kieslich is prominent in fraternal circles, affiliating with Bishop De Goesbriand Council, Knights of Columbus; the Modern Woodmen of America; Burlington Lodge, No. 916, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and Goethe Lodge of the German-American Society.

John Vincent Kieslich married (first), May 23, 1904, at Holyoke, Massachusetts, Marie Grunwald, daughter of Ferdinand and Julia Grunwald. Of this marriage

there are three children: 1. Albert John, born August 6, 1906, completing a course in civil engineering at Norwich University, now (1928) in his second year. 2. Arthur Robert, born July 24, 1907. 3. John Ferdinand, born January 3, 1909. Mr. Kieslich married (second), October 27, 1919, in Burlington, Gertrude Clough, daughter of Harry B. and Katherine Agnes (Sullivan) Clough, the former born in Peru, New York, August 27, 1861, and the latter, who was born in October, 1863, died in 1914.

**GILBERT L. HODGE**—With a record of steady advancement in railroad activities, Gilbert L. Hodge, of St. Albans, was appointed to his present post as chief special agent for the Central Vermont Railroad Company in 1923 and is one of the most prominent men connected with the transportation systems of New England. Mr. Hodge has been connected with public carriers since the beginning of his career and possesses a thorough understanding of traffic problems, having served with various railroad companies of this section of the country, during which time each progressive post was an advance over his previous position.

Mr. Hodge was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, November 3, 1879, son of John Marston and Caroline Isabelle (Tabor) Hodge; his father, who died in 1914, was born in Hempstead, New Hampshire, and his mother, who died in 1910, was born in Lowell, Massachusetts. John Marston Hodge was a prominent business man of Lowell and operated the Hodge Transportation Company for many years.

Gilbert L. Hodge was educated in the public schools of Lowell, and after completing his formal education, became associated with his father in the latter's transportation business, remaining with that concern for nine years. In 1902, he became connected with the Montpelier and Wellsville Railroad and served for one year as brakeman. In 1903, Mr. Hodge came to St. Albans to accept a position with the Central Vermont Railroad Company and he was occupied in the train service until 1916, in which year, he was promoted to the Special Agent's Department. Here he displayed such unusual ability and expert knowledge of railroading that in 1922 he was appointed chief special agent for the Central Vermont Railroad by the Canadian National Railways, which office he still holds. His splendid qualities are also appreciated in circles outside the system with which he is connected, as shown by the fact that he is vice-president of the New England Railroad and Steamship Special Agents Association, while at the last meeting of the Protective Section of the American Railway Association, he was appointed a member of the Committee on Sectional Police Committees. Mr. Hodge supports the principles of the Republican party and in his fraternal connections is a member of Burlington Lodge, No. 916, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He and his family attend the Congregational Church.

Gilbert L. Hodge married, March 29, 1910, Alice Marie Coddington of St. Albans, who died March 4, 1919, and to this union were born three children: 1. Dorothy Isabelle, born July 17, 1911, attends Montpelier Seminary. 2. Margery May, born July 22, 1913, attends St. Albans High School. 3. Frederick Wayne, born July 25, 1918, attends the local public school.

**LOUIS CHARLES GUILLETTE**—Inhabitants in Winooski point out with a sense of relationship a native son, Louis C. Guillette, who all unconsciously gathered much of his inspiration for a business career while hammering out a reputation on an anvil, first in his father's blacksmith shop and afterwards in one of his own. Mr. Guillette is now the proprietor of an up-to-date automobile salesroom, garage, gasoline station and repair shop in the city of his birth, in which his prosperity has meri-



toriously kept pace with a large, valued and increasing good-will, drawn for the most part from among the best people of Winooski and its vicinity.

Louis Charles Guillette was born in Winooski, March 1, 1883, the son of Magloire J. and Octavia (Manseau) Guillette, both parents natives of the Province of Quebec, Canada, the former of St. Charles, and now in his seventy-eighth year, and the latter of Vercheres, and in good health at this (1928) writing. The education of Louis Charles began in the Convent of St. Louis in Winooski and was finished in the grade school system of that city, whence he was graduated in 1898. Then he got away to work, and it was a most natural thing for him to go to the assistance of his father, who ran the corner smithy in Winooski. The job was arduous, but he made it his business to learn all the details during his term as novice, and by the time he had reached the age of twenty-one, and he was his own master, he was master, too, of his trade. He moved on to Barre, where he was known as an expert maker of tools such as are used by the granite cutters. That work he pursued for nine years, during which time he developed into one of the best tool makers of the granite region. Then he became an owner-blacksmith, having bought a shop in Barre, which he operated for three years. He sold his business and came to Burlington to enter the employ of George Collison, whom he served for three years, or until his employer disposed of his business to Frank Austin. At the latter's request he remained as his foreman for two years. All this time Mr. Guillette had been thinking deep and hard of how he might improve his situation by entrance into a modern and more useful field.

The increasing popularity and usefulness of the automobile furnished Mr. Guillette with his opportunity, which he was not long in improving. Having obtained the Winooski agency for the Chevrolet car, he established himself in business by opening a garage on East Allen Street, the property being taken under rental. He applied himself diligently to his new enterprise, built up a desirable volume of trade and was prospered in his undertaking. He continued to reap the rewards of his labors at the old stand, and this eventually was outgrown by the increase in business. In 1927 he moved his establishment into a plant of his own building on Barlow Street, where the number of departments, all organized and operated along modern lines, includes the garage, the show or display room, a large station for the sale of gasoline, and a thoroughly equipped and smoothly functioning repair shop. Mr. Guillette has his fraternal affiliations with St. Stephen's Council, No. 2284, Knights of Columbus, and the Modern Woodmen of America.

Louis C. Guillette married, August 18, 1908, at Winooski, the ceremony taking place in St. Francis Xavier Church, with Rev. Pariseau officiating, Bertha Juare, daughter of John Baptiste and Rose (Courville) Juare, her father a native of Notre Dame, Province of Quebec. Mr. and Mrs. Guillette have a daughter, Amy Lorraine Guillette, born July 3, 1919. The family have their residence on East Allen Street, Winooski.

**OSCAR HENRY HEININGER, D. D. S.**—Since 1910, Oscar Henry Heininger has practiced dentistry at Burlington, Vermont, in a very successful way. His thorough training in his profession, together with his native ability and vital interest in the dental sciences to which he has given his life, all combine to bring him a large practice and a wide reputation throughout the community.

Dr. Heininger was born at Burlington, Vermont, June 21, 1888, a son of Oscar Heininger, who was born at Neumarkt, Silesia, Austria-Hungary, in 1858, and died in Burlington in 1922, and of Bertha Natlie (Lehmann) Heininger, also born at Neumarkt, in 1860, and who died

in 1923. The father was always a man of great public spirit who took a vital interest in all civic affairs, and repeatedly aided, by generous contributions, worthy movements for the community betterment.

Oscar Henry Heininger attended the public schools of his birthplace, and after three years of study in high school decided to take up the profession of dentistry as his life's work. He entered the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery in 1907, and in 1910 was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. Soon afterward, in that same year, he returned to Burlington and began the practice of his profession to which he has since devoted all his time and attention. Quickly winning the confidence of the community he built up a large clientele, as the demands on his services constantly increased throughout the years. Today Dr. Heininger is widely recognized as one of the foremost practitioners of dentistry in this section of the State.

Dr. Heininger has been active in the work of the various associations of the men of his profession, holding membership in the Vermont State Dental Society, and in the Chittenden County Dental Society, of which he was president during 1926 and 1927. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is a member of Burlington Lodge, No. 100, a member of all bodies of the Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree, and a member of Cairo Temple, of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also holds membership in Goethe Lodge, of the German Order of the Harugari, while still finding time in a busy life to devote to various movements for civic advance.

On June 25, 1912, in the Protestant Episcopal Church at Burlington, Oscar Henry Heininger married Lena Laura Coombs, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Bliss officiating. Mrs. Heininger is a daughter of Halsey Alva Coombs, who was born in Winooski, Vermont, on November 17, 1864, and of Lucy L. (Hyde) Coombs, born at Poultney, Vermont, October 27, 1865. Dr. and Mrs. Heininger are the parents of three children: 1. Helen Esther, born May 13, 1913. 2. William Henry, born June 22, 1915. 3. Paul Lehmann, born January 23, 1926. The family residence at Burlington is situated at No. 308 College Street, while Dr. Heininger's offices are at No. 43 Church Street.

**THOMAS WESLEY GURNEY**—Widely experienced as an undertaker and embalmer, Thomas Wesley Gurney established himself in his chosen profession at Burlington more than fourteen years ago, and since that time has given all his time and attention to this work. Mr. Gurney is ideally fitted by temperament and training for the difficult calling in which he serves, performing his duties quietly, efficiently and with the greatest possible sympathy and tact. His funeral parlors at No. 79 Spruce Street, are models of beauty, containing only the most complete and up-to-date equipment.

Mr. Gurney was born October 4, 1878, in Rockland, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, a son of Wesley Gurney, who was born in East Abington, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, died in 1878, in his thirty-third year, and of Lydia Maria (Howland) Gurney, also born in East Abington, a daughter of Jonathan Howland, and still enjoying good health in her eighty-second year.

Thomas Wesley Gurney attended the public schools of his birthplace, and following graduation from the Rockland High School, at the age of sixteen, he began the study of embalming in the Dodge School of Embalming at Boston, Massachusetts, from which institution he was graduated in 1893. Upon the completion of this work, he entered the employ of J. B. Cole and Son, undertakers of Boston, with whom he remained for eight years, and from this long-established and dependable firm, he learned much of practical value about the profession. At the end of eight years, however, he became a traveling



salesman for the Curtis and Moore Company, and following meritorious and loyal service he received a better offer from the firm of Schlotterbeck and Foss, at Portland, for whom he traveled throughout New England, western Massachusetts, and New York State for fifteen years. His strict attention to business and obvious ability brought him rapid advancement, and having, in 1907, established his headquarters in Burlington, Vermont, he was impressed by the opportunities which the city offered and determined to go into business here for himself. In 1914, he was able to put his plans into execution, opening funeral parlors on Bank Street, where he remained until he bought his present property on Spruce Street. Mr. Gurney quickly won the confidence of the community, and in a very short time the demands on his services reached very large proportions. He has gradually expanded the range of his activities and the extent of his accommodations, his present parlors and equipment being unsurpassed and of the finest type.

In spite of a busy life, Mr. Gurney has never neglected his civic duty, liberally supporting movements for community advance and welfare. He is a member of the Rotary Club, of Burlington, while he is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is a member of Washington Lodge, No. 3; Burlington Chapter, No. 3, of the Royal Arch Masons; Council No. 5, Royal and Select Masters; Burlington Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar, and Mount Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Champlain Lodge of the Knights of Pythias; Champlain Valley Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry; the sons of Veterans; Burlington Lodge, No. 916, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is Past Exalted Ruler; Modern Woodmen of America; and the Burlington Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Gurney also holds membership in the Ethan Allen Club, while he is Past Grand Councilor of the United Commercial Travelers. With his family he is active in church work, being a vestryman of St. Paul's Church, at Burlington.

On June 30, 1904, at Saco, Maine, Thomas Wesley Gurney married Bessie E. Hamilton, daughter of James H. Hamilton, who was born at Harrison, Maine, and of Etta (Libby) Hamilton, who was born at Lewiston, in the same State. Mr. and Mrs. Gurney are the parents of five children: 1. Kenneth Howland. 2. Dorothy. 3. Thomas Wesley, Jr. 4. Elizabeth. 5. Foster. A son, Paul, died in 1917. The family home in Burlington is at No. 347 South Union Street.

**FRANK W. DENISON**—Occupying a prominent place in the business life of St. Albans, Frank W. Denison is the genial owner and proprietor of Holmes Baking Company, one of the principal bakery establishments of this vicinity. Mr. Denison purchased his present organization in 1920, retaining the original name of the concern which is one of St. Albans' oldest industries, having been founded in 1893, and since taking over its operation he has continued to add to the prestige it had acquired during its many years of service to the community, and has also expanded its scope of sales to a great extent.

Mr. Denison was born in Northfield, March 22, 1876, son of Jerome J. and Kathryn (Denny) Denison, both of Northfield, now deceased. Jerome J. Denison was engaged during his active career in the farming industry.

Frank W. Denison was educated in the public schools of Vermont and attended Norwich University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1898, receiving the degree Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. Following his graduation, he taught in the public schools for a year and then accepted a position as assistant civil engineer with the Rutland Railroad Company, in which capacity he was occupied for five years. He next engaged in the grocery business at Northfield but continued in

that line for but a year, giving up that work to become assistant civil engineer with the Central Vermont Railroad with which great transportation system he was connected for fifteen years. In 1920, Mr. Denison bought out Harry Holmes, the founder of the Holmes Baking Company and he has operated this venture with increasing success ever since. The business was founded by Mr. Holmes in 1893 as a general baking company and at first he was the only worker, but due to the excellence of his products and his efficient management, the bakery grew and prospered until at the present time, Mr. Denison employs twelve people in the organization. Four large delivery trucks are required for the distribution of their goods and these operate within a radius of twenty miles, a testimonial in itself of the popular demand for the output of this concern. During the summer months, the production often reaches a total of 20,000 loaves of bread a week, this of course, being the busiest season, but throughout the year a large volume of bread and a complete line of excellent pastries are necessary to meet the requirements of their many customers. Mr. Denison always finds time to devote to civil affairs and takes an active part in municipal advancement, especially in his office as Alderman of the First Ward and as a member of the City Council. He is an enthusiastic member of the Rotary Club and his fraternal affiliations are with the Knights of Pythias, and Franklin Lodge, No. 4, Free and Accepted Masons. In politics, he is a staunch member of the Republican party and he attends the Universalist Church. He is also a prominent member of the board of trustees of the Bellows Free Academy.

Frank W. Denison married, December 20, 1900, Eva Macomber, of Grand Isles, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Joseph L., born October 5, 1901, employed with the American Express Company. 2. John Alden, born May 21, 1910, graduated from St. Albans High School and is now a student at Norwich University. 3. Edwin M., born May 12, 1920, attends the local public schools.

**BENJAMIN HATCH BROWN**—In the business life of St. Albans, Benjamin Hatch Brown occupies a prominent place as owner and proprietor of the Brown Steam Laundry, one of the foremost industries of this kind in this vicinity. Mr. Brown founded his present organization in 1911 and since that time has built up a steadily increasing trade on the basis of quality service and business integrity, with the result that his establishment is appreciated by the residents of this city for its thorough reliability and satisfaction given.

Mr. Brown was born in Alburg, March 25, 1874, son of Benjamin Hatch Brown, Sr., and Catherine (Brayton) Brown, both of whom were born in Vermont and are now deceased. Benjamin Hatch Brown, Sr., was occupied in farming all his life.

Benjamin Hatch Brown, Jr., was educated in the public schools of Vermont and upon completing his formal education continued in farm work until he was nineteen years of age, when he accepted a position with a creamery at Waterbury where he gained a thorough knowledge of this industry, with the result that after eight years he and E. R. Towne formed a partnership and conducted a creamery business for four years. In 1911, Mr. Brown started his present concern which has prospered and expanded steadily until he now employs fifteen people and serves a territory which has a radius of twenty miles. All articles entrusted to their care are given careful attention, and housewives can depend upon their clothes being returned in excellent fashion such as might be expected in the best of private homes. Mr. Brown has always taken especial pains to give his patrons the very best service obtainable and consequently has acquired a reputation for dependability that is hard to equal. In the life of his community Mr. Brown takes an interested







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part, although he has never sought any political office nor given his preference to any particular party. He is a popular member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is a member of all bodies of that order, besides which he has received all its honors. He attends the Congregational Church.

Benjamin Hatch Brown married, September 15, 1897, Anna Ranslow, who was born in Vermont, daughter of Rev. E. J. Ranslow, a well-known Congregational minister. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are the parents of one son, Carl Ranslow, who graduated from St. Albans High School and won an appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Upon his graduation from that famous institution, he resigned his commission and accepted a post in Sioux City, Iowa, where he is in the employ of the Sioux City Gas and Electric Company.

**ELBERT S. BRIGHAM**—In the service of his State and country, Elbert S. Brigham of St. Albans is one of Vermont's most distinguished sons who has achieved prominence in the political life of this Commonwealth, besides having rendered valuable aid in time of emergency, when, during the recent World War, he served in a national capacity as a member of the Advisory Committee on Agricultural Problems and as a member of the division of perishables of the United States Food Administration. Mr. Brigham has been identified with civic affairs during the greater part of his career, and at the present time is a member of the United States House of Representatives, having been elected to this honored post in 1924. He has also held many responsible municipal offices in St. Albans, besides which he has always been prominently identified with the farming industry, owning and operating an extensive farm in the vicinity of this city.

Mr. Brigham was born in St. Albans, October 19, 1877, son of Sanford J. and Sarah J. (Bronson) Brigham, both of St. Albans. His father, who was engaged in farming all his life, died July 25, 1925, and his mother died March 21, 1901.

Elbert S. Brigham was educated in the public schools of St. Albans and, after high school, entered Middlebury College, from which he received his degree of Bachelor of Science with the class of 1903. In 1913, the University of Vermont conferred upon him the honorary degree of Master of Science. Upon completing his studies, he devoted himself to scientific farming and soon established a reputation for accomplishments of an unusual ability. His many experiments have proved of inestimable value to the agricultural industry of Vermont, and he has worked at all times to advance the interests of his commonwealth in this line of activity, particularly. In 1913, he was appointed commissioner of agriculture, his activities having brought him State-wide attention and he served continuously under each succeeding governor until August, 1924, when he resigned his post. In that same year, Mr. Brigham was elected to the House of Representatives, and at the National Capital has been ever a zealous legislator for the benefit of his constituency, while at the same time, he has taken a conscientious interest in National affairs and has supported every measure best calculated to promote the welfare and happiness of the nation. In the civic life of St. Albans, he has held various municipal offices, having served as town auditor and as trustee of the Free Library. In March, 1918, Mr. Brigham was appointed by Food Administrator Herbert Hoover and Secretary Houston as a member of the advisory committee on agricultural problems and in this capacity he saw active service until the close of the war. During 1918, he also rendered valuable assistance as a member of the division of perishables, United States Food Administration. Both these positions required men of brilliant ability and sound judgment, for it was upon the proper conservation and distribution of food supplies that our armies depended, making possible the victorious

outcome, and Vermont can be proud that Mr. Brigham met all requirements, and served admirably during the war, retiring with the commendation of all with whom he was associated.

Mr. Brigham served as president of the Vermont Horticultural Society from 1913 to 1918 and was also president of the Franklin County Farm Bureau. In financial affairs of this vicinity, he is prominent as a director of the Franklin County Savings Bank and Trust Company, and director in the National Life Insurance Company, of Montpelier. He still maintains his farm here, raising a great variety of products, such as certified seed potatoes, specializing, however, on one of the largest plantings of string beans in this vicinity. He also is active in the raising of pure bred Jersey cattle. In politics, he is a staunch supporter of the principles of the Republican party. His fraternal affiliations are with the Franklin Lodge, No. 4, Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he has attained the thirty-second degree; Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Knights of Pythias, and the Grange. He is a valued member of the Owl Club and of the University Club of Washington, D. C. He attends the Congregational church.

Elbert S. Brigham married, in 1906, Anna Sarah Hazen, of Wallingford.

**CHARLES SUMNER WILSON**—Having become connected with the pharmaceutical industry immediately after leaving school, the late Mr. Wilson continued to be active in this profession throughout his long and successful business life. For almost half a century he was well-known in White River Junction and the surrounding country as a retail druggist, retiring from active business only a few years prior to his death. This long service to one and the same community gained him a very large number of friends, as much as the result of his skill and industry as on account of his pleasing personality and of his many fine qualities of the heart and mind. These characteristics also made him a very popular member of the several fraternal and religious organizations to which he belonged.

Charles Sumner Wilson was born at Barre, Washington County, November 10, 1855, a son of John N. and Elmira (Wheaton) Wilson and a member of an old Barre family. He was reared on his father's farm and received his education in the public schools of his native town. In 1872 he went to Montpelier, Washington County, and there entered the employ of Bixby & Company, a leading firm of pharmacists, of which his older brother, the late Colonel Carlos B. Wilson, was a member. He remained in Vermont's capital until 1879, and during these seven years obtained a very thorough knowledge of pharmacy. At the end of this period he came to White River Junction, Windsor County, and there became a clerk for Hurd & Blodgett in the first drug store opened in this town. A few years later, together with the late Dr. C. M. Trask, he purchased the business, at which time the firm name was changed to Wilson & Trask. In 1891, when Dr. Trask died, his interest was purchased by Frank B. Wilson, one of Mr. Wilson's brothers, and again the firm name was changed, this time to Wilson Brothers' Pharmacy. About 1913 Frank B. Wilson retired from the firm and removed to the West, and after that the business was continued by Charles S. Wilson, who retained the old firm name. After the old Junction House was destroyed by fire, January 29, 1925, Mr. Wilson, whose store was located there, decided to retire from active business. During the many years in which his name was associated with one of White River Junction's leading drug stores, his establishment became a landmark in that town and it enjoyed the patronage not only of a large number of the town's people, but also of many persons from the large section of which White River Junction is the trading center.



Though Mr. Wilson never took an active part in public affairs or politics, he was always deeply interested in everything tending to promote the welfare and the growth of the community. His religious affiliations were with the Universalist Church, of which he was a liberal supporter. He was also very active in a number of fraternal organizations and was a member of United Brethren Lodge, No. 21, Free and Accepted Masons; Cascadnac Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Vermont Commandery, Knights Templar; Windsor Lodge of Perfection, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; Mount Sinai Temple of Montpelier, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and Myrtle Lodge, No. 27, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Wilson married (first), in February, 1889, Reola Bean, of White River Junction. Several years after her death he married (second), May 19, 1926, Mrs. Ida B. Turner of Montpelier. Mr. Wilson had no children.

Mr. Wilson died after a brief illness in his home on Fairview Terrace, White River Junction, February 21, 1928, and was laid to rest several days later in the old Wilson Cemetery on the Wilson farm in Barre, where many other members of his family likewise are buried. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. William Fortell, pastor of the White River Junction Universalist Church, and were attended by a number of relatives and by many friends. Services were also held by the Masonic Order and by the Odd Fellows, to both of which Mr. Wilson had belonged for many years. His death marked the passing of one of White River Junction's oldest, most highly respected and most widely known citizens, and was felt as a distinct loss by the entire community.

**CARL FRANKLIN ROBINSON, M. D.**—The profession of medicine holds out decided attraction to men of talent and high ideals, and within its ranks are figures of broad renown. Burlington, Vermont, has long been fortunate in medical representation. Physicians here, collectively, merit the elevated reputation to which they have won in the twentieth century. Among leaders of the profession in Burlington is Carl Franklin Robinson, whose record, distinguished, is of deep interest to associates. Outstanding at practice and a master of the X-ray, he is none the less of prominence in affairs of citizenship, and fraternally enjoys a wide popularity.

Dr. Robinson was born February 20, 1891, at Nashua, in Hillsboro County, New Hampshire, son of Franklin Chase and Cora (Rolston) Robinson. His father, born August 18, 1860, survives to the present (1928), being a shoe manufacturer by trade. He is a son of Douglas Robinson, of Danversport, Massachusetts. Cora (Rolston) Robinson was born September 28, 1869.

In the public schools of Nashua and Manchester, New Hampshire, Dr. Robinson secured his elementary and secondary education, graduating from high school in the latter city, 1909. Without delay he secured a place as reporter, writing first for the Manchester "Union," later for the "Globe," and thirdly for the "Associated Press," Manchester bureau. He devoted three years to journalism. Meanwhile, however, his feeling for medicine and surgery as a life's work had increased largely, and when he quit the "Associated Press" he entered Norwich University, at Northfield, where he took pre-medical work. In 1912 he entered the Medical School of the University of Vermont, from which he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1916, afterward taking a post with the New York Skin and Cancer Hospital, New York City, where he paid special attention to study of the X-ray and of radium in treatment of skin and cancer. In New York he spent nearly twelve months, returning then to Vermont for general practice of medicine, for four years at Williamstown, later at Barre, where he first specialized in the X-ray, devoting to it six years, and finally came to Burlington, 1926.

Dr. Robinson established in Burlington, at No. 262 South Prospect Street, in the old Brooks mansion, of seventeen rooms, a very fine hospital, which he has continued to direct through the years that have followed. This mansion-hospital is of historic interest because of the many beautiful and rare woods, mosaics, carvings and furnishings brought here from other countries and installed by the eminent Colonel Brooks, its owner and builder. Dr. Robinson has kept abreast of movements in the profession, and is versed in all its latest discoveries. This he has effected through strict adherence to study, and to advanced courses in Berlin, London, Paris and Liverpool, having travelled extensively abroad, primarily in the interest of medical science and professional perfection. His sanitarium is the only one of its kind in the State of Vermont.

Dr. Robinson is a member of the Vermont State Medical Society, the Washington County Medical Society, Burlington Lodge, No. 100, of the Free and Accepted Masons, St. Aldemar Commandery of Knights Templar, No. 11, at Barre, and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He belongs to the Burlington Rotary Club and Ethan Allen Club.

On June 30, 1914, at Derry, New Hampshire, with the Rev. Frederick M. Kelly of the Congregational church officiating, Dr. Robinson was united in marriage with Helen Benson, daughter of George W. and Bertha (Gage) Benson. Her father was born in 1868, at Derry and died in his fifty-sixth year, 1924, having been a leading lumber merchant and public spirited citizen. For several years he was a member of the State Legislature. Mrs. Robinson's mother, now (1928) in her fifty-ninth year, is a native of Salem, New Hampshire. Dr. and Mrs. Robinson have children: 1. Dorothea, born November 5, 1917. 2. Priscilla, born April 10, 1919. 3. Patricia, born November 30, 1927.

**SEDGEWICK AGON RAND**—Born June 14, 1868, in Morrisville, Lamoille County, Vermont, Sedgewick Agon Rand is a son of Joseph Rand, native of Morrisville, and Ruth (Patterson) Rand, native of Glover, Orleans County. The family was for many years of prominence in Morrisville, and it was there that Mr. Rand began his academic education, attending the Morrisville Academy. Afterward he attended school at Craftsbury and Glover, where he completed his education. Meanwhile he had begun to enter man's estate as a worker, at the age of eleven years having become associated with an uncle in the conduct of the uncle's farm, where he remained employed for seven years. Later he worked for another uncle, R. A. Patterson, at his saw-mill in Craftsbury, where he continued in employment for sixteen years. And at the close of that period he came to Burlington, entering the employ of his brother-in-law, J. F. Kidder, plumbing and heating contractor. With Mr. Kidder he undertook to learn the plumber's trade, soon became very proficient, and was assigned to work at the American Woolen Company's mills, where much of the work required skilful execution. After having acquired a thorough knowledge of the trade, Mr. Rand worked for other plumbing houses and contractors of Burlington, until he had been five years in the trade. Then he accepted his present position, as superintendent of Morrall Hall and Extension Annex, of the University of Vermont. That was in 1907, and through more than a score of years down to the present time (1928) he has retained supervision of the hall and annex.

Mr. Rand has been active in affairs of general interest to the people of Burlington. In March of 1926 he was elected alderman, and for a second term was re-elected in March of 1928. He is Past Master of Burlington Lodge, No. 100, Free and Accepted Masons; member of Burlington Chapter, No. 2, Royal Arch Masons; Burlington Commandery, No. 3, Knights Tem-



plar, and of Mount Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He takes part in all worthy enterprises of public character for the advancement of city, county and State, and is widely known for the support which he grants to such movements when brought to his attention. During the World War he was of valued assistance in the campaigns of patriotic appeal, notably in those of War Savings Stamps and the Liberty Loan.

Mr. Rand married, February 12, 1886, in Craftsbury, Vermont, Julia Cochrane, daughter of Thomas Cochrane, veteran of the Civil War. Their children are: 1. Ina Pearl, born September 12, 1887, who married J. W. Wellington; they have three children: Ruth, Hester and Lois. 2. Clara Edna, born May 5, 1889, who married Roy C. Jones; they have four children: Arlene, Roy C., Jr., Martha Clare, and Susan. 3. Robert Francis, born June 12, 1904, who married Elizabeth Anderson; they have a daughter, Dorris. 4. George Sedgewick, born in January, 1906. The family residence is at No. 60 Colchester Avenue, Burlington.

**ROSAIRE HENRI BISSON, M. D.**—Having achieved a position of distinction in medical circles, Rosaire Henri Bisson, M. D., of Winooski, one of the younger members of his profession, has already made a pronounced impression upon the residents of his community by reason of his superior ability and accomplishments. Dr. Bisson has made exceptional progress in the field of medicine and surgery ever since his graduation from medical college in 1924, and upon taking up his practice in Winooski received from the start the confidence and approval of all whom he attended. It is not always that a young physician forges ahead so rapidly to a position of prominence in medical circles, but his success has been due to his thorough devotion to his profession, his expert technical knowledge and his brilliant ability as a diagnostician. Dr. Bisson was born in Barre, Washington County, November 3, 1897, son of Philip François and Josephine (Fortier) Bisson, both of whom were born at St. Hélène de Chester, Province of Quebec, Canada. Philip François Bisson has been identified with the agricultural industry for the greater part of his life, although at times he has held positions as granite polisher in Barre.

Rosaire Henri Bisson received his early education in the public school of East Barre, later attending public school at Orange, Orange County, to which town the family moved during his boyhood. He next entered St. Michael's College at Winooski and graduated from the high school at that institution with the class of 1917. Matriculating at the University of Vermont, he applied himself to the difficult studies of the medical course and graduated with the class of 1924, receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine. During the ensuing year, he served as interne at the Fanny Allen Hospital at Winooski, and then deciding to specialize in obstetrics, he took special work at the Lying-in Hospital in New York City, where he was occupied for four months, receiving valuable experience and training to fit him for specialization in this branch of the profession. Returning to Winooski, he opened his office for general medical practice and has already won a reputation as a practitioner of unusual accomplishments. Dr. Bisson is active in local affairs and maintains a constructive interest in all movements for community betterment or civic advancement. He is a member of the Vermont State Medical Society, the Chittenden County Medical Society, Burlington Medical Society, and is a Fellow of the American Medical Association. His fraternal affiliations are with the St. Stephen's Council, No. 2284, Knights of Columbus, of Winooski, and the Loyal Union St. Jean Baptiste Amerique, of Woonsocket, Rhode Island. During the World War, as a student in college, he entered the Students

Army Training Corps but served only two months before the Armistice was signed.

Dr. Rosaire Henri Bisson married, May 25, 1925, at Barre, Cecile May Bertrand, daughter of Leonidas and Eugenia (Demers) Bertrand, both of whom were born in the Province of Quebec, Canada. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father McKenna. Dr. and Mrs. Bisson are the parents of one son, Bertrand Philip, born February 4, 1928.

**JOHN SIAS BARR**—Merchandising in the town of Milton has been raised to a high plane of efficiency and service while John S. Barr, proprietor of a general store, has ministered to the needs of his large following who constitute his line of customers. His establishment is looked upon as a sort of institution of the village folk, to whose numbers are added a large proportion of the people of the surrounding farming community, to add their value to the good-will.

John Sias Barr was born in Cabot, Washington County, August 30, 1876. His father, William Henry Barr, was born in Walden, Caledonia County, in 1844, and his mother, Leantha (White) Barr, born in Walden in 1847, passed away in 1916, in her sixty-ninth year. Preparation in the district school of Cabot gave him entrance to St. Johnsbury Academy, where he studied for two years. He then took a course at Barbour's Business College, St. Johnsbury, from which he was graduated. He was now fully equipped to make application of his technical education, and at the age of twenty-two accepted the position of bookkeeper for Carrick Brothers Granite Company in St. Johnsbury. After two years spent in that connection, he removed to Newport, whence he returned to Cabot and there followed farming for a number of years. The call of mercantile life was not to be successfully resisted, however, and in 1917 he purchased of William Naramore his general store in Bakersfield. This he conducted with cumulative success during his period of ownership, which expired in January, 1923, when he disposed of it to an interested party. His next removal and venture were important in their bearing upon his rise in influence, position and wealth, when he settled in the town of Milton after completing negotiations for the purchase there of the James A. Kennedy store. This popular and well known emporium he has since conducted under his own name, having from the first met with the favor of the Milton community folk. He is a member in good standing of Seneca Lodge of Masons, of Bakersfield.

John Sias Barr married, in November, 1923, at St. Johnsbury, Nettie B. Bailey, and their home in Milton is one of those noted for the generous hospitality which Mr. and Mrs. Barr delight in exercising.

**GEORGE WINTERBOTTOM BROWN**—Occupying a position of prominence in the retail commercial affairs of Burlington, George Winterbottom Brown is one of this city's best known mercantile men in his capacity as manager of the Queen City Department Store on Conger Avenue in the Lakeside section. Mr. Brown was appointed to his present post in 1920 and since that time has shown great ability in his expert direction of the establishment under his charge, advancing its interests and increasing the volume of sales by his superior methods of attracting new patrons to his store.

Mr. Brown was born in Burlington, Chittenden County, April 29, 1890, son of Samuel Lyon Brown, who was born in Pittsford, Vermont, 1845, and died in 1917, and Mary (Winterbottom) Brown, who was born in 1858 and survives her husband. Samuel Lyon Brown was prominent for many years in the business life of Burlington, having for a long period been manager for A. L. Barrows and later connected with the Wells, Richardson organization.



He was one of this city's most popular men and enjoyed the friendship of a host of people.

George Winterbottom Brown was educated in the public schools of Burlington, and upon completing his formal education, at the age of fifteen took a position as clerk in the Old Bee Hive Store on Church Street. Here he received a thorough training in retail merchandising and progressed steadily with this organization until he left to enlist in the service of his country in 1917. Upon his return to Burlington after the war, he resumed his connection with the Old Bee Hive Store for a short time until in 1920 he was appointed manager of the Queen City Department Store, which post he has since continued to fill so admirably. His keen judgment and complete knowledge of business have been decided factors in bringing this establishment to a position of importance among the foremost commercial enterprises of this city. In all civic activities, Mr. Brown takes an interested and constructive part and can be depended upon at all times for loyal support and generous aid to all projects destined to advance the welfare of the community. His fraternal connections are with Washington Lodge, No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons; Burlington Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons; Burlington Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar; Burlington Council, Royal and Select Masters; and Mount Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a popular member of Burlington Post, American Legion.

George Winterbottom Brown married, July 5, 1926, in the Congregational church of Burlington, Emily Bellows, daughter of Burt and Mamie E. (Tower) Bellows, both of whom are living, her father having been born in Manchester, New Hampshire, June 23, 1875, and her mother born in Dickenson Center, New York, July 28, 1877. The family residence is located at No. 45 Lakeside Avenue.

**MAURICE ROSS**—For several years past Maurice Ross has been secretary of the Burlington, Vermont, branch of the Young Men's Christian Association. This organization and the community at large are fortunate in having Mr. Ross at Burlington, for the results of his fine spirit of service and genuine executive ability are already manifest in the increased efficiency of the great work which the association performs. He has given his life to this cause, has traveled widely in all parts of the world in organization work, and now brings to Burlington the benefit of his long experience and fruitful endeavor.

Mr. Ross was born on September 19, 1870, at Margaree, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, a son of William Joseph Ross, born at Margaree in 1833, died in 1887 in the fifty-fourth year of his age, and of Ellen (MacDonald) Ross, who was born at Baddeck, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, and still enjoys good health in her ninety-second year, residing at Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Maurice Ross attended the public schools of his birthplace, and at North Sidney, Cape Breton. In 1888 he came to the United States, entering the employ of the Boston Dry Goods Store, conducted by King and McCleod, at Newport, Rhode Island, with whom he remained for a period of three years. At the end of this time he first took up the work of the Young Men's Christian Association, and upon mature consideration decided to give his life to this cause. Accordingly he entered the training school of the association, at Springfield, Massachusetts, now known as Springfield College, and from this institution he was graduated in 1894. Mr. Ross was first assigned to Fitchburg, Massachusetts, as physical director there, soon becoming immersed in his work to which he gave his best efforts and most loyal service. He continued at Fitchburg for four years, from 1894 to 1898, opening the new Young Men's Christian Association building, and sharing in all association activities, but in 1898 he was called to the new building at Portland, Maine, where he remained until 1904, rendering

very creditable work and gaining considerable reputation in the organization. In 1904 he was chosen to take charge of the work at Westbrook, near Portland, his principal activities consisting in supervising the community life and physical training of the paper mill employees, which undertaking was sponsored by Miss Cornelia Warren, daughter of Mr. S. D. Warren who owned the mills. Mr. Ross also carried on physical training for the public schools of Westbrook, which was the first city in Maine to put into effect a full physical training program, and the course here inaugurated soon spread into all parts of the State. He remained at Westbrook until the entry of the United States into the World War in 1917, a period of thirteen years, and as his activities at Westbrook were then suspended because of the war, Mr. Ross volunteered for service overseas with the Young Men's Christian Association. He was accepted for work in Russia and sent to Irkutsk in Siberia, where he remained until the Red Army took possession of this place, and the American forces were withdrawn, being on the ground when the army of Admiral Kolshak was defeated. Mr. Ross was one of the men employed in Siberia by the Young Men's Christian Association in the organization of schools for scoutmasters, and the general supervision of boy scout and children's play activities.

Many interesting experiences came to Mr. Ross in his work, and while he was in the East, he had the opportunity to see something of the other Oriental countries, visiting all the principal cities of these lands—Pekin, Tien Sien, Shanghai and Mukden in China, and Tokyo, Nagasaki, Kobe and Kioto in Japan. Returning to America Mr. Ross was assigned to work in Central Europe, becoming physical director of Young Men's Christian Association activities at Reval, in Esthonia. Here he remained for four and a half years, discharging all duties of his position in a very efficient manner, returning to the United States for one furlough during that time and traveling by way of Paris. In 1924 he was especially favored in that the Olympic games were being held in that city, and he was able to witness them. While in Europe, Mr. Ross also obtained a month's vacation each summer, traveling into almost every country of the continent, and visiting the principal cities of Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Germany, France, the British Isles and Ireland, Italy, Sweden, Denmark, Belgium, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Finland and Norway. None of the world's wonders or curious sights escaped his attention; in Bavaria he saw the famous passion play at Oberammergau, and in Italy the great Vesuvius, and the buried city of Pompeii. He spent a week in Rome, three days in Venice and two weeks in the Italian and Swiss Alps. In March, 1925, he returned to the United States and was demobilized from the foreign work of the association and was employed by the Young Men's Christian Association at Burlington, Vermont, which was sadly in need of revitalization and building up, having been neglected for some time. Mr. Ross was ideally fitted by temperament and training to undertake this work and has since made his home in Burlington as secretary of the local branch. He found that the building needed immediate repairs and renovation, and the completion of this work became his first task. Before the end of the year 1925, he had raised eight thousand dollars, with which the building was again put into good condition. Then he began his membership drives, in a short time more than doubling the membership of previous years, while the income from the dormitories was four times as large. This record of progress and expansion was steadily continued, ending only with the burning down of the building on February 1, 1928. Since that time the association has occupied temporary quarters, with a view to realizing on the valuable building site which they own on Burlington's main business street, and later buying a larger and from their point of view more desirable property for the erection of a modern home for the Young Men's Christian Association.







James Brown

The work which Mr. Ross has done in Burlington is greatly appreciated by thoughtful citizens of the community, but he has by no means confined his efforts for the welfare of the city to the activities of his own organization. No worthy movement directed toward this end has been without his loyal support, and he has justly gained wide reputation for his fine spirit of public service. Mr. Ross is a member of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, and of the local Rotary Club, while he is affiliated fraternally with the Warren Phillips Lodge, No. 186, of the Free and Accepted Masons, at Westbrook, Maine, and with Ammoncongion Lodge, No. 76, at Westbrook, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. During the World War he was an active worker for the Red Cross, still retaining his membership in this organization, and in the Young Men's Christian Association, he is a member of the General Secretaries and Physical Directors' Societies.

On January 12, 1925, Maurice Ross married, at Reval, Esthonia, Elmyra Adamson, a native of that city, and a daughter of Julius Adamson, who was born in Reval, and of Lena (Elmi) Adamson, a pure-blooded Esthonian, who was born on the Island of Diago. Mr. and Mrs. Ross are the parents of one daughter, Anita, born on October 10, 1925. By an earlier marriage Mr. Ross was also the father of one son, Willis B. Ross, who is now married and residing in Brooklyn, New York. The family home at Burlington is situated at No. 215 Shelburne Road.

**HENRY OTIS WHITNEY**—The manufacture of lumber has been raised to a high state of production and has become a business of no little importance in Essex Junction under the direction of Henry O. Whitney, owner and operator of a sawmill in that town. Mr. Whitney has built up a large trade in lumber and sawing by giving particular attention to every department of the business, from the natural source of supply to the finished product. He is also concerned, from the standpoint of a good citizen, with the increase of community values along civic and other worthwhile lines for the benefit of the people generally.

Henry Otis Whitney was born in Williston, October 7, 1870, the son of William Flag and Zernah Forbes (Brownell) Whitney, the former a native of Williston, died in his seventy-sixth year, while the latter is in good health (1928) in her eighty-third year. The early training of the son Henry was received in the district school of his native township. Looking forward to the time when he should make agriculture and its departments the object of his efforts, he took a course in scientific farming and its branches at the College of Agriculture of the University of Vermont, where he was a student for two winters. He left the institution a finished product in the avocation of his choice, and directed his education and energy into the learning of the creamery business in Williston, giving his attention to that work for two summers. Subsequently he was placed in charge of a coöperative creamery, the first to be established in the State, and remained in that connection two years. Both these associations benefited to an appreciable degree from his intelligent and close application of his scientific training at the university.

Another field now called persistently and successfully for Mr. Whitney's services, and he arrived in Essex Junction with his uncle, S. A. Brownell, proprietor and operator of a sawmill business in that town. At first he was just an ordinary employee—to outward observation—with a fine opportunity awaiting the outcome of his learning the processes of this new business. Not a long time elapsed until he was given supervision of the mill, and this eventually had the effect of cementing him to the business. In 1920 he purchased his uncle's interest, and has operated the mill under his own name

ever since. The plant has a capacity of six thousand feet of lumber a day and furnishes employment for a force of seven men.

In the general community advance of Essex Junction Mr. Whitney takes an actively keen interest, and is rated as one of the substantial citizens of the town. He is affiliated with Ethan Allen Lodge, No. 72, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a charter member of the Men's Club.

Henry Otis Whitney married, July 30, 1901, at Charlottetown, Rev. H. Gulick the officiating clergyman, Miss Lewis, daughter of John and Clara R. (Pease) Lewis, both natives of that village. Children: 1. Edmonds Lewis, born September 6, 1902, manager of the W. T. Grant Company's store, Davenport, Iowa. 2. Caroline Z., born January 22, 1910. 3. Robert L., born December 5, 1915.

**LYMAN HAWLEY LEACH**—Although having resided most of his life on a farm and having followed agricultural pursuits during that time, Lyman Hawley Leach, postmaster of Essex Junction since 1923, has given to this town one of the best administrations in this office in the history of Essex Junction. A conscientious and level-headed character, Mr. Leach has applied himself undeviatingly to the many angles encompassed in a position such as he holds, and being known throughout the county as a man of conscientiousness and repute, is highly esteemed among his fellow citizens and many friends throughout this section of Vermont.

Mr. Leach was born December 19, 1884, in the town of Essex, Vermont, son of Hobart Farnsworth and Abbie Minerva (Howard) Leach, the father now (1928) in his seventy-first year, and the mother, a native of Fairfax, Vermont, died there in 1926. He received his preliminary education in the local district school, entered high school, and was graduated therefrom in 1906. He was not satisfied with his training, however, and enhanced his education by taking a course at the Vermont Business College. Circumstances caused his return to his father's farm in the town of Fairfax, and here he continued with his father until he purchased acreage near Fairfax, in 1910, and began individual operations on his own farm. He became dissatisfied with rural life after ten years, however, disposed of his farm and removed to Essex Junction. Here he was variously occupied, working at odd jobs and painting among other things, for three years. In 1923, President Coolidge chose him to fill the office of postmaster at Essex Junction, and he immediately assumed the duties of this position. So satisfactorily did he function in this capacity, and such was the demand that he be retained as postmaster, that President Coolidge reappointed him to this office in January, 1928, for a four year term. Through devotion to duty and desire to increase the postal facilities for Essex Junction, Postmaster Leach has become a popular figure in various circles of this community. He has a very pleasant personality and happy faculty for making friends, and is ever to the fore in matters designed to aid the progress of this section of Vermont. He is a member of the Men's Club of Essex Junction.

On September 1, 1910, at Stowe, Vermont, Lyman Hawley Leach married Mabelle Ella Wright, daughter of Stephen Hutchinson and Dora (Vaughn) Wright, both her parents now (1928) living. Stephen Hutchinson Wright was born in New York State, as was his wife. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Leach are: 1. Dorothy Louise, born June 17, 1911. 2. Thelma Hawley, born 1914. 3. Lyman Herbert, born April 14, 1918.

**MAJOR JAMES BROWN**—Maintaining the family tradition of patriotism, established by his paternal grandfather, a veteran of the Civil War, and by his great-



great-grandfather, an officer in the Revolutionary War, Major Brown served throughout the World War with great distinction. He received several promotions and won high decorations both from his own and from foreign countries. Soon after his discharge from the United States Army he engaged in the general insurance business at White River Junction, Windsor County, in which he has continued ever since then, building up a profitable and substantial business. He is prominently active in the American Legion, in which he holds high office, and he is also a popular member of several other fraternal and patriotic organizations.

James Brown was born at Belmont, Massachusetts, August 18, 1890, a son of Winthrop and Arethusa (Hayden) Brown. His father, who died in October, 1925, was a stock broker and a member of the Boston Stock Exchange. Major Brown belongs to an old New England family, noted for several generations for its prominence in public and business life and for the patriotism displayed by members of it during various critical periods in this country's history. Captain Joseph Brown, the great-great-grandfather of Major Brown, served with the Acton Company during the War of the Revolution, was wounded at the Battle of Bunker Hill and was an adjutant of General Washington, at the time the latter took over the command of the Massachusetts troops under the historic elm tree at Cambridge. This gentleman's grandson, Edward W. Brown, who was Major Brown's grandfather, was a veteran of the Civil War, during which he served with distinction as a member of the 45th Massachusetts Infantry. Major Brown was educated in the public grammar and high schools of his native town, graduating from the latter in 1908. He then attended the Stone School in Boston, graduating there in 1909, and for a short time Lieutenant Braden's School at Highland Falls, New York. From there he went into business, entering the employ of Curtis & Sanger, a well-known Boston stock brokerage house, with which he remained about four years. Next he became connected with S. M. Howes Company, manufacturers of sheet metal specialties, continuing with this concern until June, 1916. When, at that time, it was found necessary by President Wilson to call out parts of the National Guard in view of the strained relations between this country and Mexico, Major Brown went to the Mexican border with Troop B, Massachusetts Cavalry, which he had joined in 1910. He remained in the service with this organization until December, 1916, when he was mustered out and resumed his work with the S. M. Howes Company. However, he was not to enjoy the pursuit of peaceful activities for long. For immediately after this country entered the World War in April, 1917, he entered the Officers' Training Camp at Plattsburgh, New York, May 15, 1917. Three months later, August 15, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Cavalry. Assigned at first to the 76th Division at Camp Devens, Massachusetts, he was transferred shortly afterwards to the 104th Infantry, 26th Division. With this regiment he went overseas, October 5, 1917, and he continued in active service, until he was mustered out, May 15, 1919. While serving in France he took part in the Aisne, Champagne-Marne, St. Mihiel, and Meuse-Argonne offensives. His efficiency won him several promotions, to the rank of first lieutenant, National Guard, in June, 1918, to that of captain, United States Army, in August, 1918, and to that of major, United States Army, in February, 1919. As the result of courage displayed on the field of action he was decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross, the Legion of Honor and the Croix de Guerre and he was also cited both by General Edwards and General Pershing. He had the distinction of capturing the first German prisoners taken by his division and of leading the first offensive against the German lines made by his

division. After Major Brown had received his honorable discharge he returned to White River Junction, to which town he had removed in 1916 after his return from the Mexican border. In November, 1919, he entered the general insurance business there, in which he has continued since then, gradually building up a large circle of clients. He has been very active in the affairs of the American Legion ever since this organization was formed and he is commander of Hartford Post, No. 26, and was vice-commander of the Department of Vermont, as well as of the National Legislative and Rehabilitation Committees. He is also a member of United Brethren Lodge, No. 21, Free and Accepted Masons; Cascadnac Chapter, No. 27, Royal Arch Masons; Flanders Commandery, No. 14, Knights Templar; Windsor Council, No. 8, Royal and Select Masters; Hartford Lodge, No. 1541, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of White River Junction; the Society of Sons of the American Revolution; the Rotary Club; the Lakota Club; and the Woodstock Country Club. In politics he is a supporter of the Republican party, in the affairs of which he has taken an active part, having served as a member of the Vermont House of Representatives during 1925-27.

Major Brown married, June 26, 1916, Laura Carter Landers, a daughter of Daniel C. and Osie (Barron) Landers, the former a merchant of Quechee, Windsor County. Major and Mrs. Brown have no children and make their home at Quechee.

**GEORGE HERBERT HUTCHINSON**—His native town, Jericho, Vermont, for many years has recognized the civic abilities of Postmaster George Herbert Hutchinson with frequent election to public office, and their choice on every occasion has been fruitful of the results of a capable and practical man placed in positions of trust and responsibility. Mr. Hutchinson is a descendant of a long line of honored business men and farmers, who has continued their traditions and methods of probity by his conscientious dealings with his fellow-townsmen.

George Herbert Hutchinson was born August 29, 1872, at Jericho, Chittenden County, Vermont, a son of James Hervey Hutchinson, a native of Jericho, and of Emily A. (Butler) Hutchinson, who was born at Fairfield, Vermont. James Hervey Hutchinson, who was born on the old Hutchinson farm at Jericho, March 13, 1829, died in April, 1905, at Jericho, where he is buried; he went to California across the Isthmus of Panama, in 1850. Returning to this State he entered the lumbering business, a pioneer, the settlement of Hutchville bearing his name. He was the son of David Hutchinson, who was also born on the old farm that had been cleared by Daniel Hutchinson in 1785, who had come there from Salisbury, Connecticut, his ancestors having settled at Salisbury, from England, in 1759.

George Herbert Hutchinson attended the district school at Jericho, and was also tutored at Professor Joseph Cilley's private school in that town. When he was seventeen years old, he began work on his father's farm, in Jericho, where he continued for seven years, when he removed to Ohio and to Rhode Island, working part time in various places. Returning to Jericho in 1906, he purchased the old homestead, operating the farm until 1916. In 1917-18 Mr. Hutchinson was a member of the House of Representatives and he received the appointment of doorkeeper of the State Senate, a position he filled in 1923-24-25-26. He was appointed postmaster of Jericho November 14, 1925, by President Coolidge, and continues in the postmastership to the present time, 1928.

Other offices held by Mr. Hutchinson are those of selectman for a three-year term; road commissioner for two years; and overseer of the poor. Fraternally, he is



affiliated with Macdonough Lodge, No. 26, Free and Accepted Masons; Burlington Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Burlington Council, Royal and Select Masters; and with the Order of the Eastern Star.

George Herbert Hutchinson married, September 20, 1899, at Underhill, Vermont, the Reverend Ralph White performing the ceremony, Lettie Laura Prior, daughter of Cyrus and Lucy J. (Mead) Prior. Her father was born August 31, 1834, at Underhill, Vermont, and died in 1893, and her mother was born November 27, 1837, and died October 26, 1925. Both parents are buried at Underhill.

**ARTHUR BENJAMIN LAVIGNE**—One of the leading undertakers of Winooski, Arthur Benjamin Lavigne has held a prominent place in the life of this city for many years. Born here, he worked first in the textile industry, where he acquired his early business experience, and then went into his present type of work. Since 1911 he has conducted his own business independently in Winooski, and in it has been eminently successful. Mr. Lavigne was born in Winooski, Chittenden County, Vermont, June 18, 1869, a son of Joseph W. and Adeline (Desasants) Lavigne. His father, born in 1843, was a native of the Province of Quebec, Canada, while the mother, born in Winooski in 1871, died in 1899 at the age of twenty-eight years.

Arthur B. Lavigne received his early schooling in Saint Louis Convent, later attended the local public schools of Winooski. He began work in the Winooski Woolen Mills as a bobbin boy at the rate of 25 cents a day, serving his apprenticeship learning to be a spinner. After advancing to the status of spinner, he worked for several years until he decided to enter a new field of activity. It was then that he became associated with A. E. Clement, undertaker and furniture dealer of this city. With Mr. Clement he served his apprenticeship in this new work, acquiring a complete knowledge of all the details of undertaking and embalming, and remained in this position until 1911, when he bought the enterprise from his employer. Since that year he has continued independently under his own name, A. B. Lavigne, undertaker, and has entirely dropped the furniture business. In his business Mr. Lavigne has the assistance of his sons, who are associated with him; and one son has the distinction of being one of the youngest and most expert embalmers in this part of Vermont.

In addition to his work as undertaker, Arthur B. Lavigne has always taken an interest in civic affairs, and is to-day a loyal member of a number of fraternal organizations. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of the World, in which his affiliation is with Camp No. 8940; L'Union Saint Jean Baptiste, of Woonsocket, Rhode Island; the Knights of Columbus, in which he is identified with Saint Stephen's Council, No. 2284, of Winooski; and Saint Peter's Society, of Winooski.

Mr. Lavigne married, September 18, 1892, in Burlington, Vermont, Rosa Snyder, of Burlington, born March 29, 1870, a daughter of Alexander and Olive (Blouin) Snyder, both of whom were born in Saint Remi, Province of Quebec, Canada. Arthur Benjamin Lavigne and Rosa (Snyder) Lavigne became the parents of nine children: 1. Helen, born May 30, 1894, who became the wife of Charles Villemaire, and they have three children—Anita, Cecelia, and Norbert Villemaire. 2. Elizabeth Anastasia, born February 15, 1896, who was married to Walter Smyle, and they have four children—Russell Carter, Elizabeth Jane, Paulita and Shirley. 3. Olive, born October 15, 1897, who became the wife of George Peppin, to whom five children were born—George, Jr., Bernard, Constance, Norman, and Paul. 4. Ely Joseph, born December 8, 1898, who married Georgianna Dorey, and they became the parents of two children, Minerva

and Robert. 5. Rose Mary, born September 30, 1901, who was united in marriage to Andrew Schmidt, and they have four children—Paul, Rose, Florence and Andrew Schmidt, Jr. 6. Grace, born June 2, 1905. 7. Richard, born July 12, 1910. 8. Constance, born May 31, 1916. 9. Rita, born March 20, 1918.

**MATTHEW WILLIAM HUNTER, M. D.**—With almost two decades of practice in his profession, Dr. Matthew William Hunter, of Essex Junction, now enjoys one of the most select and largest practices in this town, and bears a reputation among his colleagues and patients which reflects honor upon his high ethical standards and skill in medicine. His practice, which is commonly known as "general practice," includes all of those arduous and objectionable duties falling to a man of his profession, and that he fulfills his duties conscientiously and tenderly is admitted by everyone in Essex Junction.

Dr. Hunter was born October 31, 1887, in Crown Point, Essex County, New York. He is of Irish parentage on the paternal side, his father, Alexander Hunter, having been a native of Ireland, born April 26, 1848, in County Antrim. His mother, Mary (Hunter) Hunter, was born in Crown Point, New York, April 12, 1853. She and her husband were first cousins, thus accounting for the similarity in names.

Matthew William Hunter began his search for knowledge in the public schools of Plattsburgh, New York, but later his parents moved to Essex Junction, Vermont, and here he attended high school, graduating therefrom in 1906. Having already decided upon his future career, in order to prepare therefor, he entered Vermont University, where he took a medical course, was graduated with the class of 1910, and given his degree of Doctor of Medicine. Thereafter, he wisely decided upon a term of hospital training and entered a hospital in Lynn, Massachusetts, where he served as interne for one year. Still dissatisfied with his qualifications, he entered Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, where he remained for another six months. Thus qualified for independent practice, he returned to Essex Junction, and opened an office here. Here Dr. Hunter has since remained, and every day brings an increase in his practice and additional prestige among his confreres. Realizing that many changes and improvements are being made in his profession, Dr. Hunter never ceases his studies and keeps well informed on happenings in medical circles through his membership in the Vermont State Medical Society. He does not, however, bury himself in his profession, but, on the contrary, is frequently a conscientious worker in community and civic affairs. Possessing in addition to his thorough training in medicine and a most pleasing personality, a sympathetic and understanding nature, Dr. Hunter has numerous friends in this vicinity who regard him highly as a citizen and as a practitioner.

Dr. Hunter married, January 1, 1914, in Montreal, Canada, Jennie Fraser, and to them has been born one son: William Fraser, born March 26, 1916.

**EDWIN WILLIAM HENRY**—From the beginning of his active business career a progressive and constructive asset to Underhill, Vermont, Town Clerk Edwin William Henry has on numerous occasions, whether as a private citizen or a holder of public office, demonstrated his patriotism, his highly valued civic enterprise, and his usefulness to the advancement of the community where he has spent his entire life.

Edwin William Henry was born March 26, 1866, at Underhill Centre, Vermont, within a short distance of his present home where he has always resided, a son of Haskell Allen Henry, who was born in Westford, Ver-



mont, and of Elmira (Ward) Henry, who was born January 10, 1843, at Colchester, Vermont, and died June 20, 1906, and was buried at Underhill. Mr. Henry attended the old district school, and completed his education at the Green Mountain Academy at Underhill Centre. He was fourteen years old when he began work on a farm, and his mother being a widow, he was the main support of the family at that time, and for two years he so continued in employ on different farms. He then became clerk for G. A. Terrill, general storekeeper at Underhill Centre, with whom he worked in that capacity for about eight years, receiving fifty dollars for the first year, with an increase to seventy-five dollars the second year, and one hundred and twenty-five dollars the third year, being advanced each year, until he was receiving three hundred and fifty dollars. He then entered into partnership with Mr. Terrill who had bought out another store in the village that had been operated by his brother, D. L. Terrill, Mr. Henry taking full charge of one of these stores. This partnership continued with Mr. Terrill for six years, when Mr. Henry bought the building that housed Mr. Terrill's store, and he continued the business successfully until 1924.

When Mr. Henry was honored with his election to the office of Town Clerk in 1920, the duties of this office so called for his time and attention that he decided to sell out his business. For nearly thirty years he held the office of Town Treasurer. In 1904 he represented his town in the State Legislature and was County Senator in State Senate in 1912. He is now Chairman of the Republican County Committee of which he has been a member for many years. For more than twenty years he has been local agent for Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance Company, covering the towns of Underhill, Jericho, Westford and Bolton. He was one of the organizers of the Essex Trust Company, of which he is a trustee, and he was a founder and first president of the Underhill Civic Club, of which he is now a member of the board of directors.

Fraternally, Mr. Henry is affiliated with Macdonough Lodge, No. 69, Free and Accepted Masons; and with Minerva Lodge, No. 21, Knights of Pythias.

Edwin William Henry married, February 24, 1909, at Middlesex, Vermont, the ceremony being performed by the Reverend A. H. Sturgess, of Underhill, Laura Leora Armstrong, who is the present postmaster of Underhill Centre. She is a daughter of Lyman Armstrong, who was born at Barton, Vermont, and died in 1917, and of Luella (Howe) Armstrong, who was born at Stowe, Vermont, in 1859, died in 1891, and was buried in her native town. The children of Edwin William and Laura Leora (Armstrong) Henry are: 1. Edwin Ward Henry, born January 14, 1911. 2. Luella Elmira, born May 18, 1915. 3. Ruth Florence, born February 19, 1922.

**GEORGE THOMAS GRAVES**—Skilled in handling real estate and insurance and general business problems, George Thomas Graves has managed for many years the affairs of the Queen City Brick and Stone Company, of Winooski, which was founded many years ago by his grandfather. At the same time, he is busily engaged in the management of the estate left by his parents. Having lived in Winooski ever since early boyhood, Mr. Graves is naturally familiar with all the conditions, both industrial and social, existing among his fellow men, and has here a wide circle of close personal friends.

Mr. Graves was born September 24, 1871, a son of Augustus A. and Mary E. (Leclair) Graves; his father was a native of Vermont, while the mother, a daughter of Francis Leclair, was born in Winooski about 1830. At the time of the birth of George Thomas Graves, in 1871, the family was residing in Troy, New York, but his parents returned to Winooski, Vermont, when he

was only nine years old, and it was in Winooski parochial schools that he began his education. Later he attended Saint Joseph's College, in Burlington, Vermont, from which he was graduated in the class of 1891. He began work as a clerk in his father's grocery and meat store in Winooski, where he remained for fifteen years. Then he became manager of his grandfather's business, the Queen City Brick and Stone Company, of Winooski, founded in 1865 by his maternal grandfather, Francis Leclair, one of the earliest settlers in Winooski. At one time Mr. Leclair owned a larger part of the town than was owned by any other single citizen. And since Mr. Leclair ceased his business activities, George Thomas Graves has continued to manage this company; while at the same time he has administered the estate left by his father and mother and has conducted a real estate and insurance business. In addition to his work in these different connections, Mr. Graves has consistently taken a broad constructive interest in public affairs, endeavoring at all times to do whatever he could for the advancement of prosperity in Winooski and the well-being of his fellow men.

On June 10, 1898, Mr. Graves married, in Winooski, Vermont, Lena A. Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Gray and a descendant of the Gray and Morse families. By this marriage there were two children: 1. Pauline Leclair, born November 4, 1905. 2. Hilda Dorine, born October 3, 1907.

**HENRY JOHN EDLUND**—An inventor and manufacturer, who has successfully won his way in the world of business by his own intuitions and practically applied talents, Henry John Edlund is everywhere known as the executive head of the Edlund Company, of Burlington, Vermont, manufacturers of the patented can opener that has become an indispensable article in whatsoever household or office it has come. Mr. Edlund's career is that of a successful manufacturer equipped with a genius for producing an invention that receives an increasing welcome everywhere, and one whose business management lends its impetus to general industry at Burlington.

Henry John Edlund was born February 17, 1874, in Stockholm, Sweden, a son of Lars August Edlund, born in Stockholm in 1843, and died there in 1912, and of Cristina (Frodin) Edlund, born in Stockholm in 1840, and died there in 1923, in her eighty-third year. Mr. Edlund began his early schooling in Stockholm, and coming to the United States when he was eighteen years old, he at first settled in New York City. While there, he took the course in mechanical engineering at Cooper Union Institute, where he was graduated, after which he entered the employ of J. Burns and Son, manufacturers of coffee and spice machinery, with whom he remained two years. He then entered the employ of Arbuckle Brothers, of New York City, where he was superintendent of the machinery department for twelve years.

Mr. Edlund, with this fine experience to back him up in all future effort, came to Burlington in 1913, where he entered the employ of E. B. and A. C. Whiting Company, as superintendent of the plant, and so continued for six years. Mr. Edlund then launched his own company, the Edlund Broom Company, of Burlington, which was incorporated in 1918, under the laws of Vermont, and of which he was vice-president and secretary. This business was developed and directed into prosperous channels, and it was later sold to the Fuller Brush Company, in 1923. Mr. Edlund then developed and patented in the United States and throughout the world the can-opener, which is now manufactured by the Edlund Company, of Burlington, and which has a sales distribution in all countries, the plant employing regularly the year around, thirty-five people.

Mr. Edlund is a member of the Burlington Chamber



of Commerce, the Ethan Allen Club, and the Champlain Yacht Club.

Henry John Edlund married, September 12, 1899, in New York City, the Rev. Dr. Jacobson performing the ceremony, Hulda Beckman, of Stockholm, daughter of William Beckman, who died in Stockholm in 1913.

Henry John and Hulda (Beckman) Edlund are the parents of: 1. Walter William, born September 12, 1900. 2. Oscar Olof, born December 16, 1901.

**HOMER DANIEL DRURY**—For many years an important figure in the business life of Essex Junction, Vermont, Homer Daniel Drury is president of the Drury Brick and Tile Company, Incorporated, of this place. As its executive head, his long experience in this work, together with his fine energy and ability, has been of the greatest value in maintaining the high standard of excellence always associated with the products of the company, and in building up its trade to its present prosperous proportions.

Mr. Drury was born on January 17, 1858, in Essex Junction, Vermont, a son of Jacob K. Drury, who was born in Milton, Vermont, March 30, 1808, and died at Essex Junction, September 29, 1889, and of Caroline (Bascom) Drury, born in Fairfax, Vermont, August 1, 1818, and died November 9, 1886, in Essex Junction.

Homer Daniel Drury attended the public schools of his birthplace, and later entered Essex Classical Institute, and Methodist Seminary, at Montpelier, Vermont. Upon the completion of this work, he decided to take the business course in Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York, from which he was also graduated. Soon afterwards he accepted a position in Burlington, Vermont, as bookkeeper for the firm of Morrillo Noyes, with whom he remained for about a year. Returning to Essex Junction, he opened a grocery store here in partnership with Mr. E. R. Russell, whose interest he later purchased, continuing the business under his own name for several years. He disposed of it eventually to Mr. A. B. Yandow, in whose hands it still remains. Meanwhile Mr. Drury's eldest brother, George B. Drury, a lieutenant in the Union Army during the Civil War, had established a brick and tile company at Essex Junction in the year 1867, one year after which he took his father, Jacob K. Drury, into a partnership, which was then known as J. K. Drury and Son. While he was operating his own grocery store, Mr. Drury was also active in the affairs of this company, and upon the death of his father, September 29, 1889, he became a partner in the enterprise, the G. B. and H. D. Drury Company. Later, in the year 1897, the name of the organization was changed to the Drury Brick and Tile Company, its present form, under the laws of Vermont. G. B. Drury being its first president, an office he filled until his death in 1918. Since 1918 H. D. Drury has succeeded his brother as president of the corporation. In this capacity he has continued the policies which have proved so successful over a period of many years, his grasp of every phase of the business and his talent for executive detail, proving of particular value in increasing the volume of trade. Mr. Drury employs over fifty men, and he is without competitors in this section of the State, so satisfactory are the services which he offers. He has recently taken into partnership two of his sons, Harris K. and Max Drury, who have proved their business worth and are important aids in the conduct of the company's affairs.

Mr. Drury's activities have been by no means limited to his business. He has always been vitally interested in civic progress and the welfare of the community, and has been honored on several occasions by his fellow citizens by election to various local offices. He has been a generous contributor to all worthy causes. Mr. Drury

and his family attend the local Church of Christ, Science.

On January 20, 1892, in Springfield, New Jersey, Homer Daniel Drury married Clara Eliza Williams, born in Royalton, Windsor County, Vermont, October 14, 1860, a daughter of Silas R. Williams, born, April 14, 1823, in Royalton, died in August, 1890, in Essex Junction, where he is buried, and of Julia (Smith) Williams, born, November 21, 1825, died May 4, 1897, in Essex Junction, and there buried. Mr. and Mrs. Drury are the parents of six children: 1. Maurice J., born July 24, 1894, died in infancy, February 19, 1895. 2. Harris Kenneth, born October 20, 1895, married Edith Jane Bartlett, and they have three children; Harris Kenneth, Jr., born August 25, 1922; Donald Bartlett, born July 20, 1925; and Noel Williams, born December 14, 1926. 3. Max Williams, born May 2, 1897, married Kathryn Gore, and they have one child, John Harley, born February 5, 1925. 4. Alan Lawrence, born March 27, 1899, married Dorothy Holton, and they have one child, Alan Gardner, born September 17, 1925. 5. Harley Frederick, born April 17, 1901; married Thelma Delaney, and they have two children: Harley Frederick, Jr., born November 21, 1925; and Elizabeth Jean, born August 31, 1927. 6. Edwin Isaac, born October 4, 1904, married September 26, 1928, Alice Eddy.

**THELESPHORE A. THERRIEN**—Upholstering and carpet cleaning have engaged the careful attention of Thelesphore A. Therrien, almost from the beginning of his business career, and with his establishment in Burlington, he is crowning his experience in his specialty with achievement that meets the approval of all who possess excellent tastes in such matters. He is both thorough and enterprising in his business methods and relationships; and he is besides an efficient office-holder and representative of the people in public position.

Thelesphore A. Therrien was born July 21, 1874, in Keyville, Clinton County, New York, a son of Thelesphore Therrien, who was born in the Province of Quebec, Canada, and of Helen (Le Clair) Therrien, who was born in Keyville, New York, and is now in her seventy-fifth year, daughter of David Le Clair. When Mr. Therrien was seven years old, his parents removed to Burlington, where he attended the old Nazareth School on Allen Street, and afterwards, St. Joseph's School, in Burlington. When he became eighteen years of age, he began work in McCausland's drygoods store in Burlington, where, as a clerk in the carpet department, he continued thirteen years, when he decided to launch his own upholstering and carpet-cleaning business. Then, in this line, and also a dealer in rugs, in 1904, he opened his first store on Winooski Avenue, where he remained until 1912, when he bought the property he occupies at the present time, and built his shop at the rear of the lot where his residence stands, No. 23 Allen Street, Burlington; here, he has established a reputation for high-class work, that has brought him a large clientele.

Mr. Therrien takes a great interest in local civic affairs, being honored by the people in his election as alderman of the 3d Ward, in Burlington, in March, 1927, for two years. He is a member of Council No. 279 Bishop de Goesbriand, Knights of Columbus, in the 4th Degree.

Thelesphore A. Therrien married, August 13, 1906, in the Roman Catholic Cathedral in Burlington, Rev. Father Barrett officiating, Mary Agnes Payne, daughter of Philip Payne, who was born in Londonderry, Ireland, in 1833, died June 24, 1903, and is buried in Burlington, and of Mary (Reynolds) Payne, who was born in County Antrim, Ireland.



**RAYMOND TRAINOR**—A native and during the greater part of his life a resident of Vermont, Mr. Trainor has been a member of that State's bar for almost three decades. For more than two of these he has been one of the leading lawyers of White River Junction, counting amongst his clients many of the principal financial and commercial enterprises of that town and being known also as a very able and resourceful criminal lawyer. For many years he has been very active in public affairs, being the legal advisor of several towns in Windsor County and having held at different times several other high public offices. In these different positions of honor and trust he has invariably displayed a high sense of duty and he has gained to an unusual degree the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens.

Raymond Trainor was born at St. Johnsbury, Caledonia County, December 27, 1878, a son of Patrick and Anne Trainor. He was educated in the public school and at St. Johnsbury Academy, from which latter he graduated in 1895. He then attended for two years the University of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, Canada, after which he returned to St. Johnsbury and there read law in the offices of Alexander Dunnett and Leighton P. Slack, for three years. Admitted to the bar in October, 1900, he practiced law at St. Johnsbury until 1902. In that year he removed to Hartford, Connecticut, and in 1903 he was admitted to the Connecticut bar. Until 1906 he practiced his profession in Hartford in association with Joseph L. Barber, returning in that year to his native State and settling at White River Junction, of which town he has been an honored and prominent citizen since then. He is considered a very able corporation lawyer and is the attorney for the First National Bank and for the Interstate Trust Company. He is also town attorney for Hartford, White River Junction, Royalton and Norwich and has served as license commissioner, school director and State attorney, to which latter office he was elected for 1912-13. Mr. Trainor is regarded as one of the most capable and successful criminal lawyers of Vermont. Amongst his earlier criminal cases was that of Pompelio Yaccobuccia, whom he defended in 1911 and for whom he gained a verdict of not guilty. He has also appeared for the defense in many other important criminal cases, in a very large proportion of which he gained verdicts in favor of his clients. As the result of his success as a criminal lawyer he has had the distinction of being appointed several times special prosecutor by the State of Vermont. One of the most important instances of this nature and one of the outstanding cases in his career occurred in 1927 when he prosecuted John C. Winters for murder. This case, which was tried at Woodstock, lasted from January 18 until February 18, 1927, was one of the most sensational ever tried in Vermont and resulted in the conviction of the defendant of murder in the first degree. In March of the same year he defended Charles E. Smith, chief of police of White River Junction, who was accused of the possession of liquor. This case, which lasted four days, attracted so much attention and so many people from the surrounding territory, both in New Hampshire and Vermont, that the trial was transferred to the White River Junction Opera House, the usual court room not being large enough to accommodate all the people. It created a great deal of discussion and brought many newspaper reporters from numerous large cities. It, too, was won by Mr. Trainor, the jury voting his client not guilty. Mr. Trainor is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Modern Woodmen of America and Hartford Lodge, No. 1541, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, which latter he was instrumental in founding as chairman of the organization committee and of which he is the Exalted Ruler.

Mr. Trainor married at Lewiston, Maine, April 21, 1913, Florence M. McCarthy, a daughter of Charles M.

and Theresa (Smith) McCarthy of Lewiston. Mr. and Mrs. Trainor are the parents of two children: Dorothy M., born May 24, 1914, and Ramona C. Trainor, born July 3, 1917.

**THEOPHILE JOSEPH SIMARD**—Successful property investment and up-keep is the basis of the present-day success of Theophile Joseph Simard, whose Winooski, Vermont, realty interests are both a valued asset to the town and to the far-sighted owner. Mr. Simard, an extensive traveller and successful business man, is an energetic factor in the property-owning activities of Winooski, and he has the regard of his fellow citizens for his enterprise and for his share in the further upbuilding of Winooski.

Theophile Joseph Simard was born November 8, 1874, in Saginaw, Province of Quebec, a son of Juvalan Simard, who was born at Bay St. Paul, Province of Quebec, in 1835, and died in 1913, in his seventy-eighth year, at Winooski, where he is buried, and of Josephine (Gobe) Simard, born at St. Alphonse, Province of Quebec, June 24, 1842, and died October 18, 1927, at Winooski. With the removal of his parents when he was five years old to Stanbridge, and thence to Swanton Junction, Vermont, he attended the district schools there, and afterwards he attended the St. Louis convent school at Winooski. When between eight and nine years old, he went to work as waste picker and bobbin boy in Winooski Mills; and, advancing, he learned the spinner's trade. But, at the age of sixteen years, he worked in the brick-making yard at West Cambridge, Massachusetts, remaining there one season, when he returned to Winooski and secured employment in the brickyard of Adolph Graves, where he remained one year, after which for two years he was in the employ of Lambert Platt, in his brickyard. All the while as opportunity offered, he helped on his father's farm, until he decided to seek his fortune in Alaska, and on February 28, 1898, he started for Alaska, and for nine years thereafter he travelled throughout that part of the country, seeking opportunity to gather some of Alaska's hidden wealth of yellow metal; he would accumulate in one spot, only to lose what he had temporarily gained. At one time he took out a fortune at No. 14 Bonanza Creek, near Dawson, thence going to Fairbanks, where he prospected with varying success.

Returning to his old home at Winooski, in 1907, Mr. Simard decided to remain there and to enter business, and he engaged in various ventures in which he was successful. As a result, today he is one of Winooski's substantial property-owners, and is proprietor of the valuable block at No. 22 Main Street, running through to Canal Street, as well as the block on Canal and Beer streets, and the garage at the corner of Central and Beer streets. He was a delegate at Montpelier in 1910 and in Burlington in 1912. He served as Trustee of Winooski in 1920 and in 1927 was Alderman. Fraternally, Mr. Simard is affiliated with L'Union St. Jean Baptiste, St. Peter's Society, and St. Leon Society.

Theophile Joseph Simard married, October 18, 1909, at Pike River, Province of Quebec, Noelle Moeller, of Pike River, daughter of Pascal and Julia (Rushlo) Moeller, who was born at St. Marie, Province of Quebec. They are the parents of a daughter, Ama N. Simard, born November 13, 1911.

**ARTHUR JAMES SWINYER**—Since 1906, the year of its establishment, Arthur James Swinyer has been a member of the firm of Swinyer Brothers, equally well-known throughout Vermont as manufacturers of last blocks for the shoe trade, and as wood and coal dealers in Burlington. Mr. Swinyer has been connected with the wood, lumber and allied trades throughout all his business career, and his wide knowledge of this



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field and genuine executive ability have proved repeatedly of the greatest value to the various enterprises in which he is associated with his brother. Aside from his business activities, he has taken a prominent part in civic and fraternal affairs in Vermont and is highly regarded here not only as an able man but also as one of great public spirit.

The family name has been well-known throughout Vermont for many years, Lawrence Swinyer, Mr. Swinyer's grandfather, having been a veteran of the War of 1812, while eight of his sons in turn came to the support of their country in its hour of need, enlisting in the Union Army during the Civil War and serving until its close. Two of this generation are still living, Walter, of Vergennes, Vermont, and Alfred, of Rochester, in the same State. A third brother, George Ephriam, born on the lower road at Burlington on February 14, 1850, a lumberman and farmer throughout his life, died October 6, 1920, in his seventieth year. He married Mary J. Odett, who was born in Lincoln, Vermont, a daughter of Alfred and Mary (Eubear) Odett, and they became the parents of Arthur James Swinyer, the subject of this record.

His birth occurred September 1, 1878, in Starksboro, Vermont, and when he became of proper age, he attended his first school at Bristol, Vermont, continuing his education at Bristol, and finally completing his studies at the Gaysville school. When only eleven years old, he began work, finding employment in drawing logs, while in his nineteenth year he left home and became associated with F. V. Hassam, making wood blocks in his plant to be used by shoe manufacturers. In this position he remained until 1906 when he joined his brother, Alson George Swinyer, in the establishment of the firm of Swinyer Brothers, setting up their own mill near Rochester, where they specialized in the production of the highest quality of rubber worked blocks for the shoe trade. As their reputation for an excellent product spread, the volume of their business constantly increased until it reached flattering proportions, and they also began to handle great quantities of firewood which was obtainable in the neighborhood. At a later time the plant was moved to Underhill, Vermont, and here one of the most modern and best equipped block mills in the State of Vermont was built and put into operation during every month of the year. On an average twelve men are employed in this work, making as many as 666,000 blocks a year, while the annual output never falls below 200,000. On May 14, 1926, the Swinyer Brothers bought the Linsmere Wood Yard at No. 65 North Champlain Street, Burlington, and here installing the most practical and up-to-date machinery of their own design and construction to facilitate the handling and cutting of fire woods, which made this plant one of the best and most complete of its kind in the United States. The record of this business at Burlington has been one of constant expansion and growth and as a final step on July 19, 1928, the plant and business of the Vermont Wood Company were acquired thus consolidating the Swinyer holdings and bringing them into preëminent leadership in the wood industry at Burlington. With the addition of coal supplies for distribution to the community, Mr. Swinyer and his brother have rounded out their service in essential products, doing a large business throughout all this section of the State. Their success has been achieved only by constant effort over a long period of years, but perhaps no single factor has contributed more to this end than the constant regard they have manifested for the best interests of those whom they serve. Such service brings its own reward in increasing volume of trade, and this has been the result in the growth of the Swinyer enterprises.

Although far too busy to hold public office, or to seek it either for himself or others, Mr. Swinyer has

not neglected any opportunity to contribute his share to various community undertakings. He is a member of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, and of other civic organizations, while he is affiliated fraternally with Burlington Lodge, No. 100, of the Free and Accepted Masons. In this order he is also a member of all bodies of the Scottish Rite, including the Thirty-second Degree, while he holds membership in Mount Sinai Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of Burlington Lodge, No. 916, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of Hamilton Lodge, No. 14, at Burlington, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

On March 20, 1903, at Stockbridge, Vermont, Arthur James Swinyer married Amie Bell Manning, the Reverend Mr. Wattie, local Baptist minister officiating. Mrs. Swinyer is a daughter of George Manning, who was born at Lincoln, Addison County, Vermont, and of Mary (Coty) Manning. Mr. and Mrs. Swinyer are the parents of three children: 1. Harold Gideon, born, April 26, 1904, married Jessie Place, and they have one child, Beulah Haroldine. 2. Daisy May, born May 16, 1909. 3. Juna Ruth, born June 2, 1921. Mr. Swinyer and his family reside at No. 4 Loomis Street, Burlington.

**ALSON GEORGE SWINYER**—As executive head of Swinyer Brothers Wood and Coal Company, at Burlington, Vermont, Alson George Swinyer directs the affairs of the outstanding wood company in this city. Mr. Swinyer has had many years of experience in the wood business and is well-known throughout the State as a manufacturer of the finest grade of last blocks for shoe manufacturers, and when he expanded his activities in coming to Burlington in 1926, the city welcomed him as a progressive and far-seeing business man of the finest type. Mr. Swinyer has gained his many successes solely through his own efforts and ability, and the prosperous trade which he has built up in association with his brother, is thoroughly well merited.

Mr. Swinyer was born on July 24, 1871, in Lincoln, Addison County, Vermont, a son of George Ephriam Swinyer, well-known in this section as a lumberman and farmer, who was born on the lower road in Burlington on February 14, 1850, and died on October 6, 1920 in his seventieth year, and of Mary J. (Odett) Swinyer, born at Lincoln, a daughter of Alfred and Mary (Eubear) Odett. Lawrence Swinyer, father of George Ephriam Swinyer, was a veteran of the War of 1812, and gave eight of his sons to the Northern cause, all enlisting for terms of from three to nine months, but all of them serving with distinction until the conclusion of the war. Two of these sons are still living, Walter, of Vergennes, Vermont, and Alfred of Rochester, Vermont.

Alson George Swinyer, of this record, began his educational work in the public district school at Rochester, Vermont, later attended the Hancock, Vermont, school, and finally returned to Rochester where he finished his studies, and at the same time worked on a local farm. As a boy of thirteen, he began farming for Mr. L. F. Wiley and for a period of ten years continued in agricultural pursuits on various farms near Rochester. At the end of this time he found employment in a lumber mill at Rochester where he remained until 1906, acquiring complete familiarity with all details of its operation, and a knowledge of the general wood and lumber industry which he was to find of great use in later life. Advancement came to him for his loyal and efficient service, but in 1906, he determined upon an independent venture and set up his own mill near Rochester, specializing in making last blocks for the shoe manufacturing trade. It was his intention to produce only the best product of this type which could be made, and as a result of his constant efforts to attain only the highest quality in rubber worked blocks, his reputation



in this field spread throughout New England, and the business grew rapidly as a result. Soon he was employing on an average of twelve men and making as many as 666,000 blocks a year, while his annual output never fell below 200,000 blocks. At this time his brother, Arthur James Swinyer, came into partnership with him and together they developed their enterprise, and soon began to handle, also, great quantities of firewood which was obtainable in the neighborhood. At a later time the plant was moved to Underhill, Vermont, and here one of the most modern and best equipped block mills in the State of Vermont was built and put into operation during every month of the year. On May 11, 1926, the Swinyer Brothers came to Burlington, buying the Linsmere Wood Yard at No. 65 North Champlain Street, and here installing the most practical and up-to-date machinery of their own design and construction to facilitate the handling and cutting of fire woods. As was to be expected by those familiar with the history of this company's work at Underhill, the yard and buildings were entirely re-modeled, and the plant made one of the best and most complete of its kind in the United States. Finally, on July 19, 1928, the plant and business of the Vermont Wood Company were acquired, thus consolidating the Swinyer holdings and putting beyond dispute their leadership in the wood industry of the Burlington section. The company also supplies coal to the district, and the name Swinyer Brothers Wood and Coal, has become recognized as assuring satisfaction both as to quality of product and excellence of service.

Mr. Swinyer has always maintained an interest in civic advance and the problems of government, giving his hearty support to many worthy enterprises. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order is a member of Rural Lodge, No. 29, and of Farmers Chapter, No. 9, of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, as well as Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Lodge No. 65, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Rochester.

On November 29, 1910, in Richmond, Vermont, Alson George Swinyer married Grace Drinkwater, daughter of Frank and Ione (Mix) Drinkwater. Her father, who was born at Huntington, Vermont, was a veteran of the Civil War, having served as a member of the Union Army. Mr. and Mrs. Swinyer are the parents of one child, Greta Ione, born on November 12, 1911. The family residence is situated at No. 4 Loomis Street, Burlington.

**PHILIPPE ARTHUR MONGEON**—Among those citizens of Winooski, Vermont, who maintain upon a high grade the mercantile interests of the city and its neighborhood, Philippe Arthur Mongeon, one of the leading merchants here, has obtained the favor and good will of all with whom he is associated because of the honest and reliable manner in which he renders to the general public the indispensable services of the high-class grocer. Mr. Mongeon is a factor in all matters of progress in this community, and has been faithfully active and efficient in civic life and in public office.

Philippe Arthur Mongeon was born February 22, 1887, in Winooski, Vermont, a son of Thomas Mongeon, who was born in July, 1839, at Verchere, Province of Quebec, and died March 31, 1918, in his seventy-ninth year, and of Delima (Blair) Mongeon, who was born at St. Edward, Province of Quebec, and survives her husband, in her seventy-ninth year. Mr. Mongeon began his schooling at St. Louis convent, in Winooski, and later entered St. Edmund's College, at Swanton. When he was nineteen years old, he began to work in his father's grocery and meat store at Winooski, where he first learned all about the business that in later years he made his life-work. So continuing until 1916, he then ven-

tured into business on his own account, opening a retail liquor store, in which he continued until the prohibition law was passed in 1919. He then bought out the grocery and meat store of a former employee, Arthur Bourgeault, and he has conducted this store ever since under his own name, at Nos. 23-27 West Lane, Winooski, where he has the deserved status of a leading merchant. Always public-spirited, and taking active interest in local civic and political affairs, Mr. Mongeon was elected one of the first aldermen when Winooski became an incorporated city; and for nine years he was a member of the school board.

Philippe Arthur Mongeon married, June 7, 1910, at Proctor, Vermont, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Father P. J. Long at St. Dominick's Roman Catholic Church, Anna Mae Piette, daughter of Gilbert Piette, born February 2, 1849, died October 17, 1919, and is buried at Proctor, and of Lucy Houle (Hall) Piette, born in 1857 at Lucerne, New York, and died September 16, 1928. Their children: 1. Madeline Lucy, born April 16, 1911. 2. Gilbert Thomas, born July 20, 1912. 3. Gertrude Grace, born June 22, 1913. 4. Geraldine Marie, born August 22, 1914. 5. Rolland Joseph, born July 29, 1915. 6. Donald, born February 17, 1916.

**FLOYD WARREN MOORE**—A modern builder, and equipped by a valued experience to manage the affairs of the Vermont Construction Company, at Burlington, Floyd Warren Moore is a construction engineer of wide repute who has made his way to leadership in his line by intelligent craftsmanship and skill, as well as on account of the confidence that those with whom he has been associated have placed in him. Today, he is one of the foremost men in construction matters in this State, his work and his worth being appreciated at their high standard.

Floyd Warren Moore was born November 5, 1897, at Chemung, Chemung County, New York, a son of Burt Warren Moore, a native of Pennsylvania, who has engaged in mechanical work all his life, and of Harriett (Floyd) Moore, who was born in New York. Mr. Moore, with the removal of his family to Elmira, New York, attended the grammar school and was graduated from the high school there in 1915. He then entered Syracuse University, which he left to enter the service of his country in the World War. At the close of the war, Mr. Moore returned to Syracuse, to enter the employ of Smith and Caffney, structural steel workers and fabricators, where he served an apprenticeship in that business. Later, he went to work for the Union Structural Steel, Incorporated, at Syracuse, continuing with that firm until September 1, 1924. He then came to Burlington to enter the employ of the Vermont Construction Company as chief engineer, a position he continued to fill until February, 1928, when the general management of the company came into his hands.

At the time of the World War, Mr. Moore joined the 2nd Division, 5th Regiment, United States Marines, and he served in France on the Verdun, St. Mihiel, Belleau Woods, Champagne and Meuse-Argonne sectors. Wounded at Belleau Woods, he was in Base Hospital, No. 101, at St. Nazaire, for about a month, when he returned to the ranks, and was in Germany at Altwied, near Coblenz, after the armistice, receiving his honorable discharge August 12, 1919.

In fraternal matters, Mr. Moore is affiliated with Central City Lodge, No. 305, Free and Accepted Masons, at Syracuse; and the Ethan Allen, and Lions clubs, of Burlington.

Floyd Warren Moore married, December 19, 1926, in Burlington, Reverend Dr. Adams performing the ceremony, Mabel Cynthia Melendy, daughter of Ernest Melendy, who was born in Cambridge, Vermont, and of Hersa (Smith) Melendy, who is now in her sixtieth year.

**WILLIAM G. MANSEAU**—Depending largely upon his own resources in making his way in the business world, William G. Manseau has built up his commercial stability and financial security through unflinching energy and unremitting zeal, proving once again, that the elements of success are intrinsic in the individual. He is a native of Winooski in its fullest sense, as he was born, educated, married and has carried on his commercial activities in this prosperous industrial community. Mr. Manseau was born February 17, 1889, son of Arthur and Aimee (Patenaud) Manseau, the former a native of the Province of Quebec, Canada, where he was born at St. Antoine, January 4, 1857, and the latter a native of New York State, having been born there September 18, 1863.

William G. Manseau was educated at the St. Louis Convent, later going to St. Michael's College, graduating there in 1907 and taking specifically the commercial course. While attending school he worked in his father's grocery store, and in 1920 bought the business and since then has conducted it himself, adding to and developing its contacts, until it is one of the most alive and best equipped stores in the city. In 1923 he built a new store to house the growing business with more modern facilities, particularly that of the store proper, which permitted of a large area unobstructed by supporting columns, giving it plenty of display space and shelf-room. Mr. Manseau has taken, at all times, a keen interest in civic matters and has acted as city lister for seven years, being the first one of this position to be appointed, at the time when Winooski was incorporated as a city. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the St. Stephen's Council, No. 2284, and of L'Union St. Jean Baptiste.

On October 6, 1919 at St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church of Winooski, William G. Manseau was married to Flore Loretta Sourmail, with Rev. Father William Jean Marie officiating. Mrs. Manseau is of French parentage, her father, Francois Sourmail, born January 19, 1865, in Fontaine au Pire, North of France, and her mother, Marie (Rogalle) Sourmail, born February 4, 1871, in Ercey Ariege, South of France. Mrs. Manseau was born at Woonsocket, Rhode Island, August 18, 1893. They have one child, born October 31, 1924, whom they have named Loretta Adrienne.

**BENJAMIN BATTLES LANE**—As treasurer of the Lane Press, Incorporated, at Burlington, Vermont, Benjamin Battles Lane performs a progressive part in the further development of a long-established printing concern. Mr. Lane is a veteran of the World War, and he has most capably represented the interests of Burlington in public office.

Benjamin Battles Lane was born October 9, 1897, in Burlington, a son of Frank Lancaster Lane, who was born November 12, 1868, at Saco, Maine, son of Eustis and Emma (Battles) Lane, and of Victoria (Coburn) Lane, who was born May 7, 1870, in Lowell, Massachusetts, daughter of Charles and Victoria (McClane) Coburn. Mr. Lane began to go to school in the Adams school, at Burlington, and the local grammar and high schools, after which he went to Saco, Maine, where for about a year and a half he attended Thornton Academy. Finishing his education there, he then went to Boston, Massachusetts, where he entered the employ of John Carter and Company, remaining with that wholesale paper house for a year and a half. At the close of the World War, Mr. Lane returned to Burlington, where he became associated with his father, in a long-established printing business. In 1919, Mr. Lane was received into the business which, in 1924, was incorporated under Vermont State laws, as Lane Press, Incorporated. Today, he is president and treasurer of the company, and Ruth (Harrington) Lane, his wife, is secretary.

Mr. Lane entered his country's service in the World War, with the 26th Division, 101st Field Artillery, B. Battery, in camp at Boxford, Massachusetts; from there going overseas to France, he was there for eighteen months, engaging in battles on the Chemin des Dames sector, Chateau-Thierry, St. Mihiel, and Argonne, receiving his honorable discharge in March, 1919.

Mr. Lane has also served in civil life as an alderman of the 6th Ward in Burlington, now in his second term; and fraternally, he is affiliated with Washington Lodge, No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons; Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons; Burlington Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar; and Consistory, No. 5, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is also a member of Ethan Allen Club, and Lions Club.

Benjamin Battles Lane was married, August 17, 1921, at Waybridge, Vermont, to Ruth Botsford Harrington, daughter of John Andrew Harrington, who was born at Waybridge, October 5, 1851, son of George Lewis and Emma (Washburn) Harrington, and of Anna (Botsford) Harrington, who was born at Vergennes, Vermont, in 1868, and died in 1911, daughter of Cyrus and Julia (Warner) Botsford.

**FRANK SOLOMON LANOU**—Among the prominent and successful citizens of Burlington is Frank Solomon Lanou who has been a practical and essential factor in the building up and developing of the city of Burlington as well as of adjacent towns. Mr. Lanou is one of the several townspeople of the flourishing community of Burlington, who point with pride to their French Canadian ancestry, an ancestry that has given to the city some of its best brains and most weighty and substantial industrial assets.

Mr. Lanou was born February 6, 1861, in St. Jacques, Province of Quebec, Canada, the son of Frank Lanou, born in 1801, died in 1868, and Therese (Archambault) Lanou. His early childhood was spent in Canada. In Canada he attended Rowdons Academy at St. Jacques, up to the age of fourteen, when the family moved to Burlington, Vermont, and he went to the public schools of this city. When he was considered old enough he entered the plumbing establishment of his older brother, J. E. Lanou, as an apprentice, and later worked as a journeyman in the trade. After these years of practical training, he set up his own place and has continued it since that time, 1906, growing in importance as the city grew and having a crucial part in the physical upbuilding of the town. A man of creative ideas and constructive energy, he has made his Plumbing and Heating Contracting business one of the industrial forces. Some of the contracts he has filled are the plumbing and heating for the Young Men's Christian Association building, the new City Hall, the French Church, the building housing the W. G. Reynolds Company, St. Mary's Academy, and the residence of Bishop Hall. Aside from his business activities, Mr. Lanou has been tremendously interested always in the political welfare of Burlington and has represented the 5th Ward as alderman. He is a Mason, belonging to Washington Lodge, No. 3; and an Odd Fellow of Hamilton Lodge, No. 14. As a business man with the best interests of the community at heart, he belongs to the Rotary Club of Burlington, and is a member of the purely social Ethan Allen Club.

Frank Solomon Lanou was married July 16, 1885, in Burlington, to Emily Rousseau, daughter of Frank Rousseau, who was a resident of the city of Quebec, having been born there in 1827 and died there in 1883. This marriage has been blessed with several children and as some of them have married and have children of their own, Mr. Lanou has the felicity of watching a lovely group of grandchildren growing up around him and carrying on his name. The children are as follows: 1. Joseph Ernest, born May 24, 1886, married Elizabeth



Michaud, and has four children: Paul, Richard, Jeanette and Marie. 2. Ernestine Florence, married William N. Hudson, and has a son whom they have named Lanou. 3. Yvonne Frances. 4. Naomi Delia, graduated from the Medical College of the University of Vermont and received her degree of Doctor of Medicine. 5. Robert Eugene, married Flora Gayett, and has a son, Robert, Jr. 6. Frank Rousseau, has taken his degree at the University of Vermont as Mechanical Engineer, and holds an important position with the United States Rubber Company. 7. Frank Solomon, is a student at the University of Vermont. 8. Jacqueline, is also a student at the University of Vermont, specializing in economics.

**ARTHUR EDWARD LOONEY**—Among the leading merchants of Burlington appears the name of Arthur Edward Looney, who has successfully carried on a furniture business founded by his father, in 1896, and has achieved an enviable reputation for highest standards in business dealings, one that has won him the respect and esteem of the fellow merchants of his native city. He was born in Burlington, March 12, 1891, a son of John J. and Orilla (Lamere) Looney. His father who was a native of Ireland, born there in 1855, came to this country as a young man; he died in his fifty-ninth year, and is buried in the family plot at Ludlow. His mother was born in Sweetsboro, in the province of Quebec, Canada, in 1861, and died in 1928.

Arthur Edward Looney received his schooling at the Cathedral Parochial School and, later, entered St. Michael's College taking a business course in preparation for being taken into his father's business. After finishing his commercial training he became associated with his father, and together they created the splendid reputation for commercial integrity and enterprise that are outstandingly characteristic of the firm of John J. Looney, Furniture Dealers.

Mr. Looney was married September 5, 1916, in the Cathedral in Burlington, the Reverend John Gillis officiating, to Catherine Anna McCabe. They have two daughters: Dorothy Catherine, born February 12, 1919; and Ruth Marion, born April 20, 1928.

**EUGENE IRA ALLEN**—The late Eugene Ira Allen left behind him the record of a distinguished career, which was of singular service to the community of Milton. His wife, Mrs. Addie Fogg (Smith) Allen, who survives him and continues to make her residence in Milton, has also built up a career of large dimensions. Concerning both of these careers we write.

Eugene Ira Allen was born June 17, 1863, in Milton, Chittenden County, son of Thomas and Martha (Dignam) Allen. His father, a native of England, was born in 1836, and died in Milton, aged eighty-seven, in 1922. His mother was a native of London, England. In Milton, Eugene Ira Allen attended the public schools, and at an early age went to work for his father, on the home farm. He then commenced work in the machine shops of the Vermont Central Railroad Company at St. Albans, later taking up carpentry. Thus it evolved that he became skilled at carpentry, and this in turn led to the establishment of a profitable business as builder and contractor. He built many of Milton's finest residences, soon becoming the town's leading contractor. He erected business buildings; and his work endures as a monument to his certain skill. With the exception of two years which he devoted to management of a hardware store, in Milton, having been a joint owner of the enterprise, he was forty years engaged as builder and contractor. From the year of his majority, Mr. Allen was active in the affairs of Milton. For three years he was a member of the Board of Selectmen. He was Past Master of Seneca Lodge, No. 40, Free and Accepted Masons, and was affiliated with the Order of Eastern Star.

Eugene Ira Allen married, in Milton, December 7, 1892, with the Rev. W. C. Robinson officiating, Addie Fogg Smith, who was born in Milton, July 25, 1873, daughter of Henry Alonzo and Ellen Myra (Fogg) Smith. Her father was born at Johnson, Vermont, September 28, 1839, and died May 2, 1923. He was a man of prominence, veteran of the Civil War, having served under the colors of the North with Company I, 5th Vermont, 304th Artillery. Her mother was born at Garland, Maine, in 1854, and died in 1917. Eugene Ira Allen died November 14, 1921.

Mrs. Addie Fogg (Smith) Allen, like her late husband, attended the schools of Milton, and prior to marriage was a successful teacher. She has been of special note in fraternal works, in affiliation with the Order of Eastern Star, being Past Matron of Chittenden Chapter, No. 59, having been Worthy Grand Matron of Vermont in 1920-21, and now Grand Secretary. Mrs. Allen received the degrees of the order in Chittenden Chapter, No. 59, the degrees having been exemplified by the officers of Frances E. Stevens Chapter, No. 54, at Winooski. At a district meeting held in Milton, November of 1906, she was appointed Esther in Chittenden Chapter; at the following annual meeting, in 1907, was elected Conductress; Associate Matron in 1909, Worthy Matron in 1910, and re-elected Worthy Matron in 1911 and 1912. Her next post was as District Deputy Grand Matron, to which she was re-appointed in 1913, in which year she was commissioned Grand Representative to New Mexico. In 1915, 1917 and 1919 she was re-appointed as delegate, and later was Grand Representative of Kansas. In 1914 she was named Grand Martha; Grand Marshall in 1915; Grand Warder in 1916, and was elected Associate Grand Conductress in 1917, Grand Conductress in 1918, Associate Grand Matron in 1919, and Worthy Grand Matron in 1920. Formerly, Mrs. Allen was treasurer of the Charlotte Morris Association, Past Matrons and Patrons, 1918-19. As a young woman she joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, which she served as organist for twenty-five years and treasurer thirteen. For four years she was president of the Ladies' Aid Society; teacher of a young women's Sunday School class for some time, and served as president of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society for a number of years. She has held office as county officer in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, was chairwoman of the Milton branch, Red Cross, during the World War, president of the Needlework Guild of America two years, president of the Village Improvement Society, and was elected Grand Secretary of the Order of Eastern Star in 1926, 1927, 1928.

Many of the works engaged in by Mr. Allen were undertaken jointly with Mrs. Allen; and these good works she has continued consistently. She is among the State's foremost women.

**WILLIAM HENDERSON LINSLEY**—An experience successful from every angle of the lumber business in Burlington is the background of the progress that William Henderson Linsley has made in his associations with leading firms in this city. As secretary and treasurer of the Horatio Hickok Company he is one of the leading promoters of that firm's present activities, and as a holder of public office, he represents Burlington's foremost political and civic advance.

William Henderson Linsley was born May 12, 1886, in Burlington, a son of Joel Linsley, who was born September 1, 1849, at Middlebury, Vermont, died in 1899 in his fiftieth year, and is buried at Burlington; he was the son of Charles Linsley, who was born in Cornwall in 1795, a leading lawyer who practised in Middlebury. Charles Linsley was married twice and had a family of seventeen children. He was the son of Joel, who was the son of Solomon, one of the founders of







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*Addie F. Allen.*





Cornwall, Addison County. Charles Linsley's second wife was Emeline Wells. Joel Linsley, father of William Henderson Linsley, married Susan Frances Henderson. She was born May 2, 1855, in Burlington, and died in 1923, in her sixty-eighth year, daughter of William and Susan Frances Henderson, both natives of Dublin, Ireland, who came to the United States and settled in Burlington.

Mr. Linsley attended the Burlington public schools, was graduated at high school in 1905; and when he was nineteen years old he entered the employ of Horatio Hickok Company. After two years he accepted a position with the Shepard Morse Lumber Company, attending to their yard and office work for five years. At the end of that period, he returned to the Horatio Hickok Company, and, taking charge of their office, continued in that capacity until 1919, when he was elected secretary and treasurer of the company, a position he continues to hold.

Mr. Linsley is prominent in local civic affairs; he was elected alderman from Burlington's Sixth Ward, in 1925, was reelected in 1927, and was chosen president of the board in 1927-28. In 1921, he was appointed by the City Council cemetery commissioner, a position which he continues to fill.

In fraternal matters, Mr. Linsley is a member of Washington Lodge, No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons; Burlington Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons; Burlington Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar; Burlington Council, No. 5, Royal and Select Masters; and Mount Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

William Henderson Linsley married (first), June 2, 1917, at Sheldon, Vermont, Elisabeth Harmon, daughter of Frank and Sophie (Bartlett) Harmon. There was one son by this marriage, Robert Bartlett Linsley, born April 21, 1918. Mrs. Linsley died February 9, 1920, and is buried in Burlington. Mr. Linsley married (second), November 15, 1923, in Newton Centre, Massachusetts, the Reverend Dr. Sullivan performing the ceremony, Marjorie Cram, daughter of Arthur Morton Cram, who was born August 1, 1851, in Boston, Massachusetts, and died June 26, 1903, and of Carrie Elizabeth (Stone) Cram, who was born February 19, 1862, at Walpole, Massachusetts, and died August 3, 1910. The children of the second marriage are: John Henderson, born July 12, 1925, and Susan Elizabeth, born September 30, 1928.

**HUGH LOUIS FINNEGAN**—Of the younger men of Winooski, Chittenden County, who have won recognition and rewards for energetic application in a specified field, may be counted Hugh Louis Finnegan. He was born May 24, 1892, in Winooski, the son of Hugh Finnegan, born in South Boston, Massachusetts, in 1855 and died in 1913, and of Sarah (Cuggley) Finnegan, who was born in Blackpool, County Lancashire, England.

Hugh Louis Finnegan attended the local graded schools until the age of fifteen and then went into the woolen mills and, beginning as a young worker at a bobbin, rose in responsibility and skill to the position of overseership. He left the local mills to go to Pittsfield, Massachusetts, to work in the Tuctonic and, later, the Pontusik Mills, and from there to accept a position with the General Electric Company at Pittsfield. At Holliston, Massachusetts, where he next went, he was made assistant superintendent of the Holliston Woolen Mills, but left his industrial advancement in abeyance to enlist for the World War, with the Winooski National Guard in 1917. After a few months of camp service at Fort Ethan Allen and at Camp Bartlett at Westfield, Massachusetts, he was made sergeant and sent to France on October 2, 1917. Sergeant Finnegan saw active service on the seven sectors; St. Mihiel, Toul, Meuse, Argonne,

Ainse, Marne and the Bois de Belleau and was under continuous shell fire for ten consecutive months. He was given complete charge of all ammunitions used by the 26th Division in the battle at Chateau Thierry. His mechanical knowledge was of value in his army experience and he made full use of it. He received his honorable discharge at Camp Devens on April 19, 1919, and returned to Winooski to enter the office of the American Woolen Mills there. Later, he was promoted as chief of the employment department and, still later, promoted as superintendent of the carbonizing department, a position that he still holds. His abilities and energy have been appreciated and rewarded and his war record has given him a definite standing in the estimation of his fellow citizens. Mr. Finnegan was elected in 1928 to the two-year office of alderman of the Fourth Ward. Fraternally, Mr. Finnegan is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Burlington.

Hugh Louis Finnegan was married June 17, 1919, at St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church, to Frieda Fischer, the Reverend-Father McGary officiating. Mrs. Finnegan is a daughter of Adolph and Lena (Miller) Fischer, both of whom were born in Crimmitschau, Saxony, Germany, but who have been identified with Burlington for many years.

**ALBERT ELY MONGEON**—In the mercantile progress of Winooski, Albert Ely Mongeon performs a leading part, his community store and its success being the direct result of a practical experience in the grocery interests. Mr. Mongeon is a man of decided enterprise, a very capable business man, and one in whom his friends and neighbors safely entrust their confidence and goodwill.

Albert Ely Mongeon was born June 22, 1885, at Winooski, a son of Adolphus and Thersile (Langlois) Mongeon, both natives of Quebec. Mr. Mongeon completed his education at the St. Louis Convent at Winooski, and when he was twelve years old he began work in the Winooski Woolen Mills, in the carding room, and at the age of eighteen years, he became an expert weaver, at which he continued to his twenty-third year. Then, upon his marriage, he took a position in the grocery of Jacob Blumenthal in Winooski, where he was employed for seven years, while he learned all the details of the business. It was then that he decided to establish his own grocery and meat shop, and he opened his first store in Burlington, at No. 9 Chase Street, in partnership with Jesse Walker, this partnership continuing for three years, when he bought out Mr. Walker, and, continuing this business at the same stand for three years longer, removed to Winooski, in 1922. Here he conducts one of the leading and popular stores known as the "Community Club Store," and in which he does a large and prosperous business. Mr. Mongeon's fraternal affiliations are the St. Peter's Society of Winooski, and the Holy Name Society of St. Francis Xavier Church.

Albert Ely Mongeon married, November, 1908, in St. Joseph's Church, Burlington, Rev. Father Clores officiating, Aurore Chestney, who was born in Winooski, daughter of Theophile and Laura (Pichee) Chestney, both natives of Quebec. Their children: 1. Jeannette. 2. Anita. 3. Albert, Jr. 4. Clarence. 5. Paulene. 6. Leonard.

**LOUIS XAVIER FREMAU**—Son of one of the most finished craftsmen in the beautiful art of making jewelry, Louis Xavier Fremau has carried on his hereditary trade with skill and with much credit to his father under whom he had worked from his early youth until the father's death in 1913, when the business was left to him and his brother, George. Louis Xavier Fremau was born in Burlington August 2, 1892, and was educated in the local public and parochial schools here until



the age of fifteen, when he entered training under his father. He was the younger son of Louis Xavier and Anna Louise (Harrington) Fremau. Mr. Fremau, senior, was born in Burlington, and lived there throughout his life, an unusually popular man and very highly regarded in the commercial field, in which he carried on a business that has been one of the solid structures of trade in the city. He was one of the organizers of the town band and played in it for years, which greatly added to the regard in which he was held socially. He had inherited the jewelry business from his father, the grandfather of the present owners, so that the younger Fremau men may well feel that they have traditions in the craft that are worthy of the greatest respect.

Louis Xavier Fremau, third of his name, was married August 18, 1917, at the Cathedral in Burlington, the Reverend-Father Gillis officiating, to Grace Hayes, a daughter of Myron and Dora (Brink) Hayes, who now live in Beverly, Massachusetts, although they are both natives of Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Louis X. Fremau have three small children: Kathleen, Marjorie, and Norma.

**GEORGE JOSEPH FREMAU**—Probably the oldest jewelry establishment in Burlington is that bearing the name of Fremau Brothers, for having been founded in 1840 by the grandfather of its present owners, it has now almost reached its century mark. It was first started by Louis X. Fremau (as the name was then spelled), in Winooski, who came to Burlington and opened a store at Nos. 16 and 18 Church Street. His son, Louis X. Fremau, after learning the jewelry trade with his father, opened a store in Winooski and after several years came to Burlington and purchased the store of Mr. La Baumgard at No. 76 Church Street, which he operated for some forty years. In 1913, upon the death of Louis Xavier Fremau, the business devolved upon his two sons, George Joseph Fremau and his brother, Louis Xavier.

George Joseph Fremau was born May 5, 1887, in Burlington, the son of Louis Xavier Fremau and Anna Louise (Harrington) Fremau, of whom mention is made in the preceding biography. His elementary education was obtained at the old St. Joseph's School and later, at St. Mary's. After two years at the Edmunds High School, he was not able to complete the course, as his father's illness necessitated his leaving school to assist in the business. In this he has remained ever since. A man of recognized probity and of financial soundness and acumen, he is well-liked in the community.

Mr. Fremau was married on April 11, 1915, in Waterbury, by the Reverend Father Robert Devoy, to Jean Elizabeth Norris, who was born at Tupper Lake, New York. She is the daughter of Martin and Mary (Hart) Norris, who were both born in New York State. They have three young children: Dorothy Ann, born April, 1916; Marion Norris, born September 19, 1917; and Barbara Jean, born November 20, 1919.

**BURR ORVILLE FOSTER** was born July 5, 1874, at Moriah Centre, Essex County, New York. He was the son of Orville S. Foster, who died in 1881, and of Electa (Baldwin) Foster, who was born in Starksboro, Vermont, and died in 1898. Mr. Foster's formal education was gained in the Moriah Centre District School and the Potsdam Normal School. He began his business career at the early age of fourteen years as a clerk in the boot and shoe store of A. S. Bacon, of Potsdam, New York, remaining there for two years. He was then employed in the dry goods store of J. G. Cook, Potsdam, remaining there for seven years and then coming to Burlington, Vermont, where in 1896 he was employed by the Old Bee Hive Dry Goods Store. He held this position for eight years. On July 10, 1900, Mr. Foster was married to Margaret A. Beatty of Burlington by the Reverend P. J. Barrett.

On September 1, 1904, Mr. Foster entered the employ of the Standard Oil Company of New York, starting in as a travelling salesman for kerosene lamps and oil heaters. He passed steadily along from one department to another with the company until in 1910 he was made manager of the Burlington division which includes, with slight exceptions, the State of Vermont. In this position he succeeded Mr. R. H. Beeman, who was transferred to the Albany, New York, department. About that time the method of delivery was changing from barrels to horse-drawn tank vehicles—many trips requiring from two to three days. At the present time all deliveries are made by motor vehicles, and many other changes have taken place especially in the growth of the company in total business and in the changing of the plant from North Avenue to Park Avenue which affords easy access to Lake Champlain. At the present time all product is received in Burlington by barge at a great saving in freight. Mr. Foster has lived to see the State consumption of petroleum products grow from 85,000 barrels per year in 1904 to over 1,000,000 barrels per year in 1928.

Mr. Foster has been long and favorably known by thousands of business men throughout the State of Vermont. He has been especially successful in gaining the sincere loyalty of men with whom he has been associated, either as employer or employee. Recognition of Mr. Foster's sympathy for his fellowmen and his ability to organize in times of disaster were especially apparent during the Vermont flood of November, 1927. Many stricken employees and also non-employees throughout the State will recall, with gratitude, his timely and generous assistance during these trying days.

Fraternally, Mr. Foster is affiliated with Washington Lodge, No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons; Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons; Burlington Council, No. 5, Royal and Select Masters; Burlington Consistory, No. 2, of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in the thirty-second degree; and Mount Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Burlington Lodge, No. 916, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Burlington Chamber of Commerce; Burlington Rotary Club; and Burlington Country Club.

**CARLETON CHASE DELANO**—Both methodical and versatile in all his business experience of wide range, Carleton Chase Delano has exhibited his capabilities in the proprietorship of the old-established firm of R. E. Howard & Company, sausage manufacturers, at Burlington, Vermont, as he had already done in his associations with lumber firms and financial institutions whose business life he has shared. Mr. Delano, who is a veteran of the World War, is prominent in the social as well as the business activities of Burlington, a citizen personally valued and highly regarded by the community.

Carleton Chase Delano was born November 19, 1890, at Sharon, Norfolk County, Massachusetts, a son of Walter Herbert Delano, who was born at Medford, Maine, in 1860, and died in January, 1909, and of Gertrude Richards (Hixon) Delano, who was born at Sharon, and is in her sixty-ninth year. Mr. Delano, after attending the public grammar and high schools at Sharon, began work, when he was seventeen years old, in the employ of a Boston stock brokerage house operating on the Boston Curb Exchange, remaining three years with this firm, when he secured a position with the Boston office of a New York Stock Exchange House, that of Hooley Learned Company. He continued with this house when the name was changed to Edwin S. Hooley & Company, advancing to the position of assistant cashier, and so continuing until 1913, when he came to Burlington, Vermont, to enter the employ of the Shepard & Morse Lumber Company, where he held







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the position of assistant foreman in the yards. Returning to Boston, he there worked for the firm of Blacker & Shepard for a year and a half, afterwards resuming work for the Shepard & Morse Lumber Company, for a year, to the time of the enlistment in the World War. After the war, and upon his return to Burlington, Mr. Delano entered the employ of R. E. Howard & Company, famous in many sections of New England for their Little Pig Sausages product. Mr. Delano's progress was rapid and he was soon taken into the firm by Mr. Howard as a partner, and after the death of R. E. Howard, Mr. Delano and R. M. Howard purchased the business and incorporated it under the name of the Howard Sausage Company, Inc.

Fraternally, Mr. Delano is affiliated with Burlington Lodge, No. 100, Free and Accepted Masons; Burlington Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons; Burlington Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar; Cairo Temple, of Rutland, Vermont, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the American Legion; Reserve Officers' Association; United Commercial Travelers; Burlington Country Club; Ethan Allen Club; Rotary Club, of Burlington.

Mr. Delano, entering his country's service in the World War, joined the Engineers' Training Corps, at Camp Devens, Ayer, Massachusetts, and was later transferred to Camp Humphrey, Virginia, where he was made a warrant officer, being sergeant of Company M, 3d Engineers, Training Regiment, and so continued there until the end of the war, when he was honorably discharged, January 7, 1919.

Carleton Chase Delano was married, July 7, 1917, at Shelburne, Vermont, Reverend Dr. Brush performing the ceremony, to Dorothy Ann Howard, daughter of Richard Elmer Howard, who was born in 1873 at Ausable Forks, and died at Burlington, in 1927, in his fifty-fourth year, and of Catherine (Coventry) Howard, also a native of Ausable Forks, who is now in her fifty-second year. Their children are: 1. Norma Catherine, born December 14, 1919. 2. Walter Howard, born July 14, 1927.

**EDMUND TOWLE BROWN, M. D.**—During thirty years of medical practice, Dr. Edmund Towle Brown has built up one of the dominant professional reputations in Vermont and the city of Burlington. His preparation, thorough, especially so in the field of the eye, ear, nose and throat, which he has made his specialty, has been profound, having its sources in clinics of the United States and Austria. As this is written (1928), Dr. Brown has been connected, through his specialty, with the University of Vermont for twelve years, since 1916 having served continuously as professor of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. He is widely known, not alone within the circle and fraternities of physicians and surgeons, but among the people generally, as a citizen of loyal public spirit whose interests parallel those of a growing metropolis. He has assisted consistently in movements designed for the advancement of Burlington, and today is numbered among the city's prominent men. Of interest to many associates, his record is here given.

Dr. Brown was born July 18, 1871, in Bridgewater, Grafton County, New Hampshire, son of Josiah Brown, a native of Bristol, New Hampshire, and Sarah (Towle) Brown, of Meredith, New Hampshire.

In the schools of Bridgewater, Dr. Brown secured his earliest academic instruction. Later he attended school at Ashland and Sanbornton, and then attended New Hampton Literary Institute, at New Hampton, New Hampshire. He then matriculated at the University of Vermont, wherein he became a student in the medical department. His entrance in the school of medicine was in 1895, his graduation therefrom in 1897, with the de-

gree of Doctor of Medicine, after which he began practice at Montgomery Center, remaining there until 1908. In this year he removed to New York City, where he took post-graduate work and became a member of the staff of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, under the direction of Dr. Whiting, specialist in mastoid diseases. It followed that he became attached to the staff of Dr. John McCoy, of Bellevue Hospital, New York City, this preceptor being one of the leading surgeons of the Eastern metropolis. In 1908 he went to Vienna, for further study of the eye, ear, nose and throat, with the intention of making this field of work his special endeavor; and the following year returned to Vermont, on this occasion taking offices in Burlington, at No. 30 Church Street, where he has been engaged continuously ever since, an outstanding figure in the profession. From 1909 to 1916 he was attending oculist and aurist at the Champlain Valley Hospital, Plattsburg, New York. He is attending clinical surgeon of the eye, ear, nose and throat, Mary Fletcher Hospital; eye, ear, nose and throat at Bishop De Goesbriand Memorial Hospital, member of the staff of Fanny Allen Hospital, and attending oculist and aurist at the Home for Destitute Children and Home for Friendless Women.

Fraternally, on both professional and social sides, Dr. Brown is active. He belongs to the Burlington and Chittenden County Clinical Society, Vermont State Medical Association, and is a fellow of the American Medical Association, fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Oto-Laryngology, and fellow of the American College of Surgery, certificated by the American Board for Ophthalmic examinations; also has been certificated by the American Board of Oto-Laryngology. He is a member of Lodge No. 100, Free and Accepted Masons; Burlington Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons; Burlington Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar; and Cairo Temple, at Rutland, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of Lodge, No. 916, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Society of Colonial Wars, Sons of the American Revolution, the Ethan Allen Club and Burlington Country Club. He is a member of the First Congregational Church.

Dr. Brown married, September 5, 1899, Mollie Hardacre, daughter of William Hardacre, native of England, and Katherine (O'Sullivan) Hardacre. Of this union was born a daughter, Mildred, April 28, 1902, wife of Dr. Karl McMahon, of Burlington, and mother of the following children: Edmund Brown, born June 23, 1926; Mary Marsden, born March 15, 1928. The family residence is at No. 381 South Union Street, Burlington.

**PERL CROSBY DAVIS**—One of the most useful, inventive and progressive men engaged in optometry and as a jeweler in Vermont, Perl Crosby Davis, of Burlington, has a remarkable record not only as a jeweler and watch-maker, but also as the founder of new and successful business ventures in those lines, and as the creator of a present-day interest in optometry. Mr. Davis is well-known throughout the State, and is an accepted authority on the eyesight, its protection and care, and a zealous advocate of the highest standards of his profession.

Perl Crosby Davis was born October 22, 1878, in Franklin County, Vermont, a son of Marcus Morris Davis, who was born in the family homestead, in Fletcher, Vermont, and of Josephine Melendy, a native of Bangor, Maine. Marcus Morris Davis was an expert carpenter and joiner, a business with which he divided his time in farming. Perl C. Davis attended the district school at Fletcher, and then began work on his father's farm, so continuing until he was twenty years old, when he decided to learn the jeweler's and watchmaker's trade. Having entered the employ of E. C. Ellsworth, a lead-



ing jeweler and watchmaker of Cambridge, Vermont, who himself was a genius in all branches of the trade, he was recognized by Mr. Ellsworth as a fellow genius. His skillful execution of the most intricate work known to the trade and art of jewelry making, as well as the making of watches, was exhibiting itself within a short time after he began serving his apprenticeship at the jeweler's bench; and so rapid was his progress that, one year after he commenced serving his apprenticeship, Mr. Ellsworth gave Mr. Davis a diploma, in which was set forth the fact that the latter was a finished craftsman in jewelry and watchmaking. To test his ability as a watchmaker, Mr. Ellsworth assigned Mr. Davis to build a watch in all its parts and to assemble it complete, and as a result a watch was furnished equal to the best Swiss watch manufactured. After finishing his trade with Mr. Ellsworth, and while yet in his employ, Mr. Davis took a course in the South Bend, Indiana, Optical College, completing the course in September, 1905; but prior to that, in 1903, he had begun business in jewelry and optical goods on his own account at East Fairfield, Vermont, where he continued for about four years, and then sold out. He then bought out a store which a son of Mr. Ellsworth was conducting in Richmond, Vermont, where he continued for seven or eight years, when he sold his entire stock at auction, and went to work for F. D. Gould and Company, of Watertown, New York, at their Swanton, Vermont, branch store. He was in the employ of this firm but a short time, from May to October, when he became associated with True and Blanchard Company, of Newport, Vermont, as jeweler and watchmaker, engraver and optical expert. In less than a year, this firm sold out to Mr. Davis and Roy Skinner, who carried on under the firm name of Davis and Skinner, jewelers, and cut glass, diamonds and watches, the change having been made to expedite the disposal of this part of the goods on hand. Mr. Davis then came to Burlington, and established his present business in the same location, No. 16 Church Street, as today, where he specializes in optometry and eyesight, having performed some remarkable corrections of cross-eyes.

Mr. Davis was among the first to advocate that the State Legislature pass the law of 1909 relating to optometry, and compelling all who practice the profession to take the State Board examinations. He is a member of the Vermont State Optical Society; the American Optical Society; and Eagle Lodge, No. 67, Free and Accepted Masons, of East Fairfield, Vermont.

Perl Crosby Davis married, September 18, 1901, at Jeffersonville, Vermont, the Reverend H. C. Howard, Congregational minister, officiating, Cynthia Cox, of Cambridge, Vermont, daughter of Byron and Stella (Spaulding) Cox.

**PAUL CHAMBERLIN**—The old Bee Hive store at Burlington, and its very capable management have received State-wide recognition for the reliability and up-to-date popularity attained during the long period in which the establishment has been doing business, and it is an accepted fact that not only have its traditions been kept up by Paul Chamberlin, who is in charge of the store and its activities, but that there is no more modern "bee hive" of industry in the State. Mr. Chamberlin's interests in the store and its progress have been lifelong, and he is well-regarded everywhere for his mercantile attainments, and his ability to maintain and even excel the best standards of an old concern.

Paul Chamberlin was born November 4, 1890, in Burlington, a son of Nelson E. Chamberlin, who was born in 1848, at Canaan, Vermont, and died in 1916, and of Mary Catlin (Doolittle) Chamberlin, who was born in Burlington in 1852, and died in 1904. Mr. Chamberlin attended the Lawrence Barnes School in

Burlington, and after graduating in 1909 from the high school, entered Vermont University. He began work in his father's long-established Bee Hive store, on Church Street when he was twenty years old, and he has continued there to the present. His father had bought the old Bee Hive, in 1880 from Peck Brothers, who had established it in 1853, his father having had many years' experience in this business before he had become connected with this particular establishment; as a young man, one of his first jobs was in Flint's store, at Newport, Vermont; later, he worked for Edward Barlow, of Burlington; and he then represented Farley and Harvey, of Boston, Massachusetts, in the territory covering Massachusetts, Vermont, and Northern New York. Mr. Chamberlin, Sr., died in 1916, and left the business to his surviving children, two sons and a daughter. After his death, in order to keep the business and estate intact, a company was incorporated, and the stock interest divided between the surviving children, who have carried on The old Bee Hive, on Church Street, Burlington, and the department store, at Lakeside, near the Queen City Cotton Mills, both stores occupying leading places in their respective communities. Later, Paul Chamberlin and his brother-in-law, Mr. Eben Sutton, bought out H. D. Chamberlin's interest in the corporation.

Fraternally, Mr. Chamberlin is affiliated with Burlington Lodge, No. 100, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a thirty-second degree member of the Scottish Rite; also, Mount Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Ethan Allen Club; and the Burlington Country Club.

**FREDERICK ALBERT BRAINERD**—In his long association with the interests of the Queen City Cotton Company, in Burlington, Frederick Albert Brainerd has fulfilled the expectations of the directorship of that leading industry, and the office he holds as assistant treasurer is the result of a ready mentality to acquire the methods and usages of the business of his firm, as well as of a proven ability to enter upon its increasing sphere of activity in his responsible relationships.

Frederick Albert Brainerd was born January 26, 1884, in Boston, Massachusetts, a son of George Edward Brainerd, who was born in 1847, at Peacham, Vermont, and died in 1900, in his fifty-third year, and of Caroline (Smith) Brainerd, who was born in the Province of Quebec, near the Vermont border. Upon the removal of his parents to Lyndon Village, Vermont, Mr. Brainerd attended Lyndon Academy; and in after years he completed his education at Burlington Business College. In 1903, Mr. Brainerd entered the employ of the Queen City Cotton Company, where he began as office stenographer; and he was later advanced to contract clerk, a position he filled until 1919, when he was made assistant treasurer, his present office with the company. In 1928, having completed twenty-five years of service with the company, the latter elected him a member of its board of directors. Fraternal, Mr. Brainerd is affiliated with Burlington Lodge, No. 100, Free and Accepted Masons; and with Hamilton Lodge, No. 14, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Frederick Albert Brainerd married, October 8, 1908, at Lyndon, Vermont, Mabel Agnes Jacobs, daughter of John Jacobs, who was born in New York State, and of Delia (Ploof) Jacobs. They have one child, Barbara Brainerd, born August 13, 1922.

**JOHN BAPTISTE EMILE CHEVRIER**—One of the French-Canadians who have contributed so much to the financial and industrial stability of the city of Winooski, Mr. Chevrier has achieved a place for himself in its civic structure that is noteworthy to a degree. He



was born, as were his father and mother, in Rigaud, in the Province of Quebec, Canada, June 25, 1871. His father, Louis Joseph Octave Chevrier, born October 26, 1840, was the son of Francois Emelien Chevrier; and his mother, Alvina (Fletcher) Chevrier, a daughter of John and Adeline (Barcelon) Fletcher, was born December 8, 1844, and died in March, 1887.

After finishing his education at Bourget College in Canada, Mr. Chevrier came to Winooski as a young man of twenty-six and entered the grocery store of McBride and Platka to acquire experience. Later, he established a business of his own, and this first shoe store that he opened was the beginning of the large and infinitely prosperous one that was conducted under his name at the time of his retirement in 1923. In 1903, Mr. Chevrier built the large brick block that houses his shoe establishment on Malletts Bay Avenue. Mr. Chevrier has taken an interest always in fraternal affairs and was the organizer of the first branch to be established in Winooski of Les Artisans Canadiens Francais, in 1898, and is also a member of L'Union St. Jean Baptiste of Woonsocket, Rhode Island.

On June 22, 1897, John Baptiste Emile Chevrier was married at St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church to Lillian Lavigne, daughter of Joseph W. and Marie (Chagnon) Lavigne, both of whom were born in the Province of Quebec, Canada.

**ARSÈNE LOUIS BOUCHER**—Executive head of the firm of Arsène Boucher and Son, undertakers and embalmers at No. 169 North Street, Burlington, Vermont, Arsène Louis Boucher has been very successful in this enterprise to which he has given his time and attention for many years. Mr. Boucher is thoroughly trained in his profession, keeping well abreast of all the latest methods employed, while his equipment is of the most modern type obtainable, and in every way, aided by his quick sympathy and ready tact, he has endeavored to supply to the community an undertaking service of the highest type.

Mr. Boucher was born on April 14, 1864, in Henryville, Province of Quebec, Canada, a son of Louis Boucher, born in 1814 at St. Sebastian, formerly part of Henryville, Quebec, who died in 1870, and for Matilda (Lanoue) Boucher, who was born in the Province of Quebec, September 26, 1839, and died in 1916 in the seventy-seventh year of her age.

Arsène Louis Boucher attended the parochial schools of his birthplace, and later the local grammar school where he completed his education. At the age of eighteen, he began work on his mother's farm, remaining for a year after which he took up his residence at Fort Edward, New York, and began to learn the barber's trade in a shop of that place. During the four years of what may be termed his apprenticeship, he became thoroughly familiar with barbering work, and when he opened his own shop in the old Hotel Burlington, at Burlington, Vermont, his success was assured. In this enterprise he prospered, building up a wide patronage among the local townspeople as well as in the surrounding territory, the demands on his service constantly increasing until he disposed of his interests in 1903. At this time he decided to adopt the undertaking profession, and bought out the establishment of D. F. Renaud on North Street, Burlington, which he prepared to operate personally under his own name. With this in mind, and in order that he might be better equipped to carry on the work, he undertook the course of study at the Dodge Embalming School, in Boston, Massachusetts. Upon the completion of this work he had mastered the very latest methods of embalming practice and put them into immediate use in his own business, which he soon built up to prosperous proportions. Since that time, Mr. Boucher has continued his study constantly, at-

tending numerous lectures, in order that he might remain in the forefront of his profession and adopt the latest discoveries as they are proved of value in use. In later years Mr. Boucher's son, Frederick J. Boucher, joined him in the enterprise, having previously taken a course in embalming to fit him for the work, and after several years of active participation in the management of the business, he was admitted to partnership in 1925, and the name of the firm was changed to its present form, Arsène Boucher and Son.

For many years Mr. Boucher has taken an active part in the civic and political life of Burlington, heartily supporting every movement for advance and progress. He held the office of police commissioner under Mayors Bigelow and Roberts for three years, discharging all the duties of this difficult position with the greatest efficiency, while the people of the Third Ward of the city have honored him by twice electing Mr. Boucher to represent them on the Board of Aldermen. Mr. Boucher is also a member of the St. Jean Baptiste Society, the Union St. Jean Baptiste d' Amerique, Council No. 36, and of St. Joseph's Society, playing a prominent part in the work of all these associations.

On July 14, 1891, in St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church at Burlington, Arsène Louis Boucher married Hattie Delima Ward, the Reverend Father Jerome M. Cloarec officiating. Mrs. Boucher is a daughter of Henry Ward, a popular barber in Burlington for many years, who was born on the lower road in that city in 1854, and died in 1919 in his sixty-fifth year, and of Rose Delima (Frageau) Ward, of Notre Dame Stanbridge, in the Province of Quebec, Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Boucher are the parents of several children: 1. Adeline Hattie, born, November 28, 1892, married Albert J. Deyette, and they have one child, Bernard Albert. 2. Frederick Joseph, born, June 13, 1894, married Lalah Desseau. 3. Vivian Clarissa, born November 8, 1896, married Lawrence Michael Barrett, engineer of the steamer "Vermont." 4. Claudia Lillian, born, November 4, 1898. 5. René Gerard, born November 5, 1906. 6. Paulita Josephene, born, March 19, 1910. 7. Lorraine Anna, born, December 26, 1916. The family residence in Burlington is situated at No. 169 North Street.

**MASON GAYLORD BEEBE**—The most desirable standards of pharmacy in this State have no more thorough going advocate than Mason Gaylord Beebe, who is very prominent in the councils of his professional associations in both State and Nation, and whose drug store establishment is conducted upon the basis of an undeviating excellence in all matters pertaining to the present-day drug store. Mr. Beebe is everywhere known, respected and esteemed for the success he has achieved as a representative of the best things in the pharmaceutical world.

Mason Gaylord Beebe was born July 25, 1876, at Swanton, Vermont, the son of Ezra Himes Beebe, born April 15, 1858, in Highgate, and died in 1920, at Burlington, in his seventy-seventh year, and of Amelia Annaliza (Aseltine) Beebe, born in 1854, at Swanton, and died in 1924, in her seventieth year. Mr. Beebe attended the grammar and high schools at Swanton, graduating from high school in 1892, under Principal F. L. Graves. He then went to New York City, and matriculated at the School of Pharmacy in Columbia University, graduating with the class of 1901 with his degree of Doctor of Philosophy. He remained in New York City, and worked as a clerk in a drug store for a short time; and in September, 1904, he came to Burlington, and bought an interest in the drug store of R. B. Stearns and Company, the partnership continuing until 1916, when he purchased the Stearns interest and became the sole owner. Under his able management, this business has continued to prosper, since he first entered upon it,



steadily growing in importance until it is now the leading drug store in Burlington, requiring the services of seven clerks.

Mr. Beebe holds a leading place among the pharmacists of the State of Vermont, who elected him secretary of the State Board of Pharmacists, an office which he held from 1911 to 1918. He also served as vice-president of the National Association Boards of Pharmacy in 1912. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Mississquoi Lodge, No. 76, Free and Accepted Masons; and he is a charter member of the Rotary Club; was president of the Burlington Country Club, in 1928, and member of the Board of Governors.

Mason Gaylord Beebe married, September 6, 1905, in Newark, New Jersey, at the residence of his wife's parents, Margaret Jeannette Reid, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Reid. They have one son, Mason Reid Beebe, who was born June 28, 1912.

**HENRY LOUIS BOUCHER**—Industry and perseverance are qualities that have proven the value of Henry Louis Boucher to the mercantile interest of Winooski, and these qualities have proven leading reasons for his success in whatsoever he undertakes, and notably is this so in his general store-keeping. Mr. Boucher was born January 27, 1876, in Dunham, Province of Quebec, a son of John Baptiste Boucher, who was born at St. Alexander, Province of Quebec, in 1837, died in his sixty-sixth year, and is buried at North Adams, Massachusetts, and of Sophie (Dodlon) Boucher, who was born at Major's Corners, Dunham, Quebec, and is now (1928) in her eighty-seventh year.

Mr. Boucher gained his schooling in the parochial school at Major's Corners, a schoolhouse that he helped to build, and then he began work in the hosiery mill at Stanbridge, Quebec, at the age of twelve years, so continuing to his nineteenth year. Removing to Winooski, Vermont, with a view to finding work there, he began work in the Winooski Woolen Mills as a weaver, the first person he met and talked with upon his arrival being the young lady whom he later married. Subsequently, Mr. Boucher became foreman of cop winders for two years when he returned to weaving, at which he continued until he decided to launch into business on his own account. He owned the lot on which he built his present store and home in 1923, where he established an up-to-date, well-equipped general store, where he has prospered, giving his undivided attention to his grocery. He is a member of L'Union St. Jean Baptiste.

Henry Louis Boucher married, September 27, 1899, at St. Xavier Roman Catholic Church, in Winooski, Reverend Father Oudette officiating, Mary Mongeon, daughter of (Alphonse) Adophus Mongeon, who was born in Vershea, Quebec, and of Thersile (Langlois) Mongeon, who was born in Sutton, Quebec. Their children: 1. Blanche E., born February 10, 1901, married, June 4, 1928, Albert Angen. 2. Leonard, born July 2, 1903. 3. Idola. 4. Raymond. 5. Hubert. 6. Pearl. 7. Omar.

**WILLIAM GUILLOME BUSHEY**—Actively engaged in a business that is of vital importance in a community, there is no more highly considered member of the civic life of Winooski than William Guillome Bushey, one of the town's leading pharmacists. He was born January 7, 1871, in Winooski, a son of Octave and Mary (Terrier) Bushey. Octave Bushey, his father, was born in Cooperstown, Orange County, New York, September 29, 1844, and is a veteran of the Civil War, having enlisted in 1864 in Company H, 9th Vermont Volunteers. He was badly wounded, and was honorably discharged in 1865. He married a daughter of Alexander Terrier and of their five children, William Guillome

was the second son. Like most of the boys of the town, William Guillome Bushey went to the district school and early to work. He first went into the plant where his father was employed, the Venetian Blind Company, at that time one of the important industries of the community. His father had been with the company for several years and at the time of his retirement had been its superintendent for many years. The younger Bushey remained there only a short time as he was ambitious to study pharmacy, and to do so went into the drug store of John Jewett to acquire practical knowledge. For several years he worked under the spur of ambition with other local pharmacists, becoming finally prescription clerk and at last qualifying for his State license and passing the examinations of the State Board of Examiners and receiving their full permission to practice pharmacy. With the small capital he had gathered he started his own drug store and has for years served the public well, and with unfailing courtesy, and with high regard for the ethics of his profession. That he has not lacked for public appreciation is evidenced by his success. Mr. Bushey has at all times shown a civic devotion and held a deep interest in the physical development of the town of Winooski, and is responsible for several real estate exploitations that have proved to be of permanent benefit to the growth of his native town. His keen understanding of real estate values has made his opinion worth while to investors and has materially added to his own fortunes. Mr. Bushey is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, Iroquois Camp, the St. Peter's Society and the Society of St. Leon.

On March 25, 1894, at St. Francis Xavier Church, Winooski, Mr. Bushey was united in marriage to Ellen Louise Devino, the Reverend Father Oudette officiating. Mrs. Bushey was a daughter of William and Victoria (Mayhew) Devino, both natives of the State. Two children were born to them, both now married and having children of their own: 1. Henrietta, born January 6, 1895; married Leo Gershon and has three children, the twins, Leon and Leona, who were born in 1917 and Austin, born in 1921. 2. Cecile, the second daughter, was born March 20, 1899, and married George Blais. Mrs. Bushey died January 15, 1927, and Mr. Bushey married (second), September 24, 1928, Mrs. Clara Le Belle, of Burlington, Vermont.

**ARTHUR JAMES BARRY**—One of the professional men who has had an outstanding part in the development of his section of the State of Vermont, is Arthur James Barry, city engineer of Winooski. Surely, in the competent hands of architects, builders and engineers, lies the crystalization of the ideals of the civic government in its up-building of a community. Mr. Barry's training for his present position has been thorough and along lines susceptible of broadening, for while he is now assisting in the development of a small community, he has done constructive work in the great metropolis of Manhattan. Mr. Barry was born August 3, 1899, in Fairfield, Franklin County, Vermont, the son of James Richard and Rose (Failey) Barry. His father was born in Fairfield, August 6, 1869, the son of Patrick Charles Barry, and had the distinction of having driven the first electric car run in Boston, Massachusetts. His mother, also a native of Fairfield, was born January 25, 1871, and was a daughter of Lawrence Failey.

Arthur James Barry received his preliminary education in the graded school and later attended St. Albans High School, from which he was graduated in 1917. He then entered the University of Vermont taking the course in civil engineering and graduating from there with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. While at college he was made a member of the Sigma Nu and the Kappa Mu Epsilon fraternities, and since has become a member of the Vermont Society of Engineers. After







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his graduation Mr. Barry entered his profession with James E. Cashman, a leading contractor and builder of Burlington, for whom he worked through the summer of 1923. He then went to New York and obtained a place in the Topographical Department of New York City. He returned to Burlington to become assistant City Engineer and left that work to assume charge of Winooski, as head of the city engineering office, an appointment which is still active.

On September 15, 1924, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception of Burlington, by the Rev. Father John Barnes, Mr. Barry was married to Florence Mae Eldred, daughter of Samuel David and Elizabeth Susanna (Clements) Eldred. Her father was born in Montgomery, Vermont, December 3, 1859, and died July 12, 1922. Her mother was born on board ship crossing from England to Canada, in 1871.

**HOWARD S. CRANE**—In his management of the plant of the Burlington Venetian Blind Company, and the Vermont Shade Roller establishment, at Vergennes, Vermont, Howard S. Crane has steadily expanded the activities of these well-known concerns, and their present place and popularity among Vermont manufactories have been secured by his practical and experienced co-operation. A veteran of the World War, Mr. Crane is prominent in Burlington's business and social activities, and is a factor in the industrial life both of Burlington and Vergennes.

Howard S. Crane was born September 30, 1888, at Muskegon, Michigan, a son of Clarence Guy Crane, a native of Burlington, Vermont, who died in 1918, and of Johanna (Apoll) Crane, who was born in Muskegon, Michigan, and survives her husband. When Howard S. Crane was four years old, his parents removed to Burlington, where he attended the public schools; he finished his education at the Vermont Business College. When he was eighteen years old, he started to work in the office of the American Woolen Company, at Winooski, and after remaining there two years, he was employed in the lumber yard of his grandfather, in Burlington, the W. and D. G. Crane Lumber Company, where he first served his apprenticeship in the lumber business. From this beginning in the lumber yard, he was advanced to general manager in charge of all the work in the yards and plant of the Burlington Venetian Blind Company, as well as of the Vermont Shade Roller plant, at Vergennes, Vermont, where he gives employment to sixty-five people. The famous Venetian Artesian well known hereabouts for its fine water, is on the same property on which stands the Burlington Venetian Blind company's mill; the rights to use the water from this well are leased to M. and F. C. Dorn Company, managers and manufacturers of bottled beverages, and producers of the well-known and widely distributed "Venetian" brand ginger ale.

Mr. Crane early decided, during the World War, to enter the Plattsburg, New York, training camp, to fit himself with military training, and here he received his first commission as First Lieutenant. He then went to England and entered the air service training camp there, and after training, saw service on the battle front, and was promoted to Captain, which rank he held until mustered out of the service in 1919.

Fraternally, Mr. Crane is affiliated with Burlington Lodge, No. 916, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Burlington Lodge, No. 100, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a thirty-second degree member of the Scottish Rite, and Mount Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; he is a member of the Vermont Industries Association; Burlington Chamber of Commerce, Champlain Yacht Club, Burlington Country Club, and the Mohegan Club.

Howard S. Crane married, June 8, 1924, in the Little

Church Around the Corner, Madison Avenue and 29th Street, New York City, Mrs. Catherine (Marks) Manning, daughter of Charles Marks, a native of Stony-point, New York, and Johanna Marks. Their children are: Howard S., Jr., born August 17, 1927; and two stepdaughters: Catherine Marks Manning, and Mary Brewster Manning.

**NELSON ARTHUR DOLE**—The career of Nelson Arthur Dole, late of Danville, where he was a leading citizen and business factor through an extended period, is of variety and interest. He belonged to one of the oldest families in New England, and was of the fourth generation to reside in the village of Danville, his great grandfather having taken a farm here after the turn of the nineteenth century. The surname, of English origin, was originally *de Dole*, indicating the home of the family, derived from an ancient city of the name. It is, incidentally, one of the few names in England that has been spelled the same through five hundred years, members of the house having been of record in the time of the Norman Conquest. Nelson Arthur Dole was in the eighth generation from the family's progenitor in the United States. Here the line is briefly traced.

(I) Richard Dole, immigrant ancestor, was a native of England, progenitor of almost all the Dole families in America. Son of William Dole and grandson of Richard Dole, he was baptized at Ringworth, about ten miles from Bristol, England, December 31, 1622, and in youth was apprenticed to John Lowell, a glover, of Bristol. When his employer, with father and brother, came to New England, 1639, he brought Richard Dole with him. First as clerk to the Lowells, and later as independent proprietor and business man, he attained to a position of comparative wealth. He married (first) May 3, 1647, Hannah Rolfe, daughter of the widow Rolfe; married (second), March 4, 1679, Hannah Brocklebank, of Rowley; and (third) Patience Walker. Of the first union there were issue, one son being Richard, 2d.

(II) Richard Dole, 2d, was born September 6, 1650, and died at Newbury, August 1, 1720. He married (first) Sarah Greenleaf, June 7, 1677; and (second) Elizabeth Stickney, of Rowley, who died in 1767.

(III) Stephen Dole, son of Richard Dole, 2d, and Sarah (Greenleaf) Dole, was born December 2, 1686, and there died (at Newbury), January 28, 1741-42. He married, November 29, 1716, Susannah Noyes; and one of their sons was named Richard, 3d.

(IV) Richard Dole, 3d, born in Newbury, February 4, 1722, married, January 14, 1745-46, Susannah Noyes—whose maiden name was the same as his mother's. Children were born, among them Silas.

(V) Silas Dole was born in Newbury, September 10, 1755, and died in Danville, August 7, 1831. He was a soldier in the Revolution, from Newbury, a private in Captain Eliphalet Spafford's company of Minute Men on the Lexington alarm, April 19, 1775, and in November and December of that year was with Captain Stephen Kent in defense of the sea coast. He was also in Captain Joseph Ilsley's company, Colonel Cogswell's regiment, 1776. For a time Silas Dole lived in New Bedford, and located in Danville in 1801, since which year the family has flourished here. He married Judith Ralfe, of Newbury, and they had many children.

(VI) Stephen Dole, 2d, was born at New Bedford, Massachusetts, May 23, 1792, and died in Danville, November 21, 1868. He succeeded to the home farm, and owned three hundred acres in Danville; a mechanic and inventor, he devised and built a one-horse threshing machine, said to have been the first used in this part of Vermont; was for two years at the West Point military academy, and rose to the rank of major-general in the militia. He married Calista Roberts, daughter of



General Joel Roberts, who was an officer in the Revolution and first representative from St. Johnsbury to Massachusetts State Legislature. They had a son Joel Roberts.

(VII) Joel Roberts Dole was born in Danville, January 18, 1821, and here died, February 3, 1896. He became a successful farmer, well to do, on the homestead occupied by his father and grandfather, and was a man of prominence. Joel Roberts Dole married Emily Nutting, who was born at Danville, May 4, 1828, and died here, December 9, 1908, a daughter of Samuel and Deliverance (Morse) Nutting and granddaughter of Abiezer Nutting, soldier in the Revolution. Of this union were born children: 1. Margaret, born October 30, 1855, who died in 1899, wife of Horace Warden. 2. Estelle, born August 1, 1857, married Byron Varnum, and died October, 1922. 3. Nelson Arthur, of whom follows. 4. Harvey Samuel (see a following biography). 5. Calista, born July 1, 1863, married Charles Gilfillan, and died July, 1926. 6. Stephen, 3d, born September 12, 1865. 7. Helen, born January 30, 1868, and died about 1920. 8. Mary, born July 26, 1870, married Albert E. Currier. 9. Florence, born September 23, 1872, married Frank Moore.

(VIII) Nelson Arthur Dole, third child and eldest son of Joel Roberts and Emily (Nutting) Dole, was born in Danville, June 21, 1859, and received his earliest education in the public schools of this community, afterward taking secondary instruction in St. Johnsbury Academy. During youth he worked on the home farm, and thereafter, entering the general merchandising business, formed a partnership with Albert E. Currier, his brother-in-law of mention above. Together they conducted a merchandising enterprise through many years, until, in 1912, Mr. Dole purchased Mr. Currier's interest. Commercially, and in diversified directions of finance, Mr. Dole was successful, possessed of a round fortune.

Nelson Arthur Dole interested himself widely in affairs of village, town, county and State. A Republican, he held party influence, which he employed wisely for the greatest good to the greatest number of people. For sixteen years he served Danville as postmaster, and with the rank of colonel was a member of the staff of Governor Bell over a lengthy period. For four years he was assistant judge of Caledonia County Court. A member of the Grange, he kept in constant touch with matters of agricultural significance. He attended the Congregational church, was liberal in its support, contributed to all worthy causes that came to his notice, and gave valued assistance in the several campaigns of patriotic appeal during the World War.

Nelson Arthur Dole married, February 25, 1891, Susan M. Durant, of Danville, daughter of Dr. James S. Durant and Alice (Morrill) Durant, granddaughter of French and Susan Morrill, and great granddaughter of Molly (Dale) Morrill. Her father was born at Walden, Vermont, in 1825, and died in Danville, 1892. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1852, from Dartmouth School of Medicine in 1855, and for several years served as principal of Phillips Academy, Danville, finally opening medical offices and continuing successfully engaged at practice until the time of his death. He was a man of leading characteristics, highly thought of in medical and lay circles, a prominent citizen whose loss was keenly felt.

Nelson Arthur Dole died, in Danville, June 15, 1922, at the age of sixty-two years, lacking six days of the sixty-third anniversary of his birth. The works of his lifetime were of enduring worth to Danville and the county, and he is recalled with affection as one beloved.

**HARVEY SAMUEL DOLE**—Member of a family well known in Caledonia County and himself long of prominent position in the town of Danville, Harvey

Samuel Dole was descended in the eighth generation from the progenitor in America, the line being thus:

Richard Dole, immigrant ancestor, was a native of England, and the progenitor of almost all the Dole families in the United States. He was the son of William Dole and grandson of Richard Dole. His son Richard Dole, 2d, married (first), Sarah Greenleaf, and (second) Elizabeth Stickney. Stephen Dole, son of Richard Dole, 2d, and Sarah (Greenleaf) Dole married Susannah Noyes, and their son Richard Dole, 3d, married Susannah Noyes, whose maiden name was the same as his mother's. Their son, Silas Dole, was a soldier in the Revolution, and he married Judith Ralfe. Among their children was Stephen Dole, 2d, grandfather of Harvey Samuel Dole. He married Calista Roberts, and they had a son Joel Roberts.

Joel Roberts Dole was born in Danville, January 18, 1821, and here died, February 3, 1896. He became a successful farmer, and married Emily Nutting, who was born at Danville, May 4, 1828, and died here, December 9, 1908, a daughter of Samuel and Deliverance (Morse) Nutting. Of this union were born children: 1. Margaret. 2. Estelle. 3. Nelson Arthur (see a preceding biography). 4. Harvey Samuel, of whom follows. 5. Calista. 6. Stephen, 3d. 7. Helen. 8. Mary. 9. Florence.

Harvey Samuel Dole, fourth child and second son of Joel Roberts and Emily (Nutting) Dole, was born in Danville, April 16, 1861, the fourth of his line to reside on the homestead acres. He secured his elementary academic instruction in the public schools of Danville, and had his secondary training in Phillips Academy, of this community. As his forefathers, he early engaged in agricultural pursuits, and made of them his career, dealing also in lumber and in stock, though farming continued always to be his central line of occupation. A Republican, he served the town of Danville as selectman, and in 1908 was representative to State Legislature. While at the State House he saw enactment of legislation of lasting benefit to his constituency, much of which he was instrumental in passing through the lower chamber. For a number of years, until the time of his death, he acted as justice of the peace.

Steadily, through his career, Harvey Samuel Dole was active in civic affairs, carrying consistently the interests of the people as his own. He belonged to the Grange, was a leading figure in this fraternity, was trustee of Peacham Academy, attended the Congregational church, which he supported liberally, was chairman of the Cemetery Association, and long president of the Village Improvement Association, functions of which, under his administration, proved of much value to the village and town.

Harvey Samuel Dole married, June 26, 1889, Alice Durant, daughter of Dr. James S. Durant. Her father, a native of Walden, Vermont, was born in 1825. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1852, and from Dartmouth Medical School in 1855. For several years he served as principal of Phillips Academy, of Danville, and finally opened medical offices in this village. He continued successfully to practice the profession of medicine until his demise, in 1892. Dr. Durant died of the grippe, during the first epidemic of grippe ever recognized in America. Dr. Durant married Alice Morrill, a daughter of French and Susan Morrill; and she survived him, her death occurring February 12, 1920. Through his generation, Dr. Durant was a man of dominant qualities, highly esteemed in medical circles and lay groups alike.

Harvey Samuel and Alice (Durant) Dole became the parents of a son, James Durant, who was born November 9, 1891. He attended Peacham Academy and Harwich University, afterwards taking a course at Burdett Business College in Boston. He is a farmer and dealer in live stock. He is a Republican and a member of the



Congregational church. He married, November 18, 1914, Marion Lowell Brennan and they have three children: Joel Roberts, born October 23, 1915; Lillian Durant, born July 3, 1917; and Harvey Nelson, born November 1, 1925. James Durant Dole lives in the home of his grandfather Dr. Durant.

Harvey Samuel Dole died April 17, 1924, and is survived to the present (1928) by Alice (Durant) Dole, who is librarian in the Ladies Library Association of Danville. Tributes to the memory of Harvey Samuel Dole have been many, sincere; for he made a definite and firm impress on the hearts of those around him. He is recalled with deep affection wherever he was known, as a beloved and distinguished citizen and man, member of a notable family and generous contributor to the advancement of Danville, town and county.

**FRANK MUNROE CULVER**—Owner of the largest dry goods store in Essex Junction, the A. B. Rugg Company, Frank Munroe Culver, while a resident here for a comparatively brief period, brought to his present concern varied experience in merchandising and financial pursuits. He did not, as is often the case, merely drift into business life, for in his school days he had decided upon commerce as a career, and fortified himself with a course in a business college. This early training, combined with his own knowledge, energy, industry, and acumen have made him a paramount figure in business circles throughout the State.

Mr. Culver's father, George Munroe Culver, was born June 1, 1848, in Berlin, Vermont, and in 1928, celebrated his eightieth birthday. His mother was Ida (Robinson) Culver, of Jericho, Vermont, who died at Stowe, in 1924, in her seventy-third year. She was a daughter of Thomas and Martha (Choate) Robinson, a descendant of the famous Choate family. George Munroe Culver was a manufacturer of butter tubs, with a factory in Stowe.

Frank Munroe Culver was born May 29, 1879, in Stowe, Lamoille County, Vermont, and here he attended the local schools, including high school. Later he entered St. Johnsbury Academy, gave earnest attention to his studies there, and then matriculated at Barber's Business College and completed his education in that institution. His first contact with commerce began when he entered Lamoille County Savings Bank & Trust Company, employed as a teller there for his first year with this institution. At the end of that time he was made treasurer of the bank, an office he filled for the ensuing fifteen years, and achieved one of the most remarkable records ever made by an institution of this size. During his occupancy of the treasurer's office the deposits in the Lamoille County Savings Bank & Trust Company were increased from six hundred thousand dollars to three million dollars, much credit for this increase being conferred upon Mr. Culver. While thus employed he purchased an interest in a dry goods and furniture store in Stowe, with a branch at Hyde Park. This was about five years before he severed his connections with the bank, and during this last period he labored so hard in the conduct of his business and his duties of treasurer of the bank that his health was impaired. This led to his disposing of his interests at Stowe and Hyde Park, in 1924. After a brief period of rest and recreation, he came to Essex Junction, in 1925, and here purchased the A. B. Rugg Company Dry Goods Store, which has continued to be his chief interest in life. This concern, as heretofore stated, was the first of its kind founded in Essex Junction and, while it already was well and favorably known throughout this section, Mr. Culver has signally increased the volume of business done by the store and at the same time has given superior service to customers thereof.

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Throughout his mature years Mr. Culver gave unstintedly to proposals designed for the public weal and ever was ready and willing to assist, both financially and otherwise, in these movements. During his residence in Hyde Park he was a member of the board of trustees of the Congregational Church there for twelve years, and also served that town for three years as treasurer. Since removing to Essex Junction he has again become conspicuous in the works of his church, and for more than three years has been a member of the board of trustees of the Congregational Church here. His fraternal affiliations include Mystic Lodge, No. 56, Free and Accepted Masons, of Stowe.

Frank Munroe Culver married, June 3, 1902, in Stowe, Mabel Godfrey, the ritual having been performed by Rev. S. F. Drew.

**ALMONDE ELMORE BURDICK, M. D.**—A native of Vermont, having been born at Cambridge, October 27, 1868, Dr. Almonde Elmore Burdick, one of the superior practitioners in Essex Junction, has attained considerable repute outside the confines of this town, being a member of the staff of two noted hospitals. His hospital work is carried on in addition to his private practice, which has steadily increased since he first came to this section and opened his offices.

Dr. Burdick's father, Wellington Watson Burdick, was born in Fletcher, Vermont, in 1847, and he passed away in 1900, at Nashua, New Hampshire. He had married Lodisa Wood, born in Cambridge, Vermont, in 1848, deceased in 1888.

Almonde Elmore Burdick gained his elementary schooling in the primary and district schools at Fletcher. Later he found opportunity to fulfill his desire for the study of medicine and entered Vermont University Medical School. Here he devoted himself to earnest study and research, which resulted in that institution graduating him in 1895. After his graduation, he went before the Board of Regents of the state, and after he had passed the severe examination required by that body, he was given a license to practice medicine. Since coming to Essex Junction he has continued his study in private, and as his training and knowledge became generally recognized he has assumed a position second to none among his profession here. Testifying to his skill and training is the fact that he is a member of the staff of Bishop De Goesbriand Hospital, and Fanny Allen Hospital, having had the benefit of the general practice in both these institutions. Bishop De Goesbriand Hospital is affiliated with the Hôtel Dieu of Montreal, Canada. A man of intellect and a deep thinker, Dr. Burdick has followed closely developments in the outside world, while at the same time he has taken an intimate interest in local projects and undertakings. He is generous in his support of charity, and oftentimes receives no pay for his treatment of patients in unfortunate circumstances. The duties of a man in the profession and avocation such as is occupied by Dr. Burdick prohibit him from a great many social activities, although he is a member of Webster Lodge, No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons.

Dr. Burdick married, September 1, 1908, in Winooski, Vermont, Anna Elizabeth Hardacre, the marriage rites being performed by Rev. P. J. Rand. Mrs. Anna Elizabeth (Hardacre) Burdick's parents were William Hardacre, born in Yorkshire, England, who died in his sixty-second year, and Catherine O'Sullivan, a native of Ireland.

**CHARLES ALEXANDER NICHOLS**—A son of rugged New England parents, Charles Alexander Nichols is among those numerous successful men of today who look back and vision a "little red school-house" which



gave them their early education, a training while not usually advanced, brought out the best that was in a youth and later led him to success. While Mr. Nichols's career has not been spectacular, nevertheless he has lived a full life, devoting himself earnestly to betterment of his community, and has reared, carefully and kindly, a family of five children. It is men of this sort, of retiring disposition, yet of rugged constitution and determined strength of mind, who have done the most in building up this great nation. Mr. Nichols, although he spent most of his life in agricultural pursuits, has since disposed of his farm and resides in Essex Junction, where, in order to avoid idleness, more than anything else, he has contracted for the transportation of mails.

Mr. Nichols was born March 5, 1857, in Essex Center, on the old Nichols homestead. His parents, both now deceased, were Charles Henry and Abigail L. (Warner) Nichols. Charles Henry Nichols was born in Waterbury, Vermont, and Charles Alexander Nichols spent his happy boyhood days on his father's farm and attended school in a little red school-house. Later he received additional training in the Essex Classical Institute, receiving his diploma after four years' study in this institution. His father, at that time, was the owner of a general store, and Mr. Nichols, after completing his education began work in this store. A cousin, Marvin Nichols, soon entered the concern as a partner, and with him Mr. Nichols continued work in this business for three years, at the expiration of that time returning to the family farm. There he continued his agricultural pursuits, until his father's death in 1900, and then assumed entire control over it, until he disposed of it in 1920. It was his intention at that time to retire, and he moved into Essex Junction, where he bought the property formerly owned and occupied by George Willie. Here Mr. Nichols since has resided, but he soon became dissatisfied with his inactivity, which led to him obtaining the contract for transportation of United States mails between the railway station and the post office. Although having been confined most of his life to his duties as a farmer, and consequently somewhat isolated from the more popular scenes, Mr. Nichols has ever evidenced a strong public spirit and is more than fulfilling his duties of citizenship. Every worthy cause has found him a collaborator, and he has given of his time and talents toward civic affairs. His fraternal affiliations are: Ethan Allen Lodge, No. 72, Free and Accepted Masons; and Lodge No. 18, Knights of Pythias.

In June, 1881, in the old family home at Essex Center, Charles Alexander Nichols married Jennie E. Warner, daughter of James Fay Warner, who was born in Essex Center, and died there in 1913, at the age of sixty-nine, and of Hannah (Thompson) Warner, also deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Nichols have been born five children: 1. Gertrude Ethel, married Leslie Jordan. 2. Emeroy Josephine, married Herbert J. Remington. 3. Marvin Erma, married Loyal Remington. 4. Warner Fay, married Dorris Brown. 5. Richard Donald, married Kathryn Carey.

**RALPH A. JONES**—With an excellent, substantial record in the field of finance, Ralph A. Jones is a prominent factor in the banking life of North Bennington as cashier of the First National Bank of this city, to which responsible post he was elected in 1911. Mr. Jones has devoted his entire business career to financial activities and he has established a reputation as one of the most popular as well as one of the most expert men among the banking institutions of this Commonwealth.

Mr. Jones was born in Hoosick Falls, New York, March 21, 1875, son of Albert M. and Freelove (Allen) Jones, the former formerly active in the commercial life of Hoosick Falls. Ralph A. Jones was educated in the public schools of Hoosick Falls, New York, and upon

the completion of his formal education, entered the First National Bank of Hoosick Falls as clerk. In that capacity, he remained for six years, acquiring a thorough foundation in banking operation, after which he came to North Bennington to accept the position of teller with the First National Bank in 1897. Mr. Jones devoted himself to the interests of his organization to which he attracted much new business and increased the number of depositors by his courteous attention to all patrons as well as by his pleasant personality. He progressed steadily with the result that in 1911, he was elected cashier of the institution, which responsible post he still retains, directing the affairs of this sturdy organization with increased success and ability. He was elected a director in this bank in January, 1911, an honor which was in itself a testimonial to his valued service and the esteem in which he is held by his associates. Ever interested in the affairs of his adopted community, Mr. Jones takes a real, active part in civic government, having served as treasurer of the village of North Bennington and as treasurer of the school department since 1913. His fraternal affiliations are with Tucker Lodge, of North Bennington, Free and Accepted Masons. He and his family attend the Congregational church.

Ralph A. Jones married, September 20, 1899, at Putnam, New York, Maude Easton, daughter of Henry D. and Joanna (McLaughlin) Easton.

**DANIEL J. KEELER**—Among the foremost men in the textile industry of Vermont, Daniel J. Keeler, of Bennington, holds a prominent place as clerk of corporation and superintendent of the Bradford Knitting Mills of this city. Mr. Keeler has the advantage of thorough training and long experience in this branch of manufacture, having been connected with this organization ever since entering upon his business career. He progressed steadily by his patient attention to detail as he readily absorbed the knowledge concerning the various processes of operation, and accordingly, in 1918, was promoted to his present responsible position in the affairs of the corporation.

Mr. Keeler was born in Little Falls, New York, son of Daniel B. and Ellen (Mahoney) Keeler. Daniel B. Keeler has been associated with the Bradford Knitting Mills since 1902 and is now one of the foremost factors in the concern, serving as its secretary and superintendent.

Daniel J. Keeler was educated in the public schools of Bennington, having moved here with his parents when a small child. Upon the completion of his formal education, he entered the employ of the Bradford Mills, starting in the capacity of office clerk. From the first, he displayed an intelligent interest in the business and showed that he was always anxious to learn the various details of manufacture and plant operation. His services were recognized and he advanced through different positions of importance throughout the factory until in 1918, he was promoted to the rank of superintendent of the factory, and was made clerk of the corporation. The Bradford Knitting Mills manufacture a high grade of men's woolen shirts, drawers and union suits, having always enjoyed an enviable reputation for the excellence and thorough dependability of their products. This organization is the oldest operating knitting mill in the United States, having been engaged continually in this branch of textile manufacture since 1854.

In local activities, Mr. Keeler takes an active, constructive part, being a leader in financial affairs as a trustee of the Bennington County Savings Bank and vice-president of the Bennington Coöperative Loan Association. He is a popular member of the Bennington Club and his fraternal affiliations are with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His religious adherence is given to the Roman Catholic Church.

Daniel J. Keeler married, on September 28, 1914, at



Bennington, Katherine Lyons, daughter of John and Katherine Lyons, and to this union has been born one daughter, Margaret, born January 10, 1921.

**MARY ALBERTA BAKER**—Miss Baker, the subject of this sketch, was born in Harford County, Maryland, the daughter of the late Conrad and Henrietta Baker, her maternal grandfather, John Noll, being the sixth of his name.

She was educated in the public schools of Baltimore, supplemented by considerable special work. Her activities have been numerous. She taught history and mathematics in a private school and was interested musically as well, studying and holding a position as soloist in a choir for some years. Work with children held attraction for her and she acted as assistant playground director for two years.

In 1902 Miss Baker entered the old New York City Hospital on what was then Blackwell's Island, for a nurse's training, graduating in 1905 at the head of her class. This school, supplying at that time all the nurses for Harlem, Fordham, Gouverneur, City and Maternity Hospitals, offered a fruitful field for service and adventure, and she twice returned as supervisor. Then came a year at Dr. William Bull's Sanitarium in New York; superintendent of the McEwen Sanitarium in Orlando, Florida; superintendent of St. Luke's Hospital at Jacksonville, Florida.

A year at Columbia University was followed by two years in North Dakota as a deputy county superintendent of schools and teaching at the Valley City Normal School. Here she did pioneer work and organized the first Red Cross class in the State. Miss Baker is a representative nurse of the finest type. She has been active and successful in furthering the standards, opportunities and organization of nurses wherever she has lived. She was president of the Florida State Nurses' Association for its first five years and gave valuable aid in securing the passage of the Florida Nurse Practice Act. Her nursing affiliations include membership in her alumnae association; member of the American Hospital Association of which she was vice-president in 1914; the National Organization for Public Health Nursing, acting on the National Executive Committee 1917-19; and the League of Nursing Education. She is one of the first 4,000 Red Cross nurses.

The Henry W. Putnam Memorial Hospital at Bennington, Vermont, is the munificent gift of a loving son to a father's memory. Miss Baker came to this hospital as its first executive and administrator in charge. Her special training and experience were invaluable. She entirely equipped and organized its every department. Under the able and fostering care of an efficient executive committee, she has coöperated and made possible a very satisfactory development of this plant. The lovely buildings, extensive lawns, gardens and farm, are a fit setting for the constantly expanding hospital, complete in every detail; and for all of this, Miss Baker must be given a very ample share of credit.

She has been a member of the Southern Vermont Poetry Society for years and loves music, but her real hobby is gardening. The Hospital Rock Garden is widely known and much of the successful planting on the grounds speaks for her ability and good taste. She is enthusiastic in her love of and devotion to her adopted State of Vermont.

**JOHN H. MILLER, M. D.**—A practicing physician at Wallingford, Vermont, for more than twenty years, John H. Miller has been an important figure in the community life. He is active at all times in the care of the sick and injured, counting his personal convenience and safety as nothing when opposed to professional duties, and has built up through the years a

large and prosperous practice as his reputation spread throughout all the vicinity. In addition he has been active in civic life and has served most efficiently as president of the local school board.

Dr. Miller was born at Ryegate, Vermont, February 23, 1879, a son of James and Elizabeth (Tuxbury) Miller. His father died at the age of fifty-nine and his mother is still living at Ryegate. When Dr. Miller became of suitable age, he attended the public schools of his birthplace, and in 1902 was graduated from Montpelier Seminary. He was early attracted to the medical sciences, and upon the completion of his preliminary education, he undertook the course of study in medicine at the University of Vermont, where he was graduated as a member of the class of 1905, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. In January of the following year, Dr. Miller first came to Wallingford and took up the general practice of his profession. He was quick to win the confidence of the community by his conscientious efforts and the demands on his services constantly increased. Remaining at Wallingford, he has given his undivided attention to his practice, answering the many calls for the relief of injury and suffering which came to him, with never a thought for himself. It is this high conception of professional duty quite as much as his many successes which has won for Dr. Miller the secure place which he occupies in the affections and esteem of the people of this section.

In addition to his twelve years of service as president of the Wallingford School Board, Dr. Miller has found time to lend his hearty support to every worthy movement for civic advance and progress. He is a charter member of the local Rotary Club, first organized in 1928, and served as its first president, in this town where Paul Harris, the founder of the Rotary, spent his boyhood days. Dr. Miller is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order is a member, and Past Master, of Chipman Lodge, No. 52, a member of all bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory at Burlington, and a member of Cairo Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Rutland. He is also a member of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In 1907, John H. Miller married Jessie Campbell, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Campbell. Two children have been born of this marriage: 1. Marion. 2. John H., Jr. The family residence at Wallingford, is situated on Main Street.

**J. GEORGE THABAULT, M. D.**—For many years one of the successful physicians and surgeons of Winooski, J. George Thabault, M. D., holds a prominent place in his community, and does much for the promotion of the best interests of his fellow citizens. Dr. Thabault also is active in social and fraternal work, as well as in the different associations of his professional colleagues. Born February 10, 1875, he is a son of Joseph and Eloise (Daoust) Thabault, French Canadians of the Province of Quebec, his own birth having taken place in Les Cedres, Province of Quebec, Canada. His father, also born in Les Cedres, in the year 1849, died in 1910 in Winooski, Vermont, while on a visit to his son; his mother, born in Isle Perrot, Province of Quebec, died in 1918 in her sixty-ninth year.

Dr. Thabault attended in his boyhood the local district school at Les Cedres, and later matriculated at Joliette College, where he took the regular academic course, specializing in scientific subjects and receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science. He then entered the Medical School of Laval University, in Montreal, from which he was graduated in the class of 1901 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Thereupon he entered the Fanny Allen Hospital, where he served his internship



for one year; and, having so started his professional career in Winooski, took up the general practice of medicine in this same city. His practice has been of a general nature, and has grown in size and scope since he first established offices here; while his reputation for skill as a physician and surgeon has steadily and deservedly grown more and more solid with the passing years. In addition to his regular practice, Dr. Thabault is a member of the staff of the Fanny Allen Hospital, as well as of the Bishop De Goesbriand Hospital in Burlington. His quiet and unassuming manner, always helpful in the sick room, has aided his professional skill not a little, and has gone far toward making his work of even greater value than it would otherwise be.

Dr. Thabault at all times has maintained close affiliations with the different organizations of physicians and surgeons, being a member of the Chittenden County Medical Society, as well as of the Vermont State Medical Society. He holds memberships in a number of the State's most important social and fraternal groups, being a member of L'Union Saint Jean Baptiste of Woonsocket, Rhode Island; Modern Woodmen of America; La Société des Artisans; the Independent Order of Foresters; and Saint Peter's Society, of Winooski.

On September 12, 1906, in Winooski, Vermont, at the Church of Saint Francis Xavier, of which he is a communicant, Dr. Thabault married Beatrice Harriet Carpentier, of Winooski, daughter of George and Anna (Chayer) Carpentier. Her father, born in Lécalle, Province of Quebec, Canada, is at the time of writing (1928) in his ninetieth year, and still active; he was an old settler of Winooski. The mother, Anna (Chayer) Carpentier, was born in Sorel, Province of Quebec, Canada.

Dr. J. George and Beatrice Harriet (Carpentier) Thabault became the parents of eleven children: 1. Louis George, born July 19, 1907, who also decided to study medicine and became a student at the Medical College of the University of Vermont. 2. Beatrice Leonora, born August 18, 1909, who went for a scientific course of study to the University of Vermont. 3. Jeannette Anna, born January 16, 1911, studying home economics at the University of Vermont. 4. Claire Bertha, born July 16, 1912, in the Mount St. Mary Academy. 5. Lucile Angelina, born April 28, 1914. 6. George Napoleon, born August 19, 1915. 7. Rita Leonide, born December 5, 1916. 8. Paul Camille, born February 6, 1918. 9. Wilfred Joseph, born June 8, 1921. 10. Gertrude Rose, born November 4, 1925. 11. Theresa Louise, born January 31, 1927.

**HARRISON SMITH THAYER**—Service in the World War intervened to alter the professional career of Harrison S. Thayer from that of lawyer to newspaper publisher, having his headquarters at Essex Junction, whence he supervises, in the capacity of manager, the issuance and circulation of what is styled the "Burlington Suburban List," comprising eight editions of consolidated news and advertising matter under as many different headings for the respective communities for which they are designed. The enterprise is comprehensive in purpose, is successful in the objective achieved, and serves the Chittenden County Farm Bureau Association as its official publication. Mr. Thayer is doing a remarkable work through the medium of his various organs, and his efforts are appreciated very highly by the public in the different communities that the papers serve.

Harrison Smith Thayer was born in Randolph, Orange County, March 3, 1889, the son of Lewis Page and Alice (Smith) Thayer; his father, a native of Barnard, is living (1928) and in his seventy-sixth year; his mother, born in Roxbury, died February 10, 1926, in her sixty-ninth year, and is buried in Randolph. The son Harrison received his early education in the village

school of Randolph and his preparatory training at Vermont Academy, from which he was graduated in 1908. His academic course was begun at the University of Vermont, class of 1912. He next entered the Albany (New York) Business College, from which he received his diploma at graduation. The law as a profession of his choice was next made the subject of study at Georgetown University Law School, from which he received the degree, Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the bar in the District of Columbia and later in Vermont. He practiced at Morrisville with Honorable F. G. Fleetwood, where he remained two years.

The entry of the United States in the World War conspired eventually to withdraw Mr. Thayer from the practice of law. He enlisted in the navy as a landsman for yeoman, and was assigned to the United States Steamship "Michigan." He became assistant paymaster and was assigned to the troop-carrying ship "The Königin der Nederlanden," in which he made thirteen round-trips from the United States to France in that capacity, with rank of lieutenant junior grade. He was honorably discharged from the service December 24, 1919.

On his resumption of civil life, Mr. Thayer had entirely abandoned the idea of further practice of law, and instead elected the publishing business as the basis and means to a career. In 1920 he located at Essex Junction, a strategical point, and became a part owner in the Essex Publishing Company with a modernly equipped printing plant, from which are issued, under Mr. Thayer's managerial supervision, with the editorial assistance of Milo C. Reynolds, the following eight editions of the Burlington Suburban List: "Burlington Clipper," "Essex Record," "Fairfax Eagle," "Grand Isle Star," "Jericho Reporter," "Milton Rays," "Richmond Gazette," and "Underhill Enterprise." The combined circulation of these papers, on January 1, 1927, was more than three and one-quarter thousand, ninety per cent. of which is in the farming sections of Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties, and in Fairfax and Georgia in Franklin County. The idea of the "Burlington Suburban List" has worked out admirably in the dissemination of publicity in the form of advertising and news matter, and Mr. Thayer has the coöperation of a great group of readers who have made it possible for him and his publishing house to conduct the business on a profit-returning basis. Incidentally, Mr. Thayer through this medium is rendering a large, constructive service to his public. The papers are an appreciable contribution to the Fourth Estate in Vermont.

In addition to the newspaper business, which is its main effort, the Essex Publishing Company does general printing for the custom trade and enjoys a steadily increasing volume of good-will.

Into the community life of Essex Junction and its section, Mr. Thayer has entered with enthusiasm and a spirit of coöperation which commends itself to a large following. He is affiliated with Ethan Allen Lodge, No. 72, Free and Accepted Masons, and Mansfield Lodge, No. 18, Knights of Pythias. He is a devotee of sports, and belongs to the Lake Champlain Yacht Club, and the Burlington Country Club. His social organizations are the Men's Club of Essex Junction, the Rotary Club, and the Ethan Allen Club.

Harrison Smith Thayer married, March 3, 1920, at Brooklyn, New York, Ruth Harris, daughter of William Harris. They have their residence at Essex Junction.

**FERDINAND MATTE**—Conducting his own printing shop in Winooski, Ferdinand Matte is one of the foremost business men of this region of Vermont, in which he has lived and worked for many years. Although a native of Canada, he came to the United States







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early in life, and in Vermont, both in Burlington and Winooski, had extensive experience in different kinds of printing work; so that he now ranks as one of the most skilled printers and most valued citizens of his community. He was born May 28, 1872, in Cap Santé, Province of Quebec, Canada, a son of Edward and Celina (Lavallée) Matte. His father, a native of the same town in Quebec, which is situated about thirty-one miles north of the City of Quebec in the county of Portneuf, is still alive at the time of writing (1928), being eighty years of age.

Ferdinand Matte received his early education in the local parochial school in the town of his birth. While he was still a boy, his parents emigrated to the United States, settling in Winooski, Vermont. That was in 1883. Here the boy attended the Saint Louis Convent for about a year, at the end of which time he began work in the Chase Cotton Mill in Winooski. At that period of his career Mr. Matte received twenty-five cents a day for his work as a bobbin boy, working eleven hours a day. He continued in this capacity for a year, and then was engaged in various occupations until he became seventeen years of age; whereupon he began serving his apprenticeship to the printer's trade. Associated at first with the Burlington "Free Press," he remained for sixteen or seventeen years with this organization, and then worked for the Burlington Printing and Bookbinding Company. After this broad experience in the field which he had chosen for his life's work, Mr. Matte decided to establish his own printing shop in Winooski in 1913. From the outset he was eminently successful in his work, the quality of which has been recognized as being the best.

In addition to his own work, Mr. Matte is active in several societies and organizations which are important in the life of Winooski. He is a member of L'Union Saint Jean Baptiste d'Amerique, of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, of which he has been treasurer of the local court since 1918; La Société des Artisans, of Montreal, Canada; and the Saint Leon Society, of Winooski. His religious affiliation is with the Saint Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church, in Winooski.

Mr. Matte, on August 28, 1894, in Cap Santé, Quebec, married Aurelie Lavallée, a native of that place, daughter of Etienne and Adeline (Derome) Lavallée, also natives of Cap Santé. The ceremony was performed in the Church of the Holy Family in that town by the Rev. Father Godin. Ferdinand and Aurelie (Lavallée) Matte became the parents of ten children, of whom three are living: 1. Marie Ange, born in Winooski, who became the wife of Romulus Blais. 2. Hermine, who became the wife of Edward Duyerney, and they have four children—Anita, Donald, Reginald, and Claire. 3. Adrienne, who entered a convent in Montreal, Le Bon Pasteur boarding school.

**EDWARD GRIFFITH**—After nine years as a successful manager of high class hotels, Edward Griffith, of Manchester, returned to his profession of the law and has since risen to distinction in the ranks of his associates in the State of Vermont. His whole business and professional life has been devoted to mingling with people and studying their characteristics, with a view constantly to smooth the road of life and promote contentment at all times. In this he has been eminently successful, drawing to his side a large coterie of friends and adding to his popularity through the medium of his personality. He is well grounded in the law, having degrees from both college and university and the additional knowledge that he has acquired from the practice of his profession before the courts and from his experience on the bench and in other public offices. He is deeply interested in all civic matters of moment to the people and also in business, financial and fraternal ac-

tivities, attributes that make up the citizen of high value to the community.

He was born in East Dorset, Vermont, January 7, 1871, a son of John M. and Mary (Kelly) Griffith, of East Dorset. His father conducted a general store in that town for forty-three years, his death occurring there in 1912. The son was educated in the Middlebury High School, and Burr and Burton seminary in Manchester where he graduated, and afterward Dartmouth College, graduating from the last named institution in 1893 with the degree of Bachelor of Letters. This was followed by the course at the New York Law School, which graduated him with a degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1896, in which year he was admitted to practice in the State of New York, where he practiced his profession for three years in the metropolis. In 1899 he temporarily laid aside his law books and took a position as manager of White Face Inn, at Lake Placid, New York, remaining in that occupation for three years and then going to the Hotel Astor, New York City, as assistant manager for one year. Three years more were spent in the management of Churchill Hall and the Rexmere Hotel, at Stamford, New York, during which period he became proprietor of the Marlboro Inn, at Montclair, New Jersey. He then gave up hotel business and returned to East Dorset, where he renewed his practice of the law. In 1910 he was appointed Probate Judge at Manchester, an office he still continues to hold. He is a director of the Factory Point National Bank of Manchester and is president of the Manchester Insurance Agency, Incorporated. He is also treasurer of Manchester Village and Tax Lister of the town of Manchester. Other offices he holds are secretary of the Manchester Board of Trade, director of the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce and treasurer of the Dellwood Cemetery Association of Manchester. He is a member of the American Bar Association, president of the Manchester Historical Society, member of the Vermont State Bar Association, fraternally affiliated with Adoniram Lodge of Manchester, order of Free and Accepted Masons, and a life member of the Equinox Links Club. He also belongs to the Community Club of Manchester and to the Casque and Gauntlet Senior Society of Dartmouth College, his college fraternity being Phi Delta Theta.

Edward Griffith married Katherine Stark Hope, a daughter of Marshall B. Hope and Euphemia Stark, on March 7, 1898, at Oneida, New York. She died in 1908, and he married (second) Emma Marie Seymour, a daughter of Felix and Amanda (Pomeroy) Seymour, at East Dorset, Vermont, on March 22, 1912. Children by his first wife are: 1. Thomas Hope, born March 8, 1900, in New York City, a graduate of Dartmouth College in the class of 1921, now a buyer for R. H. Macy & Company, of New York City; married Olga Olsen of Brooklyn, New York. 2. Mary Louise, born February 18, 1903, at Montclair, New Jersey, a graduate of the University of Vermont in the class of 1925, and now employed by the United Advertising Agency in New Haven, Connecticut. 3. Katherine Stark, born October 28, 1905, in East Dorset, Vermont, a graduate of the University of Vermont in the class of 1928; married Emory C. Mower of Burlington, Vermont, a law student of Harvard University. 4. John M., born at East Dorset, Vermont, deceased in infancy.

The children by his second wife are: 5. Charles Gould, born September 23, 1913, at East Dorset, Vermont. 6. Hugh Pomeroy, born January 21, 1920, at Manchester, Vermont, deceased in infancy. 7. Grace, born January 28, 1926, at Manchester, Vermont.

**WILL LEONARD DAVIS**—There are in every community certain figures who stand out as leaders, and who, through positions of influence, are able to



contribute materially to the civic and social welfare of the people. Rutland, attractive and progressive seat of Rutland County, has been singularly fortunate in its leaders, and is particularly indebted to Will Leonard Davis. Mr. Davis has served the community directly in official capacity, has benefited city, county and State through exercise of office in the commonwealth, and has otherwise, indirectly, given liberally to general advancement through the conduct of successful business enterprises. He is known best and most generally, perhaps, for his long term as city treasurer, which post of responsibility he has retained since 1895, continuously, through succeeding administrations. While known as a Democrat in regard to national issues, he has had no opposition for this office since 1901. The record which follows is here included in recognition of a career of signal accomplishment.

Will Leonard Davis is a native of Rutland. He was born November 22, 1865, son of Joseph Morse and Mary Elizabeth Davis. His father, born in 1835, is still living (1928) at the age of ninety-three years, well known and affectionately regarded by the people of Rutland. For thirty-three years Joseph Morse Davis was superintendent of the Rutland Water Works.

In the public schools of Rutland, Mr. Davis secured a sound academic instruction, to which he has added voluminously through the years that have followed. He graduated from high school with the class of 1884, when eighteen years of age, and thereafter found employment with the Central Vermont and Delaware-Hudson Railroads, with each of which he was connected in the Rutland offices. His interest in politics and city administration increased with manhood, and in 1895 he was elected city treasurer, which office, as recited, he has filled for thirty odd years. He is a member of the Board of Finance, City of Rutland, also, on four occasions having served on the Board of Control, State of Vermont, in 1917, 1918, 1919, and 1920, under Governors Horace F. Graham and Percival W. Clement. After serving on the Board of Control, Mr. Davis was tendered the appointment to a very high office in the State but his other interests forced him to decline.

Aside from his official duties, Mr. Davis is interested diversely in the affairs of Rutland. Since 1910 he has been treasurer of the Rutland Fair, which is given annually in Rutland, and which is considered one of the most successful fairs in New England, the weekly attendance having run as high as one hundred and fifty thousand persons. Since 1919 Mr. Davis has been president of the fair organization, and has, from that time onward, held the dual office of president and treasurer. As such, he is most responsible for the outcome of the Rutland fair's direction. He is a member of the hardware firm of Billings and Davis, having been a partner in the enterprise since 1908. Also, he is a director of the Clement National Bank, of Rutland, since July 9, 1921, and maintains other interests as well. Fraternally he is active, being affiliated with Rutland Lodge, No. 79, Free and Accepted Masons; Davenport Chapter, No. 17, Killington Commandery, No. 6, Knights Templar; and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Rutland, Vermont. He is a member of Vermont Lodge, No. 21, Knights of Pythias, and president of the Pythian Association, which organization owns the club house and grounds, being Past Chancellor and Past Commander of the fraternal order. He is a charter member, and formerly was secretary, of Rutland Lodge, No. 345, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; is a member of the Elks Club, and a member of the Episcopal church.

Mr. Davis married, in Rutland, November 20, 1901, Phila Rosanne Baker, daughter of Artemas Chandler and Anna Elizabeth Baker; and they are the parents of a daughter: Madeleine Elizabeth Davis, who was born

April 17, 1903. The family residence is at No. 18 South Main Street, and Mr. Davis's office is in the City Hall, Rutland.

**HARRIE C. WHITE**—Heading an organization whose products bring joy and pleasure to the heart of childhood, Harrie C. White of North Bennington is one of Vermont's prominent manufacturers in his capacity as president of the H. C. White Company, makers of the nationally famous "Kiddie Kars" and other well-known children's toys and juvenile furniture. Mr. White began his business career in association with his father, the founder of the H. C. White Company, in 1893, and since that time has devoted all his activities to promoting the interests of this firm of which he became president in 1925, the other officers of the concern, elected at the same time, being Clarence W. White, vice-president and Marion L. White, secretary.

Mr. White was born in North Bennington, July 6, 1876, son of Hawley C. and Maria L. (Watson) White, his father having been born in Bennington and his father in New York State. Hawley C. White was one of this community's highly respected residents and a leader in its industrial advancement. In his early life, he conducted a profitable business grinding spectacles and later founded the firm which still bears his name, at first engaging in the manufacturing of stereoscopes, succeeding these with projecting lanterns, conducting an extensive trade in these articles until 1915. Hawley C. White died in February, 1925, and for the ten years preceding his death lived for the most part retired.

Harrie C. White was educated in the public schools of North Bennington, and after finishing high school, entered a business college in Troy, New York, from which he was graduated with the class of 1893. Immediately thereafter, he entered his father's factory and applied himself to acquiring a thorough knowledge of the processes of manufacture. Mr. White became treasurer of the concern and in January, 1900, was made vice-president. In 1915, the firm began the production of the "Kiddie Kars" which have become famous throughout the country and an established factor in the lives of children. They also make furniture for children, and it is not too much to say that this organization, through its country-wide distribution, has brought joy and happiness to the little ones of the land. The entire plant is an asset to North Bennington, with its attractive, well-kept buildings, its beautiful, smooth lawns and general neat appearance. The success of their innovation in toy manufacture has caused the enterprise to expand until at the present time it is one of the largest establishments of its kind in the country. Mr. White possesses a remarkable knowledge of trade conditions and is equally familiar with all manufacturing details, having learned the business from the bottom, starting first with the arduous task of mill operation after which he had charge of the office for some time and later handled the sales and finances of the firm. Mr. White takes an active part in all civic affairs in North Bennington, being never too busy to lend his support to any project which involves the welfare of his fellow-citizens. He is past vice-president of the National Association of Manufacturers of America and is a director and past president of the Toy Manufacturers of the United States of America. He is a trustee of the North Bennington Public Library and a director of the Bennington Young Men's Christian Association, also a director of the Bennington Country Club. His religious affiliation is with the Congregational Church of North Bennington where he is active in its affairs, holding the office of clerk. In politics, he is a staunch supporter of the Republican party. His hobby is sports of any kind, being particularly fond of golf.

Harrie C. White married, April, 1893, Sue L. Matti-



son, of Bennington, daughter of German O. Matteson and they are the parents of three daughters: 1. Rosalind L., a graduate of Smith College. 2. Clarice M., a graduate of Smith College; married Theodore H. Thomas. 3. Roberta M.

**PELEG A. MATTESON, PH. G., D. D. S.**—One of the leading exponents of the profession of dental surgery, Dr. Matteson has had a long and thorough training for his work and one that has ably prepared him for the large and conspicuously fine clientele that he has acquired through his years of practice in Bennington. Born in Shaftsbury August 27, 1883, the son of Johnson M. and Ruth (Howard) Matteson, he grew up on his father's farm and had his schooling in the public schools of North Bennington. After finishing at the high school there he took a course at Eastman Business College located at Poughkeepsie, New York, then entered the Department of Pharmacy, Union University, situated at Albany, taking the course in pharmacy and graduating from there in 1905.

Dr. Matteson practiced pharmacy for about five years at Auburn, New York, studying dentistry at the same time, and it is an obvious conclusion that his knowledge of therapeutics has been of incalculable value to him in its application to dentistry. In 1913, he received his degree to practice dentistry from the Baltimore Medical College, Dental Department, and in 1914 opened his offices in Bennington where he has been since that time. His work has brought him the reward of highest commendation and a large practice and an estimable place in the social and professional life of the community. Dr. Matteson is a member of the American Dental Association, the Vermont State Dental Society, and Pharmaceutical Association, State of New York. He is high in Masonic circles, being a thirty-second degree Mason, and a Shriner. He is also a member of the Bennington Club.

Dr. Peleg A. Matteson was married in 1915, at Bennington, to Amelia Armbruster, daughter of Carl and Gottlieben (Ellsesser) Armbruster. They have one child, their son Robert, born in Bennington, in 1916.

**JOHN J. MOORE**—Born in Washington, Pennsylvania, January 30, 1894, John J. Moore grew up and was educated in Albany, New York, where his parents moved when he was only a youngster. His mother was Helen Guinan Moore and his father, James Moore, a prosperous florist. It was a most natural thing for the young man to go into the industry himself, as the culture of flowers had been inculcated into his boyish mind as one of his earliest memories. After his school days, he went to Pittsburgh and into one of the largest cut flower emporiums in that part of the State, the Pittsburgh Cut Flower Company. Settling upon Bennington to be the scene of his commercial activities, he came here in 1923 and bought the Holton Greenhouses and went in intensively for landscape gardening, the growing of fine plants for decorative purposes and of choice flowers. He is a member of the Florists' Telegraph Delivery Association that has caused its slogan of "Say it with Flowers" to be heard in the four corners of the globe. Diligent and keenly absorbed in his work, with a readiness to coöperate always with the other merchants of the city, Mr. Moore is considered a live and welcome addition to the commercial life of Bennington. Mr. Moore's army record is that of being with the 172d Provisional Ordnance Department from July, 1917, to the fall of 1918. He is a member of the local Knights of Columbus.

John J. Moore was married in Albany, November 10, 1916, to Irene Welch, daughter of John Welch of Albany. They are the parents of a son, James, who was born in Albany, January 18, 1920.

**DANIEL FRANCIS GARDNER**—A prominent factor in both the financial and agricultural life of his community, Daniel Francis Gardner is one of Bennington's leading citizens, in which city he has always been active in civic and political affairs. Mr. Gardner, although a comparatively young man, has achieved a distinguished place among the leading agriculturists of the State for his accomplishments in the farming industry, as he owns and operates an extensive farm in Pownal, to which he has devoted much of his time. In the financial world, he has received merited recognition as president of the Bennington County Savings Bank, while in politics he has always been active, having occupied various responsible town offices and served as representative of his district in the State Legislature.

Mr. Gardner was born in Pownal, December 31, 1883, son of Abraham B. Gardner, who is deceased, and Audria M. (Bates) Gardner. Abraham B. Gardner was a well-known farmer and banker who also achieved distinction in the service of the people as representative to the State Legislature and member of the State Senate, while he also held numerous local offices. The Gardner family is one of the oldest in this vicinity, the first settler of the town of Pownal having been George Gardner, who came here from Rhode Island in 1765. Since that time, the family has occupied an honored position in this community and its members have ever continued to add to the glory of the family name by their lives of industry and public activity.

Daniel Francis Gardner was educated in the public schools of Vermont, and at Vermont Academy, from which he was graduated with the class of 1902, after which he entered Williams College and received his degree from that institution of learning in 1906. Since that time, he has devoted himself principally to his large agricultural operations but has never relaxed his deep and active interest in town and State governmental affairs. In 1912, Mr. Gardner was elected to the State Legislature where he served his constituents with commendable sincerity and ability. Mr. Gardner was elected in the 1928 November election as State Senator from Bennington County, for the two year term, 1929-31. In 1914, he was elected a director of the Bennington County Savings Bank, which office he still holds, and in 1928, he was made vice-president, being elected president of the institution later in the same year. Ever deeply interested in the welfare of the people of his community, he assists in philanthropic work as a trustee of the H. W. Putnam Memorial Hospital of Bennington. He is a popular member of the Bennington Club and his fraternal affiliations are with the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, of Williams College, and the Mount Anthony Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He and his family attend the Baptist Church.

Daniel Francis Gardner married October 1, 1909, at Westminster, Florence Louise Nutting, daughter of Frank and Nellie M. (Wiley) Nutting, and to this union have been born three children: 1. Audria Louise, born in Pownal, in 1911, now a member of the class of 1931 at Middlebury College. 2. Elsie Nutting, born in Pownal, in 1913, a student at Vermont Academy. 3. Barbara Janet, born in Pownal, in 1919.

**JOHN DOMINIC MASSUCCO, D. M. D.**—Dr. Massucco was born at Bellows Falls, March 27, 1897, the son of Frank and Lucia (Tomasi) Massucco and while most of his professional training has been outside the State, he returned to it to take up the practice of his profession and has settled at Bennington, opening his office here in December, 1923, directly after receiving his degree of Doctor of Medical Dentistry. Receiving his elementary education in the public schools of his home town, he went to the Notre Dame Preparatory School and then entered the Notre Dame du Lac University at



Notre Dame, Indiana. After the college work, he went to Tufts Medical and Dental College at Boston for the necessary two years to earn his degree. During the World War he served in the United States Medical Corps stationed at Camp Devens, Massachusetts.

In the five years that Dr. Massucco has been a resident of Bennington, he has made himself liked, and won the esteem of the older members of his profession in the city. His practice has grown to a gratifying extent and he has made a pleasant place in the social life of the community. Dr. Massucco belongs to the Bennington Club and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

**FREDERICK COLLINS MARTIN**—Few men have had a greater share in the progress and development of Bennington than Frederick Collins Martin, of the Holden-Leonard Company, woolen manufacturers, and associated with several financial firms in this city. Not only in commercial and financial ways has Mr. Martin made himself conspicuous here, for he also has been a signal factor in political circles and has given much time to public office. His service along this line encompasses many terms as village president, and a period in the State Legislature, representing therein the Town of Bennington. Other Bennington organizations that have enjoyed Mr. Martin's aid and coöperation include numerous social and fraternal societies, prominent among these being the Masonic order.

Mr. Martin was born June 9, 1882, at Bennington, son of William and Georgianna (Collins) Martin. William Martin was a resident of Bennington throughout his mature years, and he was well known as a shoe merchant. He died and was laid at rest in this village.

Frederick Collins Martin was educated in the local public schools, being graduated from high school in 1900. Soon thereafter, at the age of eighteen years, he entered the employ of the Holden-Leonard Company, as office boy. Devoting himself assiduously to his duties and becoming thoroughly familiar with the business methods and practices of his firm, Mr. Martin soon gained promotion, and eventually, in 1912, was elevated to the post of office manager for the Holden-Leonard Company. This corporation is engaged in the manufacture of woollens and operates on a large scale, its products having a nation-wide sale. A man of many talents, Mr. Martin, while giving devoted attention to the affairs of his firm, at the same time entered zealously into other spheres of activity in Bennington. Two financial institutions value his services, he being a director of the County National Bank and the Bennington Co-operative Savings and Loan Association, of Bennington.

Mr. Martin is a Democrat in political beliefs, and his record in public life is well worthy of mention. He served his village as president for ten terms, having held that post from 1909 to 1912, and from 1922 to 1929. In 1912 he was elected from Bennington to the Vermont House of Representatives, and there served his constituents honestly and well. So highly has he risen in his party's ranks, that on two occasions he was the Democratic nominee for Governor, in 1920, and in 1924, and in 1928 was a candidate for the United States Senate from Vermont. Among other honors heaped upon Mr. Martin may be mentioned the fact that he was, in 1912, 1920, 1924, and 1928, delegate-at-large from Vermont to the National Democratic Conventions. Enhancing his career as a public official, Mr. Martin has an enviable record in the ranks of various local organizations. For almost twenty years he served as secretary of the Bennington Library Board, and he is a member of Mount Anthony Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; member and Past High Priest of Temple Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Bennington; member of the Commandery, Knights Templar; Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic

Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Bennington Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Bennington Country Club, and member and director of the Bennington Club. His religious beliefs are those of the Methodist Church.

**DAN MARSHALL JOHNSON**—More than one hundred and fifty years ago there came to what is now Williston, Dan Johnson, who was a native of Windham County. This hardy pioneer was the founder of the Johnson family in Williston, and in 1787 he settled on a farm here, not many years after the arrival of Colonel Thomas Chittenden, for whom Chittenden County was named. Descendants of the first member of this family to locate at Williston have been influential in the affairs of Williston, and prominent in every walk of life. Today the traditions of the Johnson family are being carried on by Dan Marshall Johnson, a resident of Essex Junction, Williston Town, and a great-great-grandson of the Windham County ancestor. Although a man of very few words and of a quiet demeanor, Dan Marshall Johnson has occupied many positions of public honor and trust in this community, and at the same time has become a conspicuous figure in commercial circles.

Mr. Johnson was born June 5, 1876, in Williston, son of William Bennett and Lena Stowell (Marshall) Johnson, the latter having been a daughter of Leonard Marshall. William Bennett Johnson, who was born November 4, 1849, in Jericho, Vermont, and died September 18, 1926, was the son of Dan Johnson, grandson of Nathan Johnson, and great-grandson of the pioneer, Dan Johnson. For many years William Bennett Johnson operated mills at Essex Junction and Winooski, conducted under the title of W. B. Johnson & Sons.

Dan Marshall Johnson began his scholastic studies in the public schools and after graduating from Burlington High School completed a business course in the Burdett Business College. Returning to the family home, he became associated with his father in the grain and coal business. It was not long until the people of the town became aware of the progressive ideas and abilities of Mr. Johnson, and as a consequence he was elected village clerk. He also held the office of school committeeman for fifteen years in Essex Junction. In 1923, further honors were bestowed upon him, when he was chosen to represent his district in the State House of Representatives, and in 1925 was elected Senator from Chittenden County. While filling these offices Mr. Johnson served as a member of the Appropriations Committee and the Commerce and Labor and Foreign and Domestic Relations committees, and otherwise gave exceptional service to his State. Testifying to the high regard in which he is held among his business associates is the fact that Mr. Johnson was president of the Vermont Grain Dealers' Association and is now a director of the National Grain Dealers' Association. Among his fraternal connections may be mentioned his membership in Mount Mansfield Lodge, Knights of Pythias, he being a Past Chancellor of that lodge. Other public affairs have benefited materially through Mr. Johnson's participation therein, he being noted for his deep sense of responsibility toward his fellow men.

Dan Marshall Johnson married September 25, 1901, at Essex Junction, Mary Donahue, the wedding ceremony being performed by the Rev. Father C. C. Delaney. Mary (Donahue) Johnson is a daughter of James Anthony and Mary (Neenan) Donahue. James Anthony Donahue was born March 10, 1853, in Milton, Vermont, son of Dennis and Olive (Kennedy) Donahue, and was living in 1928. Mary (Neenan) Donahue was born in Ennis, County Clare, Ireland, December 7, 1856, and died March 25, 1925. Her parents were Thomas and Bridget (Phillips) Neenan, both natives of Ennis, County Clare. During the World War Mrs. Johnson took a



*Dan M. Johnson*





very active part in Red Cross work and served as chairman of Woman's Work Committee for Chittenden County. Dan Marshall and Mary (Donahue) Johnson have two children: 1. Claude Eaton, who graduated from Notre Dame University, specializing in architecture and engineering; now (1928) associated with the Mamer Company, at Benton Harbor, Michigan. 2. Dan Marshall, Jr., a student at the University of Vermont.

**WARREN M. MARSHALL**—In the commercial life of Bennington, Warren M. Marshall holds a prominent place as president of the Marshall Garage, Incorporated, one of the finest establishments of its kind in this vicinity holding the agency for some of the best makes of automobiles. Mr. Marshall was for many years active in railroad affairs and for a long time served as agent at North Bennington for the Rutland Railroad, resigning that post in 1925 to devote all his time to his automobile interests. He was born in North Clarendon, March 31, 1877, son of Myron E. and Mary (Morse) Marshall, both of whom are deceased and buried in North Clarendon, both parents having passed away when Mr. Marshall was an infant. Myron E. Marshall was formerly proprietor of the North Clarendon Cheese Factory which he organized and operated for many years. He was a veteran of the Civil War and was one of the leading citizens of his community.

Warren Morse Marshall was educated in the public schools of South Shaftsbury and North Bennington. In 1889, he secured a position as telegraph operator in the railroad station at Shaftsbury, where he was employed for a short time until the spring of 1890, when he became clerk and telegraph operator in the office of the superintendent of the Bennington and Rutland Railroad at Bennington. In that capacity, he continued for three years at which time he was promoted to the rank of station agent for the same system at South Shaftsbury, remaining there for several years. He was next engaged as assistant station agent at North Bennington for a number of years, but threatened with ill health, he was ordered to a warmer climate, accordingly taking up his residence in Washington, D. C., where he took a position as telegraph operator and was later clerk to the superintendent of telegraph of the Southern Railway System. After two years in the nation's capital, Mr. Marshall returned to Vermont and was appointed agent of the North Bennington Station of the Rutland Railroad, which office he creditably filled until 1925, when he resigned and severed his connection with the railroad industry.

While acting in the capacity of station agent, Mr. Marshall had given his attention to the automobile business recognizing the importance of this great industry in the future commercial life of the people. He opened a garage and repair shop in North Bennington which soon acquired a reputation for expert service and dependable accessories among the motorists of this vicinity. In 1913, he received the agency for the Maxwell automobile and in 1916, was made agent for the Oakland machine, both of which he has since discontinued. In 1917, he became agent for the Buick Motor Car in this territory and he has ever since devoted his efforts to the sale of this splendid car, while in 1920, he was made representative of the Chevrolet Motor Company in connection with the Buick, having sold many of these cars besides carrying a complete line of parts and accessories for them. The organization which he heads was incorporated with Mr. Marshall as president; Tarrant Sibley, treasurer, and Mrs. Marshall as clerk. A new, fireproof, concrete structure has been erected which contains automobile sales rooms, service department, and a storage section for private owners. This splendid establishment is an asset to the business section of Bennington and continues to receive the patronage of old established customers, while at the same time attracting new trade by the courteous

and satisfactory treatment accorded to all and the excellence of all repair work done under their supervision. In the civic affairs of Bennington, Mr. Marshall takes a prominent part being a valued member of the Chamber of Commerce and popular in the activities of the Bennington Club. In fraternal circles, he is a member of Mount Anthony Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Taft Commandery, Knights Templar, and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His religious adherence is given to the Methodist church.

Warren Morse Marshall married Mary E. Casey, daughter of Bartholomew Casey, and to this union was born one daughter, Frances E., July 20, 1923.

**NOBLE OWEN MAXWELL**—Inspired by the historic reputations of famous hostleries that have been located in Bennington from colonial times, Noble Owen Maxwell, proprietor of the Maxwell Inn here, aims to make it worthy of the best that have preceded it. Among the youngest of our local business men, he is the possessor of an experience that qualifies him for gracious dealing with the public, a most propitious thing for the equipment of a public host. His establishment is among the finest in the State of Vermont of its class and appeals to the visitor in many ways. He himself is enterprising and public spirited, deeply interested in civic progress and sincere in his devotion to the general welfare of the community in which he is associated. There is no question in the minds of the people of Bennington that in Mr. Maxwell and his very efficient wife and assistant the town is richer because of their having established themselves here.

He was born in North Adams, Massachusetts, January 26, 1902, a son of Gilbert and Olivia (Foy) Maxwell, his father being a retired merchant. His education was acquired in the public institutions of North Adams, at Allen Military School, West Newton, Massachusetts, and Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, from which last named he was graduated in 1924. He was first employed by the Schulte Cigar Company of New York City, and afterward as foreman in the shops of the General Electric Company at Scranton, Pennsylvania. In January, 1927, he became owner of the Maxwell Inn at Bennington and still continues to conduct it. He is a Baptist in religion and is fraternally affiliated with the Peter Williamson Blue Lodge, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, order of Free and Accepted Masons. His college fraternity is Phi Gamma Delta. In Bennington he has membership in the Mt. Anthony Country and Bennington Clubs.

Noble Owen Maxwell married, in Troy, New York, October 20, 1921, Florence Dutcher, daughter of Dr. Willis W. and Georgianna (Oakes) Dutcher. They are the parents of Cynthia Georganne, born June 26, 1927.

**WILLIAM R. LOWE**—Although born in Keene, New Hampshire, the parents of William R. Lowe moved to Bellows Falls when he was a child, so that his boyhood and school days were passed in this place. He was born November 25, 1876, the son of Roswell and Helen (O'Brien) Lowe. The elder Lowe was a carpenter by trade but when he settled in Bellows Falls he opened a meat and provision store which he conducted until his death.

William R. Lowe worked as a clerk while going through high school, and when he finished went into the photographic studio of Mr. Gilbert Swift, where he had an opportunity of developing his latent taste in art and regretfully relinquished this work on account of difficulties with his eyesight. Still with the thought of exploiting his artistic proclivities, he went into the interior decorating field with C. S. Gates. But only for a time, for his attention had been drawn to the possibilities of the automobile trade as a live factor of commercial im-



portance and he opened up the first automobile agency in Bennington. He handled at first Buick cars, and a public garage was included in the establishment. The firm name was Pollard and Lowe and the venture, started in 1907, was a success from the first. In 1924, R. C. Stafford associated himself with the firm and it is now one of the successful businesses of Bennington, handling particularly Chrysler cars and having a complete service department and garage. Mr. Lowe has had a progressive career in the business world, stimulated by ambition and with utilization of every opportunity that came in his path and it is fitting that he should be considered one of the leading business men of his community. He is a member of the Bennington Chamber of Commerce, and at one time belonged to the National Guards, with Bellows Falls Company E.

William R. Lowe married Blanche E. Saunders in July, 1895, daughter of George E. and Flora (Dexter) Saunders, of Littleton, New Hampshire. Their only child, Madeleine, born July 21, 1900, is now married to Mr. Stafford.

**WALTER E. DUNHAM**—Among the energetic and progressive business men of Bennington one counts Walter E. Dunham, whose successful operations in the building world have brought him the rewards of financial competency as well as the knowledge that his activities have bestowed lasting benefit on a fast-growing city and have augmented its physical aspects and its material standing. The high-thinking citizen takes a real satisfaction in knowledge of this sort, and too often an individual of highest possible civic ideals has not the opportunity of viewing tangible results of his labors, individuals who deal only in mental or intellectual enterprise where the compensations are not always obvious. On the other hand, the contractor, the builder, the architect and various kindred trades, may have the experience of seeing the substantial effects of their industry. Walter E. Dunham, a builder and contractor, is the son of a man in the same business, Dewey Dunham, a man of pioneer days of the county and one who had a vast deal to do with the actual development of the city. His wife was Maria Beebe, also of old Vermont stock. Walter E. Dunham, born in Bennington August 21, 1870, was educated in the schools of the city and was taken into his father's contracting business as an apprentice to learn the trade of carpentry, in his youth. The years with his father were thoroughly practical and technical and no better training could have been given a young man. Thirty years or so ago, he started in business for himself, as builder and contractor and at this time he employs something like fifty men, so wide spread are his operations. Mr. Dunham handles all contracting for James Colby Colgate, the well-known jurist, broker and philanthropist of New York, whose beautiful estate in old Bennington is one of the features of the country-side. Extensive building operations are always going on at that country seat. Mr. Dunham has belonged to the National Guards for over forty years and is a member of the Baptist church.

Many years ago Walter E. Dunham and Anna Warn, daughter of William and Mary (Elwell) Warn, were married and they have been the parents of three children: 1. Marjorie, who has married Mr. Allen and has three children, John, Robert and Marjorie. 2. Irwin, who has a daughter, Barbara. 3. Mildred, who died in her early youth.

**COLLINS MILLARD GRAVES**—A record of commendable service and splendid accomplishments in the civic life of his city and State is that of Collins Millard Graves of Bennington, one of Vermont's most able lawyers and a prominent figure in the political activities of this commonwealth. Mr. Graves has held a num-

ber of responsible public offices, having distinguished himself particularly as postmaster of Bennington from 1906 to 1914, during which period he gave to this city the advantages of an efficient postal service, made possible by his thorough application to the duties of this office. In 1914 he secured an appropriation from Congress through the assistance of United States Senator Proctor of \$85,000 for the marble Post Office building situated on South Street in the heart of the business district and one of the very few all Vermont marble post office buildings in the United States. This building is one of the show places of southern Vermont, and every piece of marble in it was personally inspected by Governor Proctor, before being shipped from his quarry and all are said to be without any defects or flaws. He has been a leader in Republican politics for many years and since 1916 has served as secretary of the Republican State Committee.

Mr. Graves was born in Bennington, November 7, 1871, son of William R. and Flora (Millard) Graves, both of whom are now deceased and are buried in Bennington. William R. Graves was for many years prominent in the industrial life of this city as a member of the firm of Graves, Root & Company, manufacturers of tinware.

Collins Millard Graves was educated in the public schools of Bennington after which he entered Brown University, receiving his degree of Bachelor of Arts from that famous institution with the class of 1895. After some years of business activity, he decided to study law and accordingly applied himself to the mastery of this profession, passing the State Board examination in 1904 and was admitted to the bar of the State of Vermont. Always active in the field of politics, he served as chairman of the Republican Town Committee and also had two terms as State's attorney. From 1904 to 1906 he was a member of the House of Representatives; from 1906 to 1914, Mr. Graves was connected with the government postal service as postmaster of Bennington, and from 1915 to 1921, inclusive, he served as Legislative Draftsman. In 1916, he was elected as delegate to the Republican National Convention, while he is also active in the work of his party as secretary of the State committee. During 1921 and 1922, he served as State Prohibition Director, and in 1928 as Presidential elector. In manufacturing affairs, he is a factor as a director in the Eagle Square Manufacturing Company of South Shaftsbury. He is a member of the Vermont State Bar Association, and in fraternal affiliations, is a valued member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Mt. Anthony Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he has attained the thirty-second degree, and the Cairo Temple, of Rutland, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He has the honor to be president of the Bennington Club and is a prominent member of the Mount Anthony Country Club. His religious adherence is given to the Episcopal church. Mr. Graves was for five years a member of the Vermont State Militia.

Collins Millard Graves married, June 25, 1897, at Hoo-sick, New York, Florence D. Quackenbush, daughter of Cebra and Annette (Gillett) Quackenbush, and to this union have been born four sons: 1. Cebra Quackenbush, a graduate of Williams College and Columbia University, now holds the office of State's attorney. He served in the United States Army during the World War and saw active service overseas as a member of the Vermont Regiment. 2. William Russell, engaged in business in New York City and a graduate of Columbia University. 3. George Millard, a graduate of Williams College and Cambridge University, England, now vice-consul for the United States in China. 4. Van Vechten Breese, now a student at Brown University (1928).



**WALTER T. GORMAN**—An increase of more than two hundred per cent. has been shown in the business done by the Gulf Refining Company at its Bennington office since it came under the management in 1925 of Walter T. Gorman. Although the natural growth of the motor car industry may in some measure account for a portion of this very substantial increase of business, there is no doubt that it was largely because of the personal attainments of Mr. Gorman himself. Interested in motor cars, roads and trucking since his first essay into business life, he developed a natural tendency in those directions and is today considered one of the best informed men in that business in this district of Vermont. His business ability is best shown by the results, but his high grade of citizenship is widely known and highly esteemed, while his personal friends and constantly growing clientele testify to his general popularity.

He was born in Windsor, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, September 20, 1897, a son of Thomas E. and Bridget E. (Garvey) Gorman. His father was a carpenter by trade, with residence in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, following his occupation in various localities. Their son, Walter T., was educated in the local public schools of Windsor and was graduated from the high school in Pittsfield with the class of 1914. His first employment was with the Massachusetts Highway Commission in its offices, after which he became a private chauffeur for a number of years. This was followed by a term as a motor truck driver for the Manufacturers' Trucking Company of Pittsfield and then as an employee of the General Electric Company at Pittsfield, where he was attached to the fan motor department. In December, 1924, he obtained employment in Pittsfield with the Gulf Refining Company as a salesman. Success attended his efforts and he was transferred to Bennington, Vermont, where, in 1926, he became manager of the plant here. He served in the United States Army during the World War, but was not called for active duty before the signing of the Armistice and was honorably mustered out at that time. When he took hold of the Gulf Refining Company's business in Bennington the equipment consisted of two trucks and three men. This has grown to six trucks and fifteen men necessary to handle the growth of trade. He is a Roman Catholic in religion and belongs to the American Order of United Workmen, Pittsfield Lodge, No. 90.

Walter T. Gorman married, in Hinsdale, Massachusetts, October 7, 1918, Aldine S. Wood, daughter of Joseph and Cora E. (Streeter) Wood. They are the parents of Rosemary, born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

**MAURICE E. RUDD**—In the commercial life of Bennington, Maurice E. Rudd has established a reputation as one of this community's most progressive, modern business men, having built up from a humble beginning and in a comparatively short period what is now the leading electrical store and conducting the largest electrical contracting service in this vicinity. Mr. Rudd has had a splendid foundation in the electrical industry with which he has been connected from his earliest youth, and his expert knowledge and agreeable personality have brought him to a successful realization of his early ambitions. His establishment carries fixtures and accessories of every well-known make, all of which are of the highest quality and durability, while in all installation and contract jobs, his name is a guarantee of absolute dependability and assurance of safe, permanent work.

Mr. Rudd was born in Hoosic, New York, February 15, 1890, son of David and Flora (Russell) Rudd. David Rudd was a resident of Hoosic, New York, all his life, having been active in agricultural work, also serving at one time as Highway Commissioner for the town of Hoosic.

Maurice E. Rudd was educated in the public schools

of Hoosic Falls, New York, and upon the completion of his formal education, came to Bennington at the age of sixteen and obtained a position with the Twin Gas and Electric Company, serving first as an apprentice. He remained in the employ of this organization until 1914, and during his connection there applied himself to the acquirement of a thorough knowledge of the trade, establishing himself as an electrician of the finest ability. In 1914, Mr. Rudd went to North Adams where he accepted a position as manager of the shop of J. B. Spruill, the well-known electrical contractor of that town, and in that enterprise he continued until Mr. Spruill's death in 1915. Returning to Bennington at that time, he decided to venture into the business world independently and accordingly started as an expert electrical contractor having his first headquarters in a barn. His finished work and progressive methods caused him to receive many contracts, his business expanding to such an extent that soon he was obliged to seek a larger place. Through his able management and courteous treatment accorded all customers, the organization has progressed steadily until he now maintains an imposing electrical store on Main Street, one of the most beautiful commercial establishments in the city in the quality and taste of its handsome furnishings. In addition to this, he conducts a thriving contracting business and altogether employs eighteen people in both branches. Mr. Rudd is one of the most popular figures in the civic life of this city, giving his support and influence to every project which aims to benefit the people of the community. Possessing a cheerful and radiant disposition, he is a valued member of Mount Anthony Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; the Knights Templar Commandery, and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He has attained the thirty-second degree in the Masonic order. He is active in the affairs of the Bennington Club and in his religious affiliation is a member of the Christian Science Church.

Maurice E. Rudd married, October 26, 1910, Bessie Habour, daughter of Grant L. and Laura (Hathaway) Habour, of Bennington, and they have one daughter, Jane Elizabeth, born in Bennington, in 1917.

**WILLIAM BENNETT JOHNSON, JR.**—Emulating his father, who was the leading grain miller and coal dealer in Essex Junction, William Bennett Johnson is the owner and operator of the Johnson Grain Company at Winooski, while retaining his residence and maintaining his active interest in his native village.

Born in Essex Junction, December 27, 1889, William Bennett Johnson is the son of William Bennett (I) Johnson, born in Jericho, Vermont, November 4, 1849, died September 18, 1926. He was a direct descendant of Dan Johnson, a native of Windham County, who removed to Williston, Chittenden County, in 1787. He married Lena Stowell Marshall, daughter of Leonard Marshall. For many years he operated a grain mill and elevator and coal pockets at Essex Junction under the style of the Burlington Flouring Company. He became the leading business man in his lines in Essex Junction and established an enviable reputation for his ability and integrity in his commercial relations.

The son William attended the village school at Essex Junction and then took a course at Bryant & Stratton's Business College. He went to work for his father at the Burlington Flouring Mill and remained there until 1920, when he went to Winooski and took over the management of the flour mill in that town, soon changing the name of the business to the Johnson Grain Company. Under his direction the enterprise has enjoyed a period and degree of prosperity which has properly followed his expert management of the business.

His fraternal relations are with Ethan Allen Lodge, No. 72, Free and Accepted Masons, and Mansfield Lodge,



No. 18, Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the Essex Junction Men's Club.

William Bennett Johnson married, April 4, 1914, at Essex Junction, the Reverend C. C. Adams, of Burlington, officiating, Elsie Mason Taylor, daughter of Charles T. and Mary (Colwell) Taylor. Her father, born in Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1868, died in 1925, and her mother, a native of England, has her residence in New York City. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson: 1. Elsie Jane, born December 11, 1918. 2. William Bennett, born October 27, 1921.

**ALBERT M. JOHNSTONE**—General manager for several years of the Arlington Refrigerator Company, Albert M. Johnstone has served most efficiently in this position, ably directing the affairs of the company along the pathway of success. He is a man of long and varied business experience, and his rise to his present place with the Arlington Refrigerator Company has been thoroughly well merited as well as most fortunate for this enterprise.

Mr. Johnstone was born at Rensselaer, New York, in March, 1890, a son of Thomas F. Johnstone, in railroad service at this place, and of Grace M. (Miller) Johnstone. When he became of proper age he attended the public schools of his birthplace, and was graduated from the Rensselaer High School at the age of sixteen. Soon afterward he found employment as a deck hand for the Hudson River Day Line, working here for eleven years, although not very long as a deck hand. Mr. Johnstone's obvious ability and strict attention to the tasks which came to him attracted favorable notice from officials of the company, and brought about his advancement to positions of confidence and trust. At the time of his resignation from their employ he was assistant auditor of the company. In 1916 he first came to Arlington, Vermont, accepting a position as office manager for the Arlington Refrigerator Company, manufacturers of household refrigerators and one of the most important local enterprises. His capacity for executive detail and generally sound judgment soon made themselves manifest in the increased efficiency of operation, continued over a period of years, and in 1924 promotion came to him as a reward for loyal service, in his appointment as general manager of the company. Mr. Johnstone has continued to fill this office very capably since that time, in direct charge of all production, and controlling the activities of one hundred and thirty men. The officers of the company are, Dr. John P. Munn, of New York City, president, and Cora M. Rochester, of Arlington, treasurer, while its reputation is extensive and its product in steady demand.

In the general life of the community at Arlington, Mr. Johnstone has taken an active part. Politically a member of the Republican party, he has heartily supported every movement for the growth and progress of this section and the advancement of the civic welfare. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order is a member, and Past Master of Red Mountain Lodge, No. 63, at Arlington, and District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Vermont District, as well as a member of Adoniram Chapter, at Manchester, of the Royal Arch Masons. Mr. Johnstone is also a member of the Albany Club, at Albany, New York, while with his family he worships in the Methodist Episcopal faith, being an active member of the church of this denomination at East Arlington.

In 1914, at Rensselaer, New York, Albert M. Johnstone married Bertha L. Becker, daughter of George W. and Margaret R. Becker of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Johnstone are the parents of one child, George, who was born in Brooklyn, New York, in December, 1916.

**HON. WALTER SAMUEL FENTON**—Foremost in all matters that pertain to the well-being and progress of his native State, a public official known and honored for his abilities as a popular representative, and an attorney who has advanced through many grades of his profession to leading office, Hon. Walter Samuel Fenton is senior member of the law firm of Fenton, Wing & Morse, at Rutland, Vermont. Basing his success upon a very practical business experience, as well as thorough study of law matters, Mr. Fenton has the standing of one of Vermont's most sagacious and well-informed legal lights.

Walter Samuel Fenton was born July 12, 1886, at Pittsford, Vermont, a son of Henry S. and Belle C. (Hudson) Fenton, both also natives of Pittsford, and grandson of Charles J. Fenton, who held the office of town clerk for seventeen years. Henry S. Fenton, who is now deceased, was for some thirty years a commercial salesman. The family has resided continuously either in Rutland or Pittsford since 1785, the year when Mr. Fenton's ancestors removed from Rutland, Massachusetts, to Rutland, Vermont.

Attending the Pittsford public schools, Mr. Fenton was graduated from the high school with the class of 1901, after which he completed his business course at Rutland Business College in the winter of 1902. He then accepted a position as stenographer with Hon. Carroll S. Page, of Hyde Park, former Governor and later United States Senator; later, continuing his stenographic work in the employ of various firms until 1905. In September of 1905, Mr. Fenton matriculated at the Law School of Syracuse University, where he studied for two years, then entering the law office of Charles L. Howe, of Rutland, with whom he completed his law studies. On November 5, 1909, he took the State bar examination, and, admitted to the bar, began the practice of his profession, at first, for six years, from 1909 to 1915, with Judge Howe. He occupied offices in the Gryphon Building from 1915 to April 1, 1924, when the present law partnership was formed, with offices in the Mead Building.

Mr. Fenton held the office of Justice of the Peace from 1908 to 1915, and he was City Attorney of the city of Rutland in 1915-16. He was chosen as Representative to the General Assembly from the city of Rutland in 1917, serving as chairman of the committee on State and court expenses, and as member of the committees on joint rules, and on judiciary and temperance. He was executive clerk for Governor Percival W. Clement from 1919 to 1921, and served as a member of the Board of School Commissioners from 1920 to 1924, being president of that board the latter three years of this period.

Fraternally, Mr. Fenton is affiliated with Center Lodge, No. 34, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was Master in 1914; Davenport Chapter, No. 17, Royal Arch Masons; Vermont Lodge, No. 1, Knights of Pythias; and Rutland Country Club. He is a member of the Rutland Chamber of Commerce, and has twice been honored as a member of the Board of Governors. Mr. Fenton is a member of the Rutland County, the Vermont and the American bar associations; he was president of the Vermont Bar Association in 1927, and is now president of the Rutland County Bar Association.

Walter Samuel Fenton married, December 28, 1910, Marion Babbitt, daughter of Thomas and Florence (Spear) Babbitt; and their children are: Jane Carolyn, and Mary Elizabeth. The family are members of the Congregational church.

**JAMES E. POST**—Patriot, soldier, and life-long resident of Rutland, Vermont, James E. Post is still active in community affairs at the advanced age of eighty-eight. At Rutland for many years he engaged in



farming pursuits with every success, but for some time now, he has given up his personal work in agriculture and confined his attention to less exacting interests in the city.

Mr. Post was born in Rutland, February 19, 1840, a son of Alpha and Mary (Cheney) Post, and one of several children, the others of whom were: 1. Simeon, a physician. 2. Mary. 3. Laura A. 4. Ellen. 5. Julia. 6. Jessie. The father was also a native of Rutland, where he was a large land owner and prominent farmer of his day. He was one of three men to serve on the building committee appointed by the Congregational church of Rutland.

James E. Post, of this record, attended the district schools of Rutland, and as a boy and young man worked about his father's farm. With the outbreak of the Civil War, however, he immediately offered his services to his country, answering President Lincoln's first call for 75,000 volunteers. As a member of Company K, First Vermont Regiment of Volunteers, he served his original enlistment of three months. This regiment was in the first battle of the Civil War two days after Fort Sumter was fired upon. Then, on November 27, 1861, he reenlisted in Company D, Seventh Regiment. Proceeding under orders to New York he sailed with his company to Ship Island, in the Gulf of Mexico, in those days a trip of eight days without sight of land. Mr. Post held the rank of second sergeant, but during his services in the South he acted as first sergeant, winning commendation for meritorious work. After several months, however, he was taken sick, and his condition being aggravated by the hardships of army life, he was discharged in 1862 and sent home. Upon his return, Mr. Post took up work again on the farm, and after his marriage, was given a considerable part of it for his own, which he then operated successfully, until he was able to put other plans into execution. When the opportunity offered, he became a travelling salesman, and covered all the New England States, as well as New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Indiana, but finally, some years ago, he gave up traveling and established an agency at Rutland for the sale of oil burners and electric ranges. This work still continues to engage his attention, and through years of wide experience and proved ability, he has achieved wide local reputation as a progressive business man of the finest type.

Mr. Post is the oldest living member of Roberts Post, No. 14, of the Grand Army of the Republic, in which he has been active as an officer for many years, and is now serving as Officer of the Day. Colonel George Roberts, in whose honor the post was named, was the first line officer killed in battle in Virginia. Mr. Post has been prominent in the activities of the Grand Army of the Republic in Vermont, and of all the three months men who first enlisted in Company K, First Vermont Volunteers, he is the sole survivor. In politics he gives his allegiance to the principles and candidates of the Republican party, while throughout the years he has always heartily supported all movements, whether civic or benevolent, which had for their object the progress or welfare of the community. For his useful life and high conception of public duty he has been frequently honored and occupies high place in the affectionate esteem of the people of Rutland. For some years he served as president of the Rutland Fair Association, while both he and his wife are active members of the local Congregational church, contributing liberally to all church work.

On November 24, 1863, James E. Post married Lura A. Kelley, a daughter of Smith F. and Seviah (Round) Kelley. The children in this family were as follows: Mary, Lura A., Ellen, Julia, and Jessie. Mr. and Mrs. Post became the parents of four children: 1. Mary F., now deceased, who was the wife of Israel Davey, and the mother of two children, Ralph H., and Marion L.,

the latter of whom married B. H. Norton, a hardware merchant at Fair Haven, Vermont, and they have one son Ralph B. 2. Harry K., a clerk in the auditor's office of the Rutland Railroad Company, married Belle Marshall, and they live at home with his parents. 3. Frederick, who died at the age of six months. 4. Lela A., who died when three years old. The family residence at Rutland is situated at No. 49 West Street.

**GUY H. BOYCE**—In Proctor, Vermont, Guy H. Boyce is actively identified with the town's most prominent industry as purchasing agent and superintendent of real estate for the Vermont Marble Company. Mr. Boyce has been associated with this concern since 1893 and in addition is a leader in the financial affairs of his community as well as in its political activities. He has had the honor of serving as a representative in State Assembly for three terms, while at this time (1928) he is a candidate for the office of State Senator.

Mr. Boyce was born at Fayston, Washington County, August 6, 1869, son of Hiram E. and Betsy Boyce. He received his education in the schools of Waterbury and later attended Green Mountain Seminary at Waterbury Center, where he majored in the business course. Completing his formal education, he became associated in business with his father in Waterbury until 1893, at which time he accepted a position with the Vermont Marble Company. His ability and knowledge brought him quick success and in 1895, he was promoted to the office of purchasing agent and superintendent of real estate, which position he continues to fill. The Vermont Marble Company is one of the foremost industrial organizations of this State and the post of purchasing agent requires a man of discernment, wide knowledge and thorough familiarity with all details of the business, while their extensive real estate holdings require responsible direction and attention. Mr. Boyce has ever met with continued success in both these positions and he has been a vital factor in the progress and prosperity of this great enterprise. Prominent in the world of finance, he is vice-president and a director of the Proctor Trust Company. In politics, he is a staunch Republican and has always been actively interested in civic affairs. He has served as a member of the assembly for three terms, 1908, 1925 and 1927, and was nominated (1928) for the post of State Senator. Ever anxious to promote the welfare of the State at large, he has been unusually active in the work of the Farm Bureau in which body he has served as trustee, while his activities in conservation of natural resources have brought him State-wide recognition and he now serves as president of the Green Mountain Forestry Association.

Guy H. Boyce married Maye I. Field, daughter of George W. Field and they have one son, Vaughan, who is connected with the Vermont Marble Company.

**DAVID A. BARKER**—One of Rutland County's foremost public officials, David A. Barker is also a prominent business man of Rutland, conducting a prosperous business in hauling and trucking work. Mr. Barker is deputy sheriff of this county and has held this responsible office continuously since 1906. In his business, he specializes particularly in the sale and transportation of sand and gravel, owning important deposits of these commodities at Mendon. He has been active in the affairs of this city since coming here in 1896, while in his official position he has always had the welfare of his county and its residents as his foremost consideration.

Mr. Barker was born in Middletown Springs, Rutland County, March 30, 1860, son of Augustus and Emily (Hyde) Barker. Augustus Barker was engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life and died at the age of seventy-nine, while Mrs. Barker lived to the advanced age



of ninety-one. Their children were: Ida W., Lillie, David A., of whom further, and William E., deceased.

David A. Barker was educated in the public schools of his home district and studied at Castleton Normal School, from which institution of learning he was graduated with the class of 1881. He then spent three years following agriculture, after which he became active in the livery business at Middletown Springs, conducting a successful business venture there for two years. Mr. Barker then purchased the Valley House at Middletown Springs and operated this well-known hostelry with its joint livery business for ten years, being a popular host throughout this section of the country. Coming to Rutland, he purchased the W. E. Barker Estate, one of the foremost organizations engaged in the livery business, which he conducted for some time, later absorbing the Bardwell Livery. He carried on the most efficient and dependable enterprise of its kind until the advent of the automobile occasioned the gradual eclipse of the livery business. Always abreast of the times, Mr. Barker realized the value of the automobile and turned his attention to hauling and motor transportation. Acquiring large sand and gravel pits at Mendon, he now operates a thriving trade in the sale of these products which are carried in his large fleet of trucks. His headquarters are located at No. 102 Willow Street, from which he directs the active operation of this work. In politics, Mr. Barker is a staunch Republican and has served as deputy sheriff of Rutland County since 1906, having held this office under Sheriffs Peabody, Fish and Adams. Maintaining a deep interest in the life of his community, he is the oldest continuous member of the Rutland County Agricultural Society and since 1908 has been active as general superintendent of this agrarian body. While a resident in Middletown Springs, he served as selectman of the town and was also road commissioner. In fraternal circles, he is a prominent member of Poultney Lodge, No. 37, Free and Accepted Masons; Poultney Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Killington Commandery, Knights Templar; the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Cairo Temple, Rutland; and the Knights of Pythias. He is a valued member of the local Chamber of Commerce and of the Rotary Club.

David A. Barker married (first) Antha S. Mehuron, who is deceased, and their children are: Elroy, of Claremont, New Hampshire, and Raymond D., who operates the Bardwell Garage. Mr. Barker married (second) Mary Hoyt and they have one son, Normand, a student in the Rutland public school.

**HON. HARRY BLODGETT**—For over seventy years the Hon. Harry Blodgett has been a resident of Vermont. During the period of his long life he has risen to a prominent place in the business and financial world, has won notable victories at the bar in the practice of his profession, and has served with distinction upon the bench of Caledonia County. His numerous successes are recorded in the history of the growth and progress of Vermont.

Mr. Blodgett was born March 31, 1852, at Canaan, Vermont, where, when he became of suitable age, he attended the public schools. Later he entered Colebrook Academy, and soon after his graduation from this institution he began the study of law at Colebrook in the offices of Judge Edgar Aldrich. For a time also he studied in St. Johnsbury, in the offices of O. S. and C. C. Burke, and in 1873, he was admitted to the Vermont bar. In that year he began the practice of his chosen profession at St. Johnsbury, was immediately successful, and has since devoted most of his time and attention to his work here. From 1882 until 1884 he served as State's Attorney utilizing his brilliant talents in the service of the people, and was again elected about six years later, and was elected State Senator in 1898, serving one term.

On February 1, 1921, he was appointed Municipal Judge for Caledonia County, his long experience and sound legal judgment particularly fitting him for this post. He is also president of the Merchants' National Bank, in St. Johnsbury, where his able direction of the bank's financial affairs has been of great value. Mr. Blodgett has been active in the civic and social life of St. Johnsbury, and no movement which he considered in the best interests of the community has lacked his hearty support. He resides at No. 93 Railroad Avenue, St. Johnsbury, and his offices are located at No. 73 Railroad Avenue, in that place.

**FREDERICK LANGDON JONES**—In banking circles in Vermont, Frederick Langdon Jones is one of the younger men of this State who has already attained prominence in affairs of finance as treasurer of the West Rutland Trust Company. Mr. Jones, who resides at Castleton, has been active in the financial life of West Rutland since 1920 when he first became associated with the institution of which he is now an officer. He has advanced to his high position through his thorough knowledge of banking matters, as well as through his genial personality and sincere, general interest in the life of his community outside of business connections.

Mr. Jones was born in Castleton, December 18, 1897, son of John and Helen S. Jones. John Jones is active in the commercial life of Castleton as one of its leading dealers in slate and coal. Frederick Langdon Jones was educated in the public schools of Castleton, and Rutland High School, after which he entered Middlebury College, from which institution he was graduated with the class 1919. Entering the business world, at first he was active in the capacity of general insurance agent in this territory, but gave up that line of endeavor to become a clerk in the West Rutland Trust Company in 1920. His aptitude for financial work was plainly marked and his progress was rapid. Mr. Jones made a deep study of his organization's methods and transactions and his ability made him a valuable factor in the bank, while his courtesy and sincere interest made many new customers and patrons for the institution. He was promoted to the position of assistant-treasurer and in 1924, was elected treasurer, which post he has since continued to hold. He is active in all progressive affairs of this city and in 1928 was secretary of the Rotary International of West Rutland. In his home community, Mr. Jones is a popular citizen and active in all public affairs. He is chairman of the Castleton Republican Town Committee, and in his fraternal affiliations acts as secretary and treasurer of Lee Lodge, of Castleton, No. 30, Free and Accepted Masons, while he is also a member of the Greek letter fraternity, Chi Psi, of Middlebury College. He and his family attend the Federated Church of Castleton.

Mr. Jones is prominent in athletics and as an official of the Central Board has taken part in various foot-ball and basket-ball games as referee. During his college days, he made a specialty of track work and tennis, and was champion of Middlebury College in tennis, while he still holds the State records for the one-mile and two-mile runs.

Frederick Langdon Jones married at Poultney, August 29, 1922, Mary E. Leonard, daughter of Rev. Charles E. and Emma D. Leonard, and they are the parents of two daughters: Cathleen Leonard, born June 29, 1923; and Muriel Ann, born October 15, 1924.

**CAROLINE SALOME WOODRUFF**—Since 1921 Caroline Salome Woodruff has been principal of the Vermont State Normal School at Castleton, which has developed under her leadership and progressive administration into one of the foremost training schools of its type in the country. In many other ways, however, Miss







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Woodruff has rendered distinguished service to the cause of public education, gaining national reputation through her efforts and many honors for her work.

Miss Woodruff was born at West Burke, Vermont, a daughter of George Washington and Octavia Bemis Woodruff. Following attendance at St. Johnsbury Academy, she was graduated from Johnson State Normal School in Vermont, and thereafter undertook courses during the summer sessions at Middlebury College, the University of Vermont, and Teachers College of Columbia University. During the year 1920 and 1921 she was regularly enrolled at Columbia's Teachers College. Meanwhile her professional career was well under way. Until the year 1914 Miss Woodruff acted as principal and teacher of the Union Graded School at St. Johnsbury, while from 1915 until 1917, she was a training teacher for the State Department of Education. During 1917 and 1918 she was district superintendent in Essex County, Vermont, discharging all the duties of this office so efficiently that in the latter year she was chosen principal of the Junior High School at the State Normal School in Johnson, remaining in that capacity until 1920. Finally, in 1921, Miss Woodruff became principal of the State Normal School at Castleton, devoting her efforts since that time in a very successful way to the upbuilding and efficient administration of this institution, which owes much to her able guidance.

From the very beginning of her teaching career, Miss Woodruff has been prominent in the work of the various organizations for the promotion of educational progress. She has been long a member and in 1927 was elected president for a two-year term of the National Council of Administrative Women in Education, while for more than fifteen years she has been closely identified with the National Education Association. Of this body she was vice-president during 1928 and 1929, and for six years served as a director from the State of Vermont. She has also been on many important committees and is thoroughly familiar with the procedures of the National organization. In 1923 she was appointed by Dr. Augustus O. Thomas, president of the World Federation of Education Associations, a delegate from her own State to the first World Conference of Education at San Francisco, and in 1927 she attended as delegate a similar gathering at Toronto.

Miss Woodruff, in 1914, was the first woman to be elected president of the Vermont State Teachers' Association, and she has held nearly every elective office in the educational fields of her own State. It was largely through her leadership and that of two others that the State Retirement Fund for Teachers was established in Vermont in 1909, which led to the legal enactment of a State-wide retirement system for teachers. She is one of two whose untiring efforts made the McConnell Home for Teachers a reality in her own State in 1926—thus giving Vermont the distinction of being the first State in the country to establish such an institution. Miss Woodruff is actively interested in all Women's Club work and was chairman in 1913 and 1914 of the Education Committee of the Vermont State Federation of Women's Clubs, as well as Vermont Chairman of Educational work in the General Federation of Women's Clubs. She was president of the Vermont Women Teachers' Club in 1910-11, and one of the Board of Managers of the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement Fund Association during 1911-13. With this notable record of achievement it is not extraordinary that in 1925 the honorary degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon her by Middlebury College for "conspicuous service in the cause of public education."

Politically Miss Woodruff generally supports progressive Republican principles, although she prefers to decide upon the merits of each question as it is submitted to the electorate, and to judge for herself the individual qualifications of candidates for office. She is affiliated frater-

nally with Kappa Chapter at Columbia University, of Kappa Delta Pi, while she holds membership in many clubs and associations, including, besides those already mentioned, the Castleton Art Club, the Rutland Women's Club, the St. Johnsbury Women's Club, and St. John de Crevecoeur Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Miss Woodruff worships in the faith of the Congregational church.

**GERALD E. NORTHROP**—An important factor in the active progress of Vermont prosperity is the slate industry which has steadily grown to be one of the leading enterprises of this State. The products of the slate quarries here are being used in many and various practical ways and are shipped to distributing points all over this country. Prominent in this line of endeavor, Gerald E. Northrop of Castleton is actively identified with the actual quarrying, milling of electrical slate, and sale of slate and its products as treasurer and general manager of the John Jones Slate Company of this city. Mr. Northrop knows the industry thoroughly, having been connected with this activity for the entire length of his business career. He has been a valuable asset not only to his own organization but to the commercial advancement of his State as well, through his ability in promoting new ideas for the use of slate, many of which are innovations of practical and decorative value. Mr. Northrop was born in Castleton, son of Ellis N. Northrop, who was treasurer of the John Jones Slate Company; he died September 28, 1922.

Gerald E. Northrop was educated in the schools of this State, and upon completing his formal education, became associated with his father in their present commercial enterprise. Mr. Northrop is active in all local affairs and is particularly prominent in fraternal circles, being a member of Lee Lodge, No. 30, Free and Accepted Masons, of Castleton, and served as Master of this Lodge, 1928. He is also a member of Poultney Chapter, No. 10, Royal Arch Masons; Morning Star Council, No. 10, of Poultney; Killington Commandery, No. 6, Knights Templar, of Rutland; and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Gerald E. Northrup married, in 1923, Mildred R. Denno, daughter of Gustavus and Adella (Haskins) Denno, and granddaughter of Frank Denno. Gustavus Denno is now retired from active affairs and resides at Fairhaven. Mr. and Mrs. Northrop have one daughter, Rebecca, born in 1923. Both Mr. and Mrs. Northrop are Republicans and take an active part in politics.

**GEORGE C. CARY**—As executive head of the Cary Maple Sugar Company, at St. Johnsbury, Vermont, George C. Cary directs the activities of an organization considered to be the largest of its kind in the world. This company owes its existence to Mr. Cary's faith in the maple sugar industry, and its growth from small beginnings to its present preëminent position is due in large part to his careful guidance and sound business judgment.

Mr. Cary was born March 7, 1864, at Fort Fairfield, Aroostook County, Maine, a son of Asa C. Cary, who was born in Turner, Maine, and was a resident of that State until his death, and of Jessie (Priestley) Cary, who was born in Houlton, Maine, in 1836, became a school teacher when only fourteen years old, and was later principal of a preparatory school at Colby College, Waterville, Maine. Asa C. Cary was born in 1832 and when he completed his education, engaged for a time in the merchandising business in Boston and in Philadelphia. He soon returned to Maine, however, engaging in business in Presque Isle, and, after, 1858, in Fort Fairfield. He was connected with important civic and business interests there and was highly esteemed as a public-spirited citizen until the time of his death. The Cary family is an old one in New England, the American progenitor being John Cary, who joined the Plymouth Colony in 1636.



Zachariah Cary, a descendant of John Cary in the sixth generation, married Suzanna Bass, a direct descendant of John Alden and Priscilla Mullen.

George C. Cary attended the public schools of Fort Fairfield, and later entered Houlton Academy, where he was graduated in 1884. He began farm work at the age of ten, his father purchasing for him at that time a pair of small steers, and when he was eighteen years old he worked for a year in his father's store in Fort Fairfield. After his graduation from Houlton Academy he returned to Fort Fairfield where he sold farm machinery. The following January he went to Portland, Maine, as traveling salesman for Charles E. Jose and Company, a wholesale crockery concern, with whom he remained for one year, after which, in February, 1886, he became associated with the Twitchell Champlin Company, of Portland, for whom he traveled in Vermont for a period of three years. At the end of this time he accepted a position as traveling salesman for Martin L. Hall and Company, of Boston, Massachusetts, remaining with this company until the year 1900. While he was with the Twitchell Champlin Company, in Portland, Mr. Cary conceived the idea of devoting his spare time to a maple sugar business, but in 1900 orders had increased to such proportions that he decided to give all his time to this work, and he therefore resigned from Martin L. Hall and Company. In 1904 the Cary Maple Sugar Company was organized of which Mr. Cary was a director and general manager, and Mr. Edward McClellan, of Boston, president. In 1908 Mr. Cary was elected president and has been the active head of the company since that time. His able direction of affairs has resulted in a tremendous expansion of the volume of business, and the once modest company has acquired the status of a million dollar corporation which markets its excellent product in all parts of the United States and Canada, as well as in foreign countries. Mr. Cary was a director of three banks and of various other corporations, but he resigned from all of them so that he might devote his time exclusively to the maple sugar industry, to his real estate interests, and to farming, which is his hobby.

Politically, Mr. Cary is a member of the Republican party, and he is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons. He is active in the community life of St. Johnsbury, always ready to support any worthy civic or philanthropic enterprise, or to give his time and attention to any movement designed to promote the welfare of the city. Mr. Cary has made his residence in St. Johnsbury since 1892, maintaining a summer camp at Highland Farm, North Danville, Vermont, an estate comprising 4,000 acres on which are 20,000 maple trees. He also owns Pine Lodge farm, two miles from St. Johnsbury, and his cattle and oxen have been exhibited at various shows throughout the country, winning numerous prizes.

In 1891, George C. Cary married (first) Theresa I. Burnham, of Houlton, Maine, who died in 1893 when her first child was three months old. The child died in 1896. In 1898, Mr. Cary married (second) Annie M. Partidge, of Skowhegan, Maine, and they became the parents of three children: 1. Clinton P., born in 1899, a graduate of Dartmouth College, and now an executive associate in the Cary Maple Sugar Company. 2. Madeline, born in 1901, who was graduated from Smith College in 1923, and from Simmons in 1924. 3. Ruth, born in 1909, now a student at Smith College.

**JESSE EUGENE THOMSON, M. D.**—The history of Vermont would scarcely be complete without a record of the life and work of Jesse Eugene Thomson, M. D., one of the prominent physicians of the State. Specializing in the afflictions of the eye and ear in Rutland, he was active for many years in the professional, civic, political and fraternal life of this city, and was held in the highest esteem among his fellow men. In the course

of an unusually busy and useful career he devoted himself, his time, his energy and his talents, to the work that came before him; and, for his attainments professionally and otherwise, as well as for his genial personality and splendid qualities of character, he won the esteem and affection of a large number of friends and fellow townsmen, all of whom recognized in him a man of outstanding value and public-spiritedness. His death, needless to say, left a void in Rutland which it will not be easy to replace for many years to come.

Dr. Thomson was born at Jericho, Vermont, on November 22, 1853, son of Dr. Jesse and Mary S. (Wheelock) Thomson. He received his early education at the People's Academy, at Morrisville, Vermont, from which he was graduated in the class of 1875. He then spent two years at a medical school in Burlington, Vermont, after which he entered the University of the City of New York Medical College, from which he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine in the class of 1878. He first began the practice of medicine at Cabot, Vermont, where he continued for two years, and then spent one year at Jericho. In October, 1882, he came to Rutland, where he practiced until his death in 1922, a span of four decades, more years of useful and profitable endeavor than are allotted to most men in a single community. His practice was of a general nature, although he specialized as time went on more and more in the diseases of eye and ear, in the treatment of which he was more than ordinarily successful. One of the foremost men of his profession in Vermont, he did considerable medical work of a charitable nature—always modestly and unostentatiously,—and he was never asked to make a call that he did not fulfill regardless of financial considerations. He was a member of the county, State and American Medical associations, and through his affiliation with these bodies kept in constant touch with the newest developments in medicine and surgery, while at the same time he contributed much to the progress of his profession by giving advice and information to his professional colleagues.

Also active in community affairs, he was a staunch supporter of the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he regularly voted for. In 1896 he served in the Vermont State Legislature, having been elected to the lower house of that body in that year, representing the city of Rutland. Then, in 1897, he was sent to the State Senate from this district, and in 1897 and 1898 was a member of the upper house and served on several important committees. He also served his city as health officer for a number of years. He was a prominent member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he belonged to the Rutland Lodge No. 79, the Davenport Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, No. 17, the Killington Commandery No. 6, of Knights Templar, Vermont Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he holds the thirty-second degree, at Burlington, and Mount Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Montpelier. He served this temple as Potentate, and also was one of the founders of Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Rutland, of which he became the first Potentate. He was crowned a thirty-third degree Mason when the Imperial Council met in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1894, having been one of the few men to obtain that degree at that time. He was a leader in the movement to organize the Masonic Association in Rutland, and served as the first president of this body. He served the State organization of Masons as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery in 1898. Few men in Vermont have a finer record in Masonry than that won by Dr. Thomson, and prominent Masons from all parts of the State, as well as scores of professional and business men, associates and friends, attended his funeral services, for which the different groups gathered at Saint Paul's



Universalist Church, an escort of members of the Killington Commandery accompanying the body from the house to the church. Many members of this commandery were bearers, and other attendants at the funeral included O. W. Daley, thirty-third degree Mason of White River Junction, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Vermont; E. A. Bates, a thirty-third degree Mason of Burlington, Vermont, and also a past officer of the Grand Commandery of this State. Mr. Thomson, in addition to his other activities in the social life of his community, was one of the founders of Saint Paul's Universalist Church, of Rutland, and served as president of its board of trustees for many years before his death.

Dr. Jesse Eugene Thomson, in May, 1879, married Flora S. Rich, daughter of Charles A. and Sabrina (Marsh) Rich. Her father was a banker of Morrisville, Vermont. Dr. Thomson and his wife became the parents of one daughter, Rena M., who died in February, 1919. Mrs. Thomson resides at the family home, No. 99 Wales Street, Rutland, and is active in church work, having succeeded her late husband on the board of trustees of Saint Paul's Universalist Church. She is also church treasurer and collector and a member of the Women's Club of Rutland.

Dr. Thomson's death came on November 12, 1922, after he had been practicing medicine for a number of years in Rutland, and had devoted his time and energies without stint to every cause which he believed to be in the best interests of his community and its people. A man of high moral principles and lofty ideals, he lived in accordance with his thoughts, and won the affection of his fellow men. One of the most highly respected citizens of his community, Dr. Thomson was loved and cherished by many as a dear friend; and upon his death it became apparent that few men had been more popular than he, for he was greatly missed and mourned by all.

**ELMER H. JOHNSON**—Proprietor of the Vermont Supply Company, wholesale and retail dealers in oils, gas, and greases, Elmer H. Johnson has built up this business at Bennington solely through his own energy and ability. For many years a machinist, he became thoroughly acquainted with sound business principles which he has put into successful practice in developing his extensive trade in his own line. Mr. Johnson was born at Boston, Massachusetts, September 10, 1872, a son of Samuel S. Johnson, also born in Boston, and of Sarah (Keller) Johnson, who was a native of Scotland. His father was a blacksmith by trade, and operated a very large Boston shop until the time of his death.

Elmer H. Johnson attended the Boston public schools, and upon the completion of his education, served his apprenticeship in the machinist trade at Hopedale, Massachusetts, being at that time fifteen years old. For two years thereafter he remained in the employ of the Hopedale Machine Company, now the Draper Manufacturing Company, and then secured a position in Cleveland, Ohio, in the employ of the Peerless Manufacturing Company, large bicycle manufacturers. Mr. Johnson was a machinist with this company until the year 1905, at which time he returned to the east, and entered the field of his present work at Bennington. As proprietor of the Vermont Supply Company, he has proved himself an able and progressive business man, while his enterprise is one of the most prosperous of its kind in this section of the State. A liberal supporter of all worthy movements, Mr. Johnson is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, and has played a prominent part in higher Masonic circles. In this great order he is a member of Adelphi Lodge at Boston, of Boston Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Council of Royal and Select Masters, also at Boston, Columbian Command-

ery No. 1, in New York, of the Knights Templar, and Mecca Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, also in New York. He is a member of many clubs and associations, including the Lake George Club, the Colonial Yacht Club of New York, the Albany Yacht Club, and the Florida Yacht Club.

At Bennington, Vermont, Elmer H. Johnson married Elizabeth McCullough, daughter of the late Governor McCullough, of Vermont, and of Lila (Parks) McCullough. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson worship in the faith of the Protestant Episcopal church, contributing generously to the support of all its work.

**JOSEPH E. MARCEAU**—Actively identified with one of Vermont's foremost transportation systems which has been a valuable factor in the development and progress of this State, Joseph E. Marceau, of Rutland, is one of this community's prominent citizens. Mr. Marceau holds the office of general storekeeper for the Rutland Railroad, with his headquarters located at Rutland. He has been associated with this organization since the beginning of his active career, having obtained his first position as office-boy for the general passenger agent of the road immediately after finishing his schooling.

Mr. Marceau was born in West Rutland, January 11, 1889, son of Telephore Marceau, who was born in France and came to the United States at the age of sixteen, settling in West Rutland where he lived until 1894, and then came to Rutland where he died. He was a stationary engineer which he made his life work. Joseph E. Marceau was educated in the public schools of Rutland and after high school, entered business college where he completed a two-year course. He then accepted the position of office-boy for C. A. Nimmo, general passenger agent of the Rutland Railroad, and from that humble beginning has advanced to his present responsible post in the service of this great system. He took a deep interest in the company's affairs from the first, and advanced steadily by reason of his capacity for energy and will to succeed. He was appointed assistant storekeeper and held that position for eight years until 1919, when he was promoted to his present rank as general storekeeper in which office he has continued to win the highest acclaim for his efficiency and successful operation of this department. In municipal affairs, Mr. Marceau is an interested and constructive supporter of everything tending to advance the welfare of his city, while in his fraternal affiliations, he has achieved a position of prominence throughout Vermont. He is a member of Rutland Lodge, No. 79, Free and Accepted Masons, and is Past High Priest of Davenport Chapter, No. 17, Royal Arch Masons, and was elected for the term of 1928-29 as Eminent Commander of Killington Commandery, No. 6, Knights Templar. He is a member of Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of which body he has been Lieutenant of the Patrol for the past four years (1928). Mr. Marceau is a valued member of the Rutland Chamber of Commerce and is secretary of the Rutland Exchange Club.

Joseph E. Marceau married Irene Nancy Seward, daughter of Henry E. Seward, and they have three children: Theodora, J. Edward, Jr., and Marilyn Irene. The family residence is located at No. 21 Elm Street, Rutland.

**THOBURN L. DeFORGE**—A progressive factor in the commercial life of Rutland, Thoburn Leroy DeForge is one of the prominent younger business men of this city. Mr. DeForge is the junior partner in the firm of DeForge's Auto Electric Service, prominent in automobile circles for its activities in the field of auto electric service. He has had a wealth of experience in this type



of work in various parts of the United States and returned to Rutland in 1925 to become associated with his father, Frank J. DeForge in their present establishment.

Mr. DeForge was born in Bellows Falls, June 18, 1904, son of Frank J. and Ethel Mildred (Wheeler) DeForge. Frank J. DeForge was born in Colchester, son of Zeb DeForge, a well-known farmer of Colchester, who died at Burlington in 1924. Frank J. DeForge grew to manhood on the family farm at Colchester and as a youth became associated with the cooperage business and had a shop at Winooski. In that city he operated this enterprise successfully for some years, after which he went to Bellows Falls and was connected with Vermont Farm Machinery Company as toolmaker, in that city. He next opened an independent garage in that city where he carried on a substantial trade in automobile accessories and repair work for nine years. Mr. DeForge then went south and spent four years in Florida, returning to Vermont where in August, 1925, he opened his present business venture in partnership with his son. This is one of the largest plants of its kind in Vermont, housed in a spacious building located at No. 9 Terrill Street, where they conduct a general automobile electric service, repairing and installing starting, lighting, ignition and battery sales and service; also specialize in speedometer repairs. Their reputation for high class service and skilled, upstanding workmanship has spread throughout the State and the rapidity with which their establishment has expanded is a sure proof of their popularity and success. Frank J. DeForge married Ethel Mildred Wheeler and they have two sons: 1. Thoburn Leroy, of whom further. 2. Olin Homer, who is a salesman with the firm of DeForge's Auto Electric Service.

Thoburn Leroy DeForge was educated in the schools of Bellows Falls and after completing his formal education made a study of the electrical branch of the automobile industry, being connected with different plants in New England, Florida and California. He served for a time as an apprentice at the United Motors Branch in Boston, Massachusetts, and there received instruction of considerable worth. Mr. DeForge is an expert in this line of work and has attained prominence in this field, such a necessary adjunct to automotive operation. In August, 1925, he joined with his father in the formation of their present well-known enterprise.

Thoburn Leroy DeForge married, September 1, 1928, Mary Irene Casey, daughter of Patrick Casey. She is prominent in professional circles as an accomplished dancer and is one of the foremost exponents of the art of the dance in this State. Mrs. DeForge is a member of the Dancing Masters Association of America, having the distinction of being the only person in this State to hold membership in this organization. She conducts classes in dancing and rhythmic expression in Rutland and other cities of the State.

**EDWARD C. DAY**—Owner and operator of the Day Bottling Works, at Rutland, Vermont, Edward C. Day is a business man of long experience and proved ability. In the Rutland enterprise he manufactures carbonated beverages of the well-known Pico Club brand, specializing in the production of ginger ale and orangeade which are much in demand through all this section of the State. In addition to his business activities he is prominent in civic and fraternal affairs and is held in high esteem in his community as a public-spirited and progressive citizen.

Mr. Day was born in Washington County, Maine, April 22, 1869, a son of Lincoln J. and Lizzie M. (Hollingsworth) Day, of that State. He attended the local public schools until he was fourteen years old, early acquiring the habits of industry and thrift which have remained with him in all later life. Upon the completion of his academic training, he went into the lumber woods of Upper New England, and for a period of eight years

devoted himself to lumbering activities, being employed in various capacities. At the end of this time, Mr. Day entered a shoe factory at Rochester, New Hampshire, in which he remained for five years, rising gradually through meritorious services to positions of trust. For some time, however, he had been considering entering a field which seemed to offer greater opportunities and more liberal reward for initiative and ability, so when the occasion offered, he became associated with a bottling enterprise at Rochester. Quickly mastering all the details of operation, he remained in this work with every success for sixteen years, his able services contributing in no small degree to the prosperity of the company. Finally, on July 29, 1913, Mr. Day came to Rutland, Vermont, and here purchased the Henry Kinsella Bottling Works, of which he has since been sole owner and operator. He has desired to supply only the finest type of service in this field, and his efforts toward the satisfaction of those who deal with him have been appreciated and rewarded with a constantly increasing volume of trade. In addition to his general bottling work, Mr. Day manufactures a variety of carbonated beverages at his plant which is located at No. 30 Howe Street, Rutland, and the popularity of the Pico Club ginger ale, orangeade, and other drinks throughout this section testifies to the excellence of his products. His business has been built up on the soundest progressive principles and today is considered one of the most important and prosperous of local enterprises.

Mr. Day has heartily supported every worthy movement for civic advancement and progress, contributing liberally to many causes both civic and benevolent. He is an active member of the Rutland Chamber of Commerce, while fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of Rutland Lodge, No. 79, at Rutland. In the higher circles of this great order he has also been prominent, holding membership in Davenport Chapter, No. 17, of the Royal Arch Masons; Killington Commandery, No. 6, of the Knights Templar; Burlington Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree; and Cairo Temple, at Rutland, of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Day is also a member of Rutland Lodge, No. 61, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in this order is a member of Otter Creek Encampment, No. 7, and of Canton No. 6, at Rutland, of which he is a past officer. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

On January 7, 1907, Edward C. Day married Margaret Almene Jones, of New Hampshire. Mr. and Mrs. Day are the parents of two children: 1. Irma L., who has studied two years at Middlebury College, and is now completing a business course. 2. Kendrick E., now a student at Norwich University. The family home in Rutland is situated at No. 46 Terrill Street.

**ROBERT WILLIAM McCUEN**—Many public officials who have made distinguished records have been drawn from the newspaper profession, a notable instance in Vermont being Colonel Robert W. McCuen, Collector of Internal Revenue at Burlington. From his early voting years he has been prominent in the public eye, administering the offices to which he has been called with commendable care for the welfare of the community in which he has shown deep interest. A man of keen intellect, well grounded in legal lore and business ethics, and a veteran of the World War, he also has shown unusual ability in the field of journalism and the intricacies of political activity, while his lively interest in the progress of the community wherein he lives has been happily illustrated by his operations in agriculture and business enterprises. Possessed of this versatility, he has won the esteem of the people, who feel that they are ably represented when he is selected to do their bidding through the medium of public office.



*R. H. McQueen*





Colonel Robert W. McCuen was born at Vergennes, Vermont, May 30, 1880, the son of Nicholas J. and Kate H. (Allen) McCuen, who was a prominent merchant and public official in that city for many years. He was educated at Vergennes High School, Middlebury College and Boston University. He was publisher of the Addison County Newspaper Association at Vergennes for ten years, and held many offices in the city of Vergennes, including that of Alderman, School Commissioner and Representative to the Vermont Legislature in 1906 and 1910. He attended the Republican National Convention in 1908 as an Alternate, was a member of the Vermont Senate from Addison County in 1912, and served as chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, and was a member of the Judiciary and Education Committees. He was appointed by the Governor a member of the Lake Champlain Tercentenary Commission and the Macdonough Commission of Vermont, and as secretary of the latter commission, he rendered valuable service to the State. After receiving his degree at Boston University Law School, he took up the active practice of law at Middlebury until 1917, when he closed his office and volunteered his services in the army for the period of the war. For many years he was an officer in the Addison County Agricultural Society, is a trustee of the Addison County Trust Company, a director of the Burlington Securities Corporation, and treasurer of the Middlebury Register Company of Middlebury.

At the outbreak of the World War, Colonel McCuen was appointed by the Governor a member of the Public Safety Committee, until he attended the military training camp at Plattsburg, where he received a commission in the National Army and was assigned to duty at Camp Greene, North Carolina, where he gained distinction for his services rendered in the entraining and detraining of troops mobilizing for oversea service. He was promoted to the rank of captain in May, 1918, and was ordered to France with the Fourth Artillery Brigade of the Fourth Division (Regular Army), and was on active duty in the Aisne-Marne (Chateau Thierry and Vesle River engagements), the St. Mihiel drive and the Meuse-Argonne offensive. While with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, he was assigned to duty as assistant to G-1, Chief of Staff of the Fourth Division, American Expeditionary Forces, and continued with that organization until his discharge from the service in April, 1919. After the Armistice, Colonel McCuen went with the Fourth Division as a part of the Army of Occupation in Germany. He was honorably cited for his excellent service in the Army, and was promoted to the rank of major in the Reserve Corps. Soon after his discharge from the active service in the army, he was commissioned a lieutenant-colonel in the Organized Reserve Corps of the United States Army. After his return from Germany, Colonel McCuen resumed the practice of law at Vergennes until 1921 when he was appointed by President Harding, Collector of Internal Revenue for the District of Vermont. He was president of the Vermont Reserve Officers Association in 1925, and Department Commander of the American Legion in 1926. He has been president of the Vermont Press Association, the Vermont Fish and Game League, and the Champlain Valley Council. He is a member of the Masons, the Odd Fellows and the Order of Elks. His religious faith is Episcopalian.

Colonel McCuen was married on July 4, 1901, to Nancy Mable Smith of Vergennes, Vermont, daughter of the late Phelps B. and Mary (Wetherbee) Smith of Bridport.

**EDWARD SIDNEY CURTIS**—A prominent figure in the life of Rutland, Vermont, for many years, Edward Sidney Curtis has had an extensive business as wheelwright and manufacturer of farm and team wagons in this city. Not only has he supplied to the community a professional service in this field of the highest type, but

he has also been active in Masonic circles and in civic affairs, unselfishly giving his time and attention to much work in the public interest as village trustee and now as city assessor.

Mr. Curtis was born at Rutland, March 30, 1863, in the ancestral home of his family. His grandfather, Philo Curtis, was one of the pioneer settlers in Vermont, coming as a young man to the town of Rutland, where he cleared a farm and operated it until the time of his death. He was twice married, and by his first union was the father of two children: Charles H. and Frances C. Four children were born of the second marriage: Sidney W., Clement H., Lewis M., and Mary E.

Sidney W. Curtis, father of Edward Sidney, was born on the homestead farm in the town of Rutland, to the ownership of which he later succeeded and whose operation he directed for many years. He died at the age of seventy-five, while his wife, Eliza (Bell) Curtis, died in her seventieth year. They were the parents of the following children: 1. Alice Frances, who died in childhood. 2. Charles M., now a resident of Seattle, Washington. 3. Edward S., of whom further. 4. George P., who lives at San Anselmo, California. 5. Mary Bell, who died at the age of twenty years.

Edward Sidney Curtis, of this record, attended the public schools of his native town, and completed his academic training at the Rutland High School. From boyhood he had assisted his father about the home farm, and here he remained until he was twenty-four years old. At that time, however, he came to Rutland and learned the wheelwright's trade under the able instruction of his father-in-law, Samuel Terrill, who was a manufacturer of farm and team wagons at Rutland for many years. In this trade Mr. Curtis has spent his life, building up a business of prosperous proportions as his services came to be widely in demand throughout this section.

In politics a strong supporter of the Republican party, Mr. Curtis has been active in civic life, standing high in local party councils. During the last two years in which Rutland was a village he served as a member of the village board of trustees, while in 1926 he was appointed city assessor. The following year he was elected to this office, in which he has served since that time, discharging all the duties of his position with the greatest efficiency and competence, to the complete satisfaction of the entire community. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, playing a prominent part in the higher circles of this great order, in which he is a member of Rutland Lodge, No. 79, and Past Master and Secretary of the Lodge. He is also a member of Davenport Chapter, No. 17, of the Royal Arch Masons, a member of Davenport Council, No. 12, of the Council of Royal and Select Masters, in both of which he is a past officer, having served as High Priest of the chapter and is at present its secretary. Mr. Curtis is a member of Killington Commandery, No. 6, of the Knights Templar, having been Recorder for twenty-five years, a member of all bodies of the Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Vermont Consistory at Burlington, a member of Cairo Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and Recorder of this Temple for the past seven years, a member of Orian Grotto of the Mystic Order of the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, of which he has been secretary for the past fifteen years, a member of Phyllis Chapter, No. 56, of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a member of the Rotary Club. With his family Mr. Curtis worships in the faith of the Congregational church, and of the local congregation at Rutland he has been deacon for the past ten years, as were his father and grandfather before him.

Edward Sidney Curtis married Viletta Terrill, daughter of Samuel and Susan (Warren) Terrill, of Rutland. Three children have been born of this marriage: 1. Viletta T., now the wife of Roger S. Pike, of Rutland.



2. Frances W., who married Charles L. Winslow, of Mt. Holly, Vermont. 3. Edward Warren, who married Lucile Kerr, and is now treasurer of the Rutland Machine Auto Company. The Curtis family residence at Rutland is situated at No. 41 Edgerton Street.

**WILLIAM FOX HAGER**—Prominent in the life of Wallingford, Vermont, for many years, William Fox Hager was a merchant and businessman of the finest type, building up a wide local trade in drugs, medicines, paints, oils, and other similar products. In his last years he also served the community most efficiently as postmaster of Wallingford, to the complete satisfaction of the entire section and of the executive officials in the department, while no man was more heartily interested or more active in his support of every worthy movement for civic welfare and advance.

Mr. Hager was born at Wallingford, in March, 1874, a son of Enoch C. and Alice (Tufts) Hager, the mother being a member of the famous family which founded Tufts College. The father, now deceased, was a veteran of the Civil War, serving his country with credit and distinction in that conflict, while in civil life he devoted his attention to lumbering interests. He was always an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and occupied high place in the affectionate esteem of the entire community.

William Fox Hager, of this record, attended the local district schools of his boyhood, and upon the completion of his educational work, began his business career as a clerk in a Rutland store. His loyal and able performance of all the duties which came to him, his obvious ability, and eager desire to learn all the details of business operation, commended themselves to his employer and brought him rapid advancement to positions of confidence and trust. For some time, however, he had been considering an independent venture, and finally, in 1907, he was able to put his plans into execution by the purchase of the Stephen Saunders store at Wallingford. Mr. Hager took over this enterprise with enthusiasm, and by hard work and the application of sound principles soon built up a prosperous trade throughout the community to which he continued to give his attention until the time of his death. Handling drugs and medicines of all kinds, as well as paints and oils, his first care was to maintain the highest standards of excellence both as to quality of product and service, so that those who came to him might do so with the completest confidence that here they would find the best article of the type desired that was obtainable. The community was quick to appreciate his efforts toward this end, and rewarded him with a large and profitable business. In addition to his mercantile interests, Mr. Hager was appointed postmaster of Wallingford by President Coolidge, on February 4, 1924, the office being vacant at this time. It was considered that he was a man ideally fitted for this post by reason of his long business career and high conception of public duty, and the success with which he administered the duties of his office more than justified the confidence reposed in him.

Active in every way in all civic movements, Mr. Hager was also prominent in fraternal circles, being affiliated with Chipman Lodge, No. 52, of the Free and Accepted Masons at Wallingford, of which he was Past Master. In this great order he was a member of all bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory, at Burlington, and a member of Cairo Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

In July, 1907, William Fox Hager married Lilla S. Safford, a daughter of Joseph E. Safford, who was born at Woodstock, Vermont, and of Ida Axilla (Woods) Safford. The grandfather, Justin Safford, and the great-grandfather, Challis Safford, were distinguished men in

the life of their times, while the earliest settlers of the family in America came to Massachusetts from England in 1640. Since that time the name has frequently appeared in the historical records of the New England States. Mrs. Hager succeeded her husband as postmaster at Wallingford, upon the latter's death, her commission being dated February 7, 1926, and is holding office at the present time. She is carrying on the work on the same high levels of efficiency which her husband instituted and to which he so faithfully adhered in his tenure of office.

Mr. Hager's death, which occurred on September 22, 1925, was a severe shock to the community which had come to know him so well through years of intimate relationship. Strong in will and character, able in business life, he gave his allegiance through all his years to the highest ideals, and from these he never departed. The spirit of a community is better for the lives of such men, and the memory of their character and accomplishments remains through the years an enduring monument to their fame.

**PATRICK J. RYAN**—A business man of long experience and proved ability, Patrick J. Ryan is now a member of the firm of Ryan and Schlieder, dealers in coal, lumber, and builders' supplies at Manchester Depot, Vermont. He has been associated with the lumber and building trades throughout all his career, and is thoroughly familiar with every detail of sound business practice, these factors combining to make possible the great success of his company at Manchester Depot, where it is considered one of the most important of local enterprises.

Mr. Ryan was born in County Mayo, Ireland, March 6, 1868, a son of Henry and Jane (Boyd) Ryan. His father was a man of considerable prominence in his native county, devoting the early part of his life to yacht and boat building, but later becoming the owner of a general store, dealing in paints and oils, and also engaging in the operation of a local hotel. Patrick J. Ryan attended the public schools of his birthplace, early acquiring the habits of industry and thrift and the love of self-improvement which have remained with him in all later life. After his arrival in the United States at the age of twenty-four, he also completed several special courses of the International Correspondence School, at Scranton, Pennsylvania. He entered the employ of the Beaver River Lumber Company as a millwright and boat builder, remaining with this company for a period of twelve years, winning merited advancement for loyal services. But Mr. Ryan sought larger possibilities than those offered in this position, and at the end of that time became associated with George R. Schlieder, now deceased, in the establishment of the firm of Ryan and Schlieder, manufacturers of sulphate pulp chips and lathes, at Wanakena, New York. Immediate success came to this enterprise, as their volume of business constantly increased year by year, but in 1913, after eight years at Wanakena, they transferred the scene of their activities to Manchester Depot, Vermont, continuing in the same line and also dealing in stove wood until 1916. At that time Mr. Ryan and his partner turned their attention to the manufacture of wooden toys, but following the disastrous fire of 1920 they discontinued this business. After the death of George R. Schlieder in 1924, his son, Leland F. Schlieder (see a following biography) became an independent member of the firm, which bought out the coal business of Mr. Frank Walker in the following year. Since 1925 Mr. Ryan and Mr. Schlieder have been dealers in coal, lumber, and builders' supplies at Manchester Depot, gaining wide reputation and an extensive trade throughout all the vicinity, for the excellence of their service and products. Mr. Ryan is considered in the community an able, progressive busi-







*John L. Norris*

ness man of the finest type, and in addition to his connection with the Ryan and Schlieder Company, is a director of the Manchester Manufacturing Company, and vice-president of the Rich Lumber Company, of Manchester Depot. His opinion on all business is highly valued and frequently sought. In spite of a busy life, he has found time to maintain an interest in various phases of the community life, contributing liberally to many worthy causes. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this great order is a member of Adoniram Lodge, at Manchester Center.

At Williamstown, Massachusetts, Patrick J. Ryan married Mrs. George R. Schlieder, widow of his former partner in business. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan worship in the Congregational faith, attending the local church of that denomination at Manchester Depot.

**LELAND F. SCHLIEDER**—One of the most progressive business men of Manchester Depot, Leland F. Schlieder was born at Castorland, New York, October 14, 1899, son of George R. and Mamie (Stoddard) Schlieder. His father, George R. Schlieder, was a manufacturer of sulphite, and engaged also in the lath business, first in New York State, later at Manchester Depot; and he died at Manchester, Vermont, May 25, 1924. He was a man of high character and financial talent, deeply esteemed by those who were close to him. He is recalled with affection in Manchester Depot.

Leland F. Schlieder secured his early academic instruction in the public schools of West Carthage, New York, his secondary training at Burr and Burton Seminary, of Manchester, Vermont, and then became a student at Albany Law School, of Albany, New York. He was in law school during America's participation in the World War, serving in the Students' Army Training Corps there. His initial business experience was as an employe of N. D. Cass Company, of Manchester Depot, manufacturers of wooden toys. Here he was shop foreman, and did so well in supervision that he was advanced to the post of factory superintendent. In all he spent three years with the Cass organization, then, on August 1, 1925, in association with Patrick J. Ryan (see a preceding biography), formed the firm of Ryan and Schlieder, dealers in coal and building materials, of Manchester Depot. This firm has prospered, under the partners' able guidance. Both are in step with the times, and much of the company's prosperity is attributable to the effort and direction of Mr. Schlieder, who is considered one of the outstanding young business men of the town. He is a member of Gamma Eta Gamma, national legal fraternity, with which he became affiliated while at Albany Law School; belongs to the Union Club of Manchester, and is a communicant of the Catholic Church.

Leland F. Schlieder married, November 17, 1919, at East Dorset, Marcella F. McDevitt, daughter of William and Margaret M. (Molloy) McDevitt; and of this union there are children: 1. Victor Bernard, born January 11, 1921. 2. Frances Irene, May 27, 1922.

**JOHN L. NORRIS**—As treasurer and manager of the Dairy Association Company, Inc., John L. Norris has been largely instrumental in building the business from a small concern that provided local dairymen and horse owners with curative ointments and tonics for their animals to a plant that employs from twenty-five to forty people the year around and manufactures the same remedies on a scale that permits of national distribution. The Dairy Association Company, Inc., which has become a business in which Lyndonville takes no little pride, has Z. A. Norris as president and W. R. Cheeney as vice-president.

John L. Norris was born at Lyme, New Hampshire, August 8, 1866, the son of John L. and Angeline (Col-

burn) Norris. He attended the University of New Hampshire and after graduation from that institution in 1889 was, for fifteen years, a member of the Norris Brothers firm which operated four grocery stores in Boston, Massachusetts. Then the Norrises, and Mr. Cheeney, took over the Dairy Association Company, at that time doing an inconsequential business and developed it to its present proportions. John L. Norris has comprehensive business interests in the town, holding directorships in the Lyndonville Savings Bank and Trust Company, the Lyndonville Hotel Association, the Lyndonville Garage Company, and the Lyndonville Realty Company. Taking the affairs of the city of his adoption more seriously than do many of her native sons, Mr. Norris has given unstintingly of his time and financial support to further civic improvements in Lyndonville, and his influence and activities have had much to do with hastening reconstruction of devastated areas following the fire of 1924. Mr. Norris has been a member of the Congregational Church since he was sixteen years of age and he and his family play an important part in its work.

Mr. Norris's first wife was Agnes M. Douglas who left, at her death in 1918, a son and daughter, John L. Jr., and Elsie. He later married Ida F. Flower.

**WILLIAM ROY ROBINSON**—Considered one of the foremost authorities of his calling, that of fish propagation, and now (1928) serving as superintendent of the State Hatcheries at Bennington, William Roy Robinson qualified himself for the duties of this post after having been disabled in the service of his country's military forces, with which he has been connected intermittently since the beginning of the twentieth century. His life has been filled with unusual experiences, and during his connection with the navy he traveled widely and visited many foreign ports. His commercial activities have encompassed shoemaking, lumbering and painting.

Mr. Robinson was born July 6, 1883, at Egremont, Massachusetts, son of John Oliver and Mary Ann (Carey) Robinson, the father having followed the carpenter's trade throughout his life at Canton, Maine, where he died and was laid to rest.

William Roy Robinson obtained his education in the public schools and during the early years of his mature life was occupied as a shoemaker. In 1901 he capitulated to the call of the sea and enlisted as an apprentice in the United States Navy. This enlistment expired in 1905, and in that year Mr. Robinson returned to civil life, having been discharged with the rating of chief petty officer. For a year thereafter he was engaged in lumbering in the Maine woods, and then enlisted again, this time choosing the Marine Corps. While attached to the corps, he served aboard ship for eighteen months, and during that period his duties took him to most of the United States' possessions and many foreign ports. These voyages were made aboard the U. S. S. "Boston." Receiving his honorable discharge from the Marine Corps, Mr. Robinson located in Boston, and there took up the painter's trade, followed it for six years and became a boss painter. Thence he returned to his native State and was engaged at various times as farmer, lumberman and painter, so continuing until the United States entered the World War. Due to his splendid record, Mr. Robinson was enrolled in the Navy at that time with the rating of boatswain's mate, first class, and assigned to the Hingham Naval Training School as instructor of seamanship. Disabled in line of duty, Mr. Robinson was discharged from the Naval Hospital at Chelsea, Massachusetts, after having served aboard the destroyers "Lardner" and "Ingram" with the rating of chief petty officer. Availing himself of Government facilities of vocational training, he entered the fish hatchery business,



and became thoroughly familiar with this vocation in his association with several hatcheries in the State of Maine. His first connection with this vocation in Vermont was made when he came to Canaan as superintendent of the hatcheries there. Soon he was transferred to the South Vernon (Vermont) Station, also as superintendent. This transfer was made in the early part of 1925, and in November of that same year he again was promoted, coming to Bennington, here to assume full charge of the Bennington Fish Hatcheries. Thus, in a comparatively brief period, Mr. Robinson has trained himself in a new line of endeavor, and now is admitted to be one of the foremost authorities in New England on propagation of fish. He also has identified himself with various other spheres of activity in Vermont, is ever willing to lend a helping hand to community progress and has a large circle of friends in Bennington. He and his family are members of the Methodist Church.

William R. Robinson married, November 25, 1908, at Revere, Massachusetts, Rebecca Pitman, of Marblehead, Massachusetts, daughter of Benjamin F. and Mary P. Butman. (Mrs. Robinson's name formerly was Butman, but was changed legally to Pitman, in 1893.) The children of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are: Wilena May, Edith Marian, William R., Jr., Dorothy, and Helen Adelle.

**EDWARD A. TOBIN, M. D.**—Among the prominent physicians of the State none is better equipped for his profession than Edward A. Tobin. Carrying on a large general practice nowadays at Bennington, his career prior to settling in this city, included ten years given over to military service. Dr. Tobin was born at Hatfield, Massachusetts, on April 28, 1874, a son of John S. and Mary (Driscoll) Tobin. His father was a Civil War veteran and a newspaper writer and died when his son was very young. After his preliminary education along academic lines in the schools of Massachusetts, he entered the University of Vermont and took his medical degree at the Medical College of that fine institution. To further supplement his preparation Dr. Tobin took up post-graduate work at the New York Lying-In Hospital. For three years he practiced medicine at Bristol, and then in 1909 came to Bennington where he has been established ever since and which he called home through his years of military service during the World War. Dr. Tobin was commissioned in 1909 as first lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve Corps and ordered to active duty in 1916. He was commissioned captain of the medical corps the following year at Plattsburg Barracks. While still at Plattsburg he earned his promotion to rank of major, and in the spring of 1918 he was transferred to Texas. When he was sent overseas, in that year, he went as Sanitary Inspector of the 7th Division of the United States Regular Army, ranking as major. Major Tobin saw active service in France with the 7th Division and on May 2, 1919, was given rank of lieutenant-colonel and returning to America in June, 1919, was stationed at Fort Riley and at Fort Leavenworth in Kansas, until his discharge from the federal service on October 20, 1919. February 24, 1925, Dr. Tobin was appointed colonel of the medical corps of the United States Army, a commission he still retains.

Dr. Tobin's activities are many and varied. His private practice is constantly widening, and his institutional interests embrace a position on the staff of the Putnam Memorial Hospital where he is chief of the obstetrical department. An active member of the Vermont State Medical Society, he was elected president of that society in 1925, and he also belongs to the American Medical Association and to the Bennington County Medical Association. He is trustee of the State's Soldiers' Home, member of the American Legion, the Military Order of Foreign Wars, and a Veteran of Foreign Wars;

a member of the Bennington Club and a member of the congregation of St. John's Roman Catholic Church. Indefatigable in the pursuit of scientific advancement in his chosen vocation, Dr. Tobin is always in the van of progress and he has been exceedingly liberal in giving of his time and talents in the best interests of the county.

Edward A. Tobin was married at Middlebury, on October 16, 1906, to Annah Elizabeth Daniels, daughter of Edward and Alice (Nichols) Daniels, of that town. Their only child is a little daughter whom they have adopted, born April 15, 1922, and whom they have named Lucille Tobin.

**BURTON L. HARD**—An important figure for some years in the life of Arlington, Vermont, Burton L. Hard built up a successful insurance business here solely through his own efforts and ability, and since 1922 has served as postmaster. In this position he has given the fullest satisfaction, both to his superiors in the department and to the community of which he is a member, discharging all the duties of office in a most efficient manner. Active generally in the life of Arlington, he is universally esteemed as a public-spirited citizen.

Mr. Hard was born at Arlington, October 22, 1883, a son of Seymour and Sarah Elizabeth (Aylesworth) Hard, both born in Arlington, and both now deceased. The father was well known locally as a lumber man, and at various times held many of the town's offices. Burton L. Hard attended the public schools of his birthplace, the Burr and Burton Seminary, at Manchester, and the University of Vermont, from which he was graduated in 1909. Following the completion of his education, he began the business of life in the employ of the William Newmont Lumber Company, at Manchester Center, with which he remained as clerk for two years. At the end of this time, for one year, he engaged independently in business as a member of Clark and Hard, dealers in lumber at Melrose, New York, and at Boyntonville, in the same State, and then accepted a position with Mr. J. J. Shakshober as the superintendent of his lumber yard at Glastonbury. Mr. Hard served very capably in this position for eighteen months, and then came to the decision to abandon the lumber trade, accepting a position as clerk and teller in the Factory Point National Bank, at Manchester Center. Two years later he established himself in the insurance business at Arlington, handling all types of insurance, and for twelve years now has conducted this enterprise in a most successful way, the demands for his services constantly increasing. In addition to this work he has served as postmaster at Arlington since 1922.

Politically, Mr. Hard supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party, and is active in the advancement of every good cause in the community. He was one of the incorporators of the Bennington County Savings Bank, while in public life he has been a justice of the peace for some years. Mr. Hard is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member in this order of Red Mountain Lodge, No. 63, at Arlington and worships in the faith of the Protestant Episcopal church.

On October 16, 1912, at Hanover, New Hampshire, Burton L. Hard married Marjorie R. Ford, daughter of Elmer Ford and of Jennie (Regan) Ford, who was born at Hanover, New Hampshire. Mr. and Mrs. Hard are the parents of three children: 1. Thornton F., born at Glastonbury. 2. Richard A., who was born at Hanover. 3. Janis E., born at Arlington.

**F. LEWIE HOWARD**—During his active business career in Manchester Center, where he is at present a partner with Jerome Horton in the Manchester Plumbing & Hardware Company, F. Lewie Howard has won the admiration of his fellow business men by the man-



ner in which he has conducted his enterprise. Appreciative of the principle that certain coöperation is essential to success of the whole commercial body of a district, he has adhered to that rule, and by its observation to the letter has forged steadily ahead and at the same time promoted the prosperity of the community. Native of the State of Vermont, he has been inspired by those traditions of his family and ancestors that inculcate the good will of others and encourage industry through example. Upright in his dealings with all, he has always given as much as he expects from them, which characteristic has brought him an army of sincere friends and loyal associates in business. He has been active in his support of all civic enterprises that look to the progress of the people and has engaged his recreational moments with membership in fraternal and social organizations of high repute. He is, in short, a citizen of unquestioned value and a business man of unimpeachable integrity.

Mr. Howard was born in Ludlow, Vermont, July 14, 1891, a son of Frank C. and Mary E. (Taylor) Howard, the last named a native of Burlington. His father was a furniture dealer and mortician in Ludlow for forty years, retiring some fifteen years prior to this date, 1928. The son received his education in the Ludlow public schools and at Black River Academy in Ludlow and then entered business. For four years he was paymaster for the Black River Woollen Company and then became a salesman for the Underwood Typewriter Company at Springfield, Massachusetts, with which corporation he remained for three years. He then engaged in other lines for a period, coming to Manchester in 1917 as manager of the Combination Cash Stores. After five years in this last named occupation he became associated with Jerome Horton in the establishment of the enterprise here which they still conduct. In politics he is a Democrat but has not accepted office. He ranks high in Masonry, being a member of Adoniram Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and holding the thirty-second degree in affiliation with the Manchester Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, and also having membership in Cairo Temple of Rutland, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Rutland. His clubs are the Equinox Links and Union of Manchester.

F. Lewie Howard married, in Ludlow, Vermont, December 25, 1915, Adelaide P. Tulley, daughter of Bernard (deceased when she was a child) and Sarah (Keough) Tulley.

**FRANK EDSON BOND**—Owner and proprietor of the Colburn House, Manchester Center, Frank Edson Bond has engaged in the hotel business for more than twenty years, and is today, as he has been through many years, a leading citizen of this community. Born at Danby, January 21, 1858, he is a son of E. B. and Elizabeth (Sweet) Bond. His father was one of Danby's well known citizens, having been station agent there for thirty years and holder of several town offices. His death occasioned wide sadness, for he was popular, highly esteemed as a man. His brother was in the Civil War, Vermont State Militia, and the family as a whole has always occupied a respected position, notably in Danby and Manchester Center.

Frank Edson Bond attended the district school of Danby, and for a year worked as clerk for P. H. Houghton, later securing a more advantageous place with A. S. and O. E. Adams, proprietors of a general store, in Danby, as clerk. Still later he was in the employ of McIntyre and Griffith, of that community. With this organization he clerked four years, then, for eleven years and with considerable financial fortune, conducted a general store of his own, at Danby. Having disposed of the store, he next worked as superintendent of out-

side projects for the Vermont Marble Company, this association continuing for twelve months, after which he came to Manchester Center, 1900, as manager of the Graves general store. In 1905 he purchased the Colburn House, and has conducted this hotel with efficiency and profit, as an asset to the town, through the years succeeding.

In the general affairs of Manchester Center Mr. Bond has played a consistently interested rôle. Fraternally he was first affiliated with Marble Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons at Danby, but has since been admitted to Adoniram Lodge, of Manchester. He supports all worthily conceived enterprises calculated to be of benefit to the community, and is known widely for the loyalty of his public spirit. During the World War he was of valued assistance in the several campaigns of patriotic appeal.

Frank Edson Bond married Louise Mathewson, daughter of Elbert and Harriett (Doty) Mathewson; and of this union were born children: 1. Edith, deceased. 2. Charles, owner of a garage, of Manchester Center. 3. Frank, deceased. 4. Frances, wife of Henry H. Mars; and they have a child, Katherine.

**J. OLIVER BURT**—One of the leading citizens of Bennington and one who has at all times stressed the best, most far-seeing ideals for the up-building and welfare of the community, is J. Oliver Burt. A merchant of many years standing, he has also been generous in giving of his energy and time in the promotion of movements affecting the town that have a broad and vital connection with its prosperity and civic importance in the State. Mr. Burt was born in Bennington (October 29, 1860) as was his father, J. H. Burt, who owned a farm in the town limits and who died in 1887. His mother was Ellen (Moulds) Burt. Mr. Burt has been one of the busy factors in the commercial enterprise of Bennington for many years. He started his career as a clerk in the men's furnishings store of C. G. Cole, and after about six years was taken into the firm as partner, which association lasted until 1893, when Mr. Burt with his brother, Sidney A. Burt, organized a firm in the same line of merchandise known as the Burt Brothers. The firm still retains this name although Mr. Burt's commercial activities have expanded greatly and he is also a senior partner of the firm of J. O. Burt and Sons. The basis of this latter organization is the older company of C. G. Cole, which Mr. Burt bought in November, 1924, enlarging and taking into partnership his son, Eugene C. Burt, and son-in-law, Orin B. Bowen.

All through his busy life, Mr. Burt has taken a most active part in the city's affairs. He has been a justice of the peace for sixteen years; has served on the grand jury for a number of years; as a member of the board of selectmen for fourteen terms and has acted as one of the school board. The Bennington Chamber of Commerce considers him as one of its influential components and he is a regular attendant and trustee of the Baptist church. Mr. Burt furthermore is treasurer of Mount Anthony Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of Bennington, a post that he has held for over twenty years.

In February, 1884, J. Oliver Burt was married to Hattie M. Burgess, daughter of Henry E. and Mary (Woodward) Burgess, also of an old Bennington family, and since their children have all been born in this same city, one may rightfully feel that the Burt name has engraved itself firmly into the structure of the town and stands for a fealty towards State and city that marks it conspicuously. Mr. and Mrs. Burt have raised a family of seven children, the sons out in the world doing well in their chosen fields and the daughters married. They are: 1. Curtis S., married and living in Lexington, Massachusetts; he has one child, Nelson. 2. Cole Oliver,



now a dentist practicing in Chester, Pennsylvania, and with three children: Oliver, Harriet and Richard. 3. Katheryn, married to Mr. Young and with a little daughter, Mary Sue. 4. Barbara M. 5. Harriet, married to Mr. Bowen and with a daughter, Barbara. 6. Eugene C., one of the "sons" of the firm of J. O. Burt and Sons. He was born June 29, 1896, and was married on August 19, 1922, to Esther Starkey of Detroit, Michigan, daughter of J. F. and Alice (Herbert) Starkey, and has a daughter, Marilyn Jane, born July 15, 1925. Mr. Burt enlisted in the army at the time of the World War in the tank service at Fort Gettysburg, but did not get overseas as he fell a victim to the epidemic of influenza that was such a fatal disaster of camp life. He has been chosen as secretary of Bennington, Mount Anthony Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a member. 7. Rogers William, a dentist, and is practicing in New York City.

**ELMER A. DARLING**—Outstanding among well known figures of Vermont is Elmer A. Darling, whose career has been of singular variety and interest, who now (1928) resides in a palatial residence called Burklyn Hall near East Burke, pays taxes in eight towns, is a moving spirit in all projects directed toward the advancement of several communities, and who belongs to one of the oldest families in the United States. His ancestry, in brief, is as follows:

(I) An English sea captain, whose name is not preserved, was the progenitor of the house in America. He came to the colonies some time between 1640 and 1665, settled in Kingston, New Hampshire, and was the father of five daughters and three sons.

(II) Another whose name is not preserved—one of the three sons born to the progenitor—who established himself in Massachusetts.

(III) Lieutenant John Darling, grandson of the progenitor, was born in Salisbury, Massachusetts, in 1714, and married, about 1739, Hannah Morse, who bore him six sons and three daughters. One of the sons was Peter.

(IV) Peter Darling, born in 1752, married Rebecca Burbank, and they were the parents of seven sons and two daughters. Of these children, one was Ebenezer.

(V) Major Ebenezer Darling, born in Hopkinton, New Hampshire, 1787, served in the war of 1812, and attained to the rank of major in the militia. He was one of the first settlers in Burke, Vermont, and here attained to early prominence as a man of affairs. He married Abigail Fisher, daughter of Esquire Timothy Fisher, whose son, Captain Timothy Fisher, was one of Burke's dominant men. Major and Mrs. Darling had children, all of whom were born in Burke: 1. Henry G., of whom follows. 2. Charles B. 3. Alfred B., for many years identified with the Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York City. 4. Caroline M. 5. Lucius A. 6. Pamela A. 7. Scott E. Abigail Darling became the wife of John W. Evans.

(VI) Henry G. Darling was born in Burke, Vermont, August 15, 1816, and after having obtained a sound common school education served as teacher for several years, in Burke. About 1840 he cleared the forest at the foot of Burke Mountain, creating a farm, almost single-handed. A farmer, he was also a carpenter, and in winter seasons built sleighs and wagons, accumulating funds thereby for the hiring of help at harvest time. In 1854 he removed to a farm in Sutton, but, his health impaired there due to too severe climate, he returned, to East Burke, in 1866. (It was largely due to his advice that Elmer A. Darling, his eldest son, purchased Mountain View Farm, on which is situated Burklyn Hall, home of Elmer A.) Though physical infirmities prevented him for many years from mingling in the affairs of those around him, Henry G. Darling afforded them much pleasure through conversation. He had a surprising memory for details, dates, names and places which

endured until the very last. His firmness, his keen sense of right and wrong, his gentleness and inherent refinement of character, commanded the respect of all. Rarely—it was said never—was he heard to complain during the trying years of his illness. He was a true philosopher. In boyhood he had become a church member, and his faith continued unshaken throughout life. Politically he adhered to the principles of the Republican party. The last of his generation to die, death came to him at the age of eighty-six years, at Mountain View farm, September 5, 1902. Interment was in Woodmount Cemetery, East Burke, under the shadow of the mountain near which he had lived so long a time. Henry G. Darling married, June 15, 1845, Mehitabel Whitcomb, of Lyndon; and their children were: 1. Elmer A., of whom follows. 2. Scott E., who died in 1885. 3. A. Louise. 4. Lucius A., for many years superintendent of Mountain View farm, whose residence adjoins the central dwelling or mansion house.

(VII) Elmer A. Darling, eldest child of Henry G. and Mehitabel (Whitcomb) Darling, was born in East Burke, Vermont, April 22, 1848. He received his earliest educational training in private schools, prepared for college in St. Johnsbury Academy, and matriculated in Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he was instructed as an architect. For a year he taught school, and in 1872, at the age of twenty-four years, went to New York City to do clerical work in the employ of the Fifth Avenue Hotel. In this work he was associated with his uncle, Alfred B. Darling, of previous mention; and, all told, remained with the hotel's management thirty-four years, until it was demolished to make way for a business block. The old Fifth Avenue Hotel, it is recalled, was near the Flatiron Building, near the intersection of Broadway, Fifth Avenue and Twenty-third Street. In 1883, our subject purchased Harley Hall farm of three hundred acres and that was the family home of his parents until their death. Harley Hall farm was added to from time to time and finally became Mountain View farm, and in 1908 he came from New York, built Burklyn Hall and has made his home through the years that have succeeded. He devoted the whole of his attention to farming, dealing extensively in Jersey cattle and Morgan horses. This great estate consisting now of eight thousand acres is equipped with modern farm homes and barns located so as to be concurrent to the dividing of the estate; these are beautifully kept up and present a magnificent display of what constitutes modern farming.

As has been noted, Mr. Darling pays taxes in eight towns of Vermont, for his acres are many. Burklyn Hall is located in two towns—Burke and Lyndon—the dividing line running through the mansion, which sits atop a hill overlooking surroundings of great beauty. It is a showplace, which people travel miles to see.

A Republican, Mr. Darling was delegate to the Republican National Convention of 1924. He is a director of the Lyndonville Savings Bank and Trust Company, Darling Inn, the Lyndonville Realty Company, Community Building Company, and other similar organizations. Always having had a taste for good architecture, trained in architecture at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he has turned this architectural taste to account in his many building enterprises, as shown in the accomplished detail of such buildings as Burklyn Hall, the Lyndon Institute, and the Darling Inn, of previous mention. This hotel was not named in his honor by any wish of his, but because his associates in the enterprise were unanimous in the suggestion that his would be the most fitting name, and, incidentally, a fitting recognition of the prominent part he has had in making its realization possible. The inn is located in Lyndonville. Mr. Darling is a member of the Union League Club, New York City, the Society of the American Revolution, New England Society of New York; president of the Lake Mitchel



*E. A. Darling*





Trout Club, trustee of St. Johnsbury Academy, president and trustee of Lyndon Institute; was for twenty-one years president of the American Jersey Cattle Club, and since 1913 has been president of the Morgan Horse Club.

Mr. Darling is unmarried, the last distinguished member of an honored line.

**WILLIAM E. PALMER**—Hard work from early boyhood was the lot of William E. Palmer, who learned the trade of carpentry so thoroughly that he was able to establish himself in independent business, and during a single six-year period built in Bennington more than forty high class residences. Mr. Palmer, because of his progressive spirit and industrious nature, has established himself here as one of the foremost of business men, with a fine record for civic interest and commercial achievement. Classed as a master of his craft, he is also esteemed for his personal qualities, is fraternally disposed, a sound churchman and has been honored by his fellow-citizens with public office, which he has administered with satisfaction to his constituents and credit to himself. In short, Mr. Palmer is a leading citizen of Bennington and representative of the best progressive element.

He was born in Lawrenceville, St. Lawrence County, New York, February 7, 1876, a son of Henry S. and Nancy M. (Hughes) Palmer. His father was a farmer, a veteran of the Civil War, during which he served for three years in Company A, New York Heavy Artillery, and is buried at St. Regis Falls, New York, his death having occurred in 1904. His son, William E., received his education in St. Regis Falls, where he attended the public schools until he was fourteen years of age, when he went to work as a laborer. He afterward was able to acquire some further education in correspondence schools and at the Technical College of Chicago, Illinois. He worked at anything that came to his hand, but took his deepest interest in carpentry, working at this and at painting in and about St. Regis Falls and elsewhere for a number of years. For a period he was employed on the estate of William Rockefeller, at Brandon, New York, remaining there for four years. In 1908 he came to Vermont and settled at Shaftsbury, where he operated a farm for seven years, then coming to Bennington, where he engaged in general carpentry for two years and then established his own business of contracting and building. He has been very successful and given a high degree of satisfaction to those who have entrusted him with their plans for construction. While living in Shaftsbury he served as school director and at present is constable for the town of Bennington. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and affiliated with Stark Lodge, No. 9, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is Past Noble Grand.

William E. Palmer married, at St. Regis Falls, New York, June 19, 1900, Etta Hanley, daughter of George and Carrie (Hill) Hanley. Their children are: 1. Harold William, born in St. Regis Falls, September 4, 1907; married, June 23, 1928, Elsie Person, of Bennington, daughter of Carl Person. 2. Eleanor G., born in St. Regis Falls, September 6, 1908. The first named is a graduate of the Bennington High School in the class of 1926. The second named is a graduate of the Normal School of Keene, New Hampshire, now a teacher in that State.

**MRS. GEORGE ORVIS**—For upward of three-quarters of a century the Orvis family of Vermont have owned and conducted the famous Equinox House in Manchester, as well as other valuable and popular hotel properties outside of the State, during which time the name has come to stand for the highest class of service to the travelling and recreational public. Since 1917 the

property has been under the capable jurisdiction of Mrs. George Orvis, whose husband's death occurred in that year and who had established a policy of broad development and modern improvement. This she is carrying out and in doing so has established herself as a business woman of unusual qualities, as well as a charming representative of her sex and a citizen of upstanding devotion to the progress of Vermont and the prosperity of its inhabitants.

Anna Louise (Simonds) Orvis was born June 13, 1874, a daughter of David K. Simonds, veteran of the Civil War, lawyer of distinction, editor of the "Manchester Journal" and holder of many offices and positions of trust and honor. Her mother was Ellen (Clark) Simonds, a woman of finished education, especially gifted in music and devoted to literary and educational activities. Anna Louise Simonds was educated at Burr and Burton Seminary in Manchester, from which he was graduated at an age less by two years than the average student. From girlhood she was interested in civic and other public activities and became very useful to her father in his many diversified interests, as well as taking a prominent part in the social aristocratic life of Manchester. She was early recognized as a talented musician, in addition to her other attractive qualities.

She married, in 1896, George Orvis, son of Franklin H. Orvis, who later purchased and assumed complete control of the important and valuable properties of the Equinox Company, operating the Equinox House and associated industries. He was also the owner of valuable hotel properties in New York City. For twenty-one years he operated these properties, his death occurring in 1917, when his widow assumed the responsibility and still continues to function as sole proprietor. Among the more important improvements begun under the late Mr. Orvis and continued by Mrs. Orvis was the enlargement of the plant, the building of a fine eighteen-hole golf course and the establishment of a modern aviation field, with commodious steel hangars and modern facilities for the care of airplanes which visit Manchester. Mrs. Orvis is one of the real Vermonters, who takes a deep pride in her native State and town. As president of the village of Manchester and of Dellwood Cemetery Association, she has given to these corporations the benefit of her experience and devoted her time to their development. Following in the footsteps of her very active father, she has entered public life in a large way and is now a member of the Republican National Committee from Vermont and president of the Vermont Women's Republican Club. Making her winter home in New York and having a nation-wide acquaintance, she is able to keep in close touch with national politics and has a considerable influence in guiding activities. Nor do these occupations prevent her from social and charitable interests, wherein she is of great help in promoting philanthropic works and other causes. She is a member of the Board of Governors of the Women's National Republican Club; vice-president of the New York Diet Kitchen Association, and vice-president of the Women's Department of the National Civic Federation.

She is the mother of one son, Franklin W., born in Manchester, Vermont, September, 1903, a graduate of Princeton University in the class of 1926, who married Sheila Swan in Nice, France, in 1928. The couple now live in Manchester and are preparing themselves to assume control of the Orvis properties upon the retirement of Mrs. Orvis.

**M. J. BURRINGTON, JR., C. E.**—Among those who have contributed largely to the expansion and development of Vermont during the past twenty years, M. J. Burrington, Jr., civil engineer, of Bennington, is well worthy of mention, because of his many accomplishments in difficult feats of engineering and construc-



tion. After having laid the foundation for his profession through special theoretical training, Mr. Burrington at once entered the field of endeavor that since has occupied him, and during the ensuing years has won well merited success therein. Esteemed in professional circles, he also has gained the respect and admiration of his fellow citizens in other walks of life. Mr. Burrington was born May 9, 1886, at Pownal, Vermont, son of M. J. and Ella J. (Towsley) Burrington. The father, who is occupied with agricultural pursuits throughout his mature years, is a Republican in political beliefs, and a member of the Baptist church.

M. J. Burrington, Jr., was educated in the public schools, graduated from Williamstown (Massachusetts) High School in 1906, and then matriculated at Vermont University. Here he specialized in engineering, and in 1910, when he graduated from the university, was awarded the degree of Civil Engineer. In 1911 Mr. Burrington entered the employ of the J. Mortland Company, concrete construction contractors, and here gained the practical experience that enabled him to enter into the business himself about one year later. He formed a partnership with the firm title of Lambert & Burrington in 1912, and this association functioned successfully until 1914, the partners therein devoting themselves to engineering and contracting on a large scale. In the last named year, Mr. Burrington purchased Mr. Lambert's interests in the concern, and since has conducted the business as an individual. His reputation for ability and his high code of ethics have combined to spread his name far beyond the confines of his home community, and many engineering projects and contracting jobs have been carried to a successful conclusion under his supervision. Although the bulk of his time has been devoted to his business affairs, Mr. Burrington has not neglected the duties of good citizenship since coming to Bennington. A Republican in politics, he usually is found in support of the candidates and issues of that party, while his fraternal affiliations include the Masonic lodge and Lambda Iota fraternity, he having become connected with the last named organization while a student at Vermont University. Mr. Burrington is a popular member of the Bennington Club, while his religious convictions are those of the Baptist faith.

Mr. Burrington married, in November, 1914, Kathryn Jenney, of Bennington, daughter of Dr. B. C. and Sarah (Dewey) Jenney, and he and his wife reside on Union Street, while Mr. Burrington's offices are located in the Adams Block, Main Street, this city.

**H. R. BRISTOL, D. D. S.**—Although born and brought up in Vergennes, Addison County, Dr. Bristol has made Bennington his home and the scene of his active professional life since 1904, when he first came here a young graduate from his dental school. He was born in Vergennes, son of W. R. and Mary A. (Richards) Bristol. Mr. Bristol had been all his life a resident of that town and one of its prosperous merchants, being in the wholesale produce business.

Dr. Bristol has enjoyed unusually broad training for his vocation and has made constructive use of it in actual practice. With the public schools of Vergennes for a foundation, with supplementary schooling at the Vermont Academy in the class of 1899; then a period at the Albany Business College before going to Baltimore, Maryland, he embarked upon the intensive training for the practice of dentistry. He finished at the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery in 1904, taking his degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. Dr. Bristol then came to Bennington, remaining since that time. He and his family attend the Congregational church, and Dr. Bristol makes a pleasantly absorbing hobby of the growing of flowers and of hunting.

On April 25, 1906, Dr. Bristol was married to Jennie Summersgill, who died on September 11, 1911. One child was born of this marriage, Richard M., born August 28, 1907, who is a student at the United States Military Academy at West Point. On September 6, 1917, Dr. Bristol married Florence G. Gardner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Gardner. Helen Bristol, born May 28, 1918, is a daughter of the second marriage.

**ADELBERT W. BRAISTED**—Descendant in the third generation of one of the original founders of Bridport, Vermont, Adelbert W. Braisted, a native of that town, came to Bennington almost forty-two years ago and since has been a signal factor in the affairs of this village. During the major portion of his residence here he has been identified with the Henry W. Putnam interests, and through his achievements therein has extended his circle of friends and acquaintances far beyond the confines of Bennington. He has devoted freely of his efforts in the conduct of public offices and welfare projects in Bennington. Other organizations not directly connected with his business benefit materially through Mr. Braisted's affiliation therewith.

Mr. Braisted was born May 17, 1865, at Bridport, Vermont, son of William R. and Amelia M. (Allen) Braisted, and great-grandson of Philip and Submit Stone. These early ancestors were the first white settlers at Bridport and their descendants have long been prominent in the development and progress of that section of Vermont. William R. Braisted, a Bridport farmer, during his life held many town offices and at one time was a member of the Vermont State Legislature. He died at Bridport and was there laid to rest.

Adelbert W. Braisted was educated in the public schools of his native community and Beeman Academy at Newhaven, Vermont. In early manhood he came to Bennington, in 1887, and soon thereafter became cashier of the gristmill operated by Henry W. Putnam, and he has since been identified with this, one of the most prominent families of Bennington County. About one year after Mr. Braisted came to Bennington, in 1888, he had shown such managerial and executive ability that he was made manager of the Henry W. Putnam interests in Vermont. He is secretary of Henry W. Putnam Memorial Hospital Corporation of Bennington, and a member of and secretary of its executive committee. Both offices Mr. Braisted has occupied since the corporation was organized. During his administration many extensive improvements have been made in the hospital, he having designed and supervised construction of the north and south additions to the main hospital building and also the building known as "The Lodge." As Mr. Braisted's abilities became fully recognized in Bennington he was drawn into public office and for three years, 1916-17, and 1918, served most efficiently as the president of the village of Bennington. Among the many other important affiliations he has in this community may be mentioned his office as member of the executive committee of the Battle Monument and Historical Society, the Bennington Club, and the Congregational church. For many years Mr. Braisted was interested in military affairs, having been a member of Company K, Vermont State Militia. His hobby, if such it might be called, is a love of the out-of-doors, and he avails himself of every opportunity to get into the woods and fields.

Adelbert W. Braisted married at Bennington, Vermont, Laura B. Murphy, of this village, who passed away July 9, 1927. She was the daughter of William E. and Electa (Pierce) Murphy. The child of Mr. and Mrs. Braisted: William A., graduate of Pennington Preparatory School, at Pennington, New Jersey, and of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, class of 1926, with the degree of Civil Engineer; now a civil engineer and con-







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ducting his own business at Bennington; married Anna M. Watson, of Troy, New York, daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Gay) Watson.

**ROBERT E. HEALY**, the son of John Martin and Sarah (Corbett) Healy, was born in Bennington, Vermont, March 25, 1883. He graduated from the local high school in 1901 and entered the office of Orion M. Barber and Charles H. Darling as a law student. Judge Darling was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Navy late in 1901, and the practice was continued by Judge Barber with whom Mr. Healy continued after his admission to the bar in 1904. He was married in 1907 at Binghamton, New York, to Sarah Houlihan, daughter of Cornelius and Sarah (Daley) Houlihan. In 1908 he was elected town counsel for the town of Bennington and the same year was appointed by the Supreme Court of Vermont to the committee for examining candidates for admission to the bar. He continued to hold both of these positions until going to Washington in February, 1928. In 1910 Judge Barber was appointed a member of the United States Court of Customs appeals. Thereupon Mr. Healy entered into partnership with Edward H. Holden continuing therein until February, 1928. The firm had an extensive practice throughout Vermont, represented many manufacturing concerns and several banks and handled much important litigation in both State and Federal courts.

December 1, 1914, Mr. Healy was appointed by Governor Allen M. Fletcher fourth associate justice of the Supreme Court of Vermont from which he resigned February 1, 1915. He was clerk and treasurer of The Vermont Company, formerly the Bennington & North Adams Street Railway Company, from 1909 to February, 1928, counsel and director of the Hoosac Tunnel & Wilmington Railroad Company, a member of a committee to suggest amendments to the Vermont Constitution under appointment from Governor P. W. Clement, and a member of the New England Council for three years, president of the Vermont Bar Association in 1918, and a member of the Vermont Sesqui-Centennial Commission in 1927. In February, 1928, he was made chief counsel of the Federal Trade Commission and went to Washington where he now continues to perform the duties of that office. Soon after his appointment the United States Senate passed Senate Resolution 83 requiring the Federal Trade Commission to conduct an investigation of certain electric and gas utility corporations, and soon thereafter Mr. Healy was directed by the commission to conduct the public hearings which the resolution directed should be held in connection with the investigation. This work in which considerable public interest has been manifested is at this writing still in progress. Mr. Healy belongs to the Elks, the Mount Anthony Country Club, and the Bennington Club of which he was president in 1919.

**THOMAS J. HEALY**—Born in Bennington, Vermont, August 10, 1890, Thomas J. Healy here attended the public schools, and in 1909 took his diploma from high school. In the fall of that year he matriculated in Colgate University, graduated thence with the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1913, and became a student in the Columbia University Law School, New York City, taking the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1916.

Mr. Healy's initial experience at the profession of law was as secretary to Judge O. M. Barber, in Customs Appeals Court, at Washington, District of Columbia. There he remained five years, after which he was employed three years by the firm of Duncan and Mount, Admiralty lawyers, of New York City. From New York he returned to Washington, and became counsel to the German Agent before the Mixed Claims Commission, under the Treaty of Berlin. He also served as

counsel to the Austrian and Hungarian agents, under the treaties of Vienna and Budapest, before the Tripartite Claims Commission. Before the War Claims Arbitrator under the Settlement of War Claims Act of 1928, Mr. Healy also served as counsel to the German, Austrian, and Hungarian representatives. When the United States entered the World War he enlisted in the Navy, as a landsman, for yeoman, and was stationed at Newport, Rhode Island. He has no political or religious affiliations.

Mr. Healy married, in New York City, February 26, 1921, Leila Volk, daughter of Charles G. and Anna K. (Knerr) Volk; and their children are: Anne, Jane, and Joan.

At Washington Mr. Healy has his offices in the Investment Building, No. 1042. He has not lost contact with his friends in Bennington, Vermont, however, and frequently makes trips to his native town, where he owns a summer residence.

**JOSEPH THOMAS SMITH** has contributed materially to the prosperity and advancement of Vermont. His interests are widely diversified, but the office and work for which he is best known to associates is that of vice-president and general manager of the Eastern Magnesite Talc Company, concerning which organization more of detail is given hereunder.

Mr. Smith was born at East Weymouth, Massachusetts, December 19, 1884. He was educated in the schools of that community, graduated from high school in 1902, matriculated in Dartmouth College, and from it took the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in 1906. He entered the talcum powder business at Rochester, Vermont, and became superintendent of the Eastern Talc Company, later proceeding to Waterbury, where he was in charge of operations for the Magnesite Talc Company. With the latter organization he continued until 1924. Meanwhile the trend of consolidations had set in. Large companies were absorbing the smaller ones; medium-sized firms banded together to survive and increase their strength. And, with Mr. Smith actively concerned in negotiations, a consolidation was effected between the Eastern Talc Company, the Magnesite Talc Company, and the American Mineral Company of Johnson, under the title of the Eastern Magnesite Talc Company, with head offices in Burlington and Mr. Smith as vice-president and general manager in charge of operations. Its properties are located at Waterbury, Johnson, East Grandville and Rochester, and the company manufactures talcum powder and crayons of talc, used in metal working, and it employs upward of two hundred workers the year 'round.

Aside from his important connection with the talc firm, Mr. Smith is a director and treasurer of the Rock of Ages Corporation; a director of the Woodbury Granite Company, the St. Johnsbury and Lake Champlain Railroad Company; treasurer of the Montpelier and Rose River Railroad, the Barre and Chelsea Railroad; and vice-president and director of the Southern Minerals Corporation. He is a member of the Burlington Rotary Club, the Ethan Allen Club, and Lake Champlain Yacht Club. He is a communicant of the Unitarian Church and adheres to the policies of the Republican party.

Mr. Smith married, in 1915, Hallie Edwina Lane, of Montpelier, and their children are: Josephine, Sydney, and Cornelia Hope. The residence is at No. 316 South Union Street.

**GEORGE R. BUSH**—The first impression usually formed by travelers of any community is that afforded by the hotel accommodations and the type of service rendered. The city of Bennington is fortunate to have as manager of its leading hotel, the Hotel Putnam, George R. Bush who is also a part owner of this modern, com-



fortable headquarters for the traveling public. Mr. Bush has had wide experience in hotel operation and management, having been connected with this business during the greater part of his career. He came to Bennington in 1922 and leased the Hotel Bennington and directed its affairs until January 1, 1925, when he became connected with his present establishment.

Mr. Bush was born in Port Henry, New York, March 22, 1883, son of George W. and Olive J. (Brown) Bush. George W. Bush was engaged for many years in the trade of stone-mason at Port Henry, also serving on the Essex County (New York) Republican County Committee. He died October 27, 1914, and is buried at Port Henry.

George R. Bush was educated in the public schools of Fort Henry, graduating from high school there with the class of 1899, after which he spent two years at Union College. While still a student at high school, he worked as a bell-boy in the Hotel Berkley, Saranac, New York, during the summers, 1898 and 1899. In 1900, he was employed during his college vacation as head-waiter in the same hotel. Deciding to enter the industrial field, he went to Sharon, Pennsylvania, in 1901 and was employed for one year as office boy in the superintendent's office of the United States Steel Corporation, but left there to become clerk of the Crown Point House at Crown Point, New York. Two years later, he accepted a position as clerk at the Lee House in Port Henry and remained with that hotel for three years, after which he went to Rutland and served as clerk at the Berwick House until 1914. During his various connections, he gained a thorough knowledge of hotel operation and his ability, together with his genial personality, secured for him the position as one of the managers of the Bardwell Hotel in Rutland in which capacity he was successfully engaged for three years. He then launched forth into business independently and leased the Hotel Allen at Fairhaven and ran this hostelry with encouraging results for two years. He also took over the direction of the Richmond-Wellington Hotel Corporation at North Adams, Massachusetts, and was occupied in that connection until the fall of 1922 when he came to Bennington and leased the Hotel Bennington, which he sold in October, 1926. The Hotel Putnam which he now manages is one of the most progressive organizations in the State, affording comfortable and courteous service to travelers who stop in Bennington. Its reputation for cordial hospitality has spread far and wide due to Mr. Bush's zealous efforts to give his guests cheerful, homelike surroundings and attention that is unobtrusive, but nevertheless complete and satisfactory. The hotel is located on the original site where the troops bound for service in the Civil War were mobilized. Mr. Bush was one of the original company which purchased this business and he continues to serve as a director in the Hotel Putnam, Incorporated. A popular figure in all civic affairs, he is a valued member of the Bennington Chamber of Commerce, the Bennington Club and the Mount Anthony Country Club. He is a member of the Vermont Hotel Association and of the American Hotel Association. In fraternal circles, he is active as a member of Rutland Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Davenport Chapter, of Rutland, Royal Arch Masons; Killington Commandery, Knights Templar, and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Rutland. He and his family attend the Baptist church. His hobby is golf in which he finds relaxation from business cares and enjoyable recreation.

George R. Bush married, March 24, 1913, at Medford, Massachusetts, Mildred I. Burnham, daughter of S. L. T. Burnham. They are the parents of two sons: 1. Robert Burnham, born in Rutland July, 1914. 2. Richard Clifford, born in Rutland, September 16, 1917.

**JOHN CORDES ARMSTRONG, M. D.**—Of the younger members of the medical profession in Bennington, John Cordes Armstrong is of Bennington family and birth, born March 21, 1899, the son of Marcus and Alice (Cordes) Armstrong. He attended the public schools of the city until ready for college and then entered the Medical College of the University of Vermont, where he graduated and received his degree in 1925. Electing to open his offices in North Bennington, so near to his birthplace and where he had grown up, he naturally has found many contacts of old associations that will be of infinite value to him as he advances in his profession.

Dr. Armstrong is thus far a new-comer to the medical fraternity having only been in practice since 1927, prior to that date having served two years as interne at the Wyckoff Heights Hospital at Brooklyn. He enlisted from Bennington for the World War, and was one of the many students belonging to the Students' Army Training Corps, attached to the University of Vermont. Dr. Armstrong has been made a member of the Vermont State Medical Society and of the American Medical Association. He belongs to the Mount Anthony Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons. Dr. Armstrong's college fraternities are the Alpha Tau Omega and the Alpha Kappa Kappa.

November 22, 1926, Dr. John Cordes Armstrong was married to Nellie Clark Mason, a daughter of Stanley I. and Anna (Kane) Mason of Trenton, New Jersey.

**WALTER HERBERT SHAW**—Esteemed by his business associates, trusted completely by the electorate and possessing the friendship of all with whom he comes into contact, Walter Herbert Shaw, of Manchester, holds an enviable position in the community where he has been engaged in commercial pursuits for many years. His success in business may be attributed, in large measure, to a combination of aptitude for the intricacies of its details and an attractive personality that draws men to deal where they are certain of absolute integrity. He has held many offices of honor and trust and in all his public work has devoted his talents and strength in the same measure that he has used in his private enterprises, thus acquitting himself creditably and to the benefit of the people in general. He is a sincere believer in organization and maintains this stand both in business activities and social relaxations, having membership in many fraternal associations and recreational clubs, in all of which his popularity has been shown by his frequent selection as leader in the official lists.

Born in Sunderland, Vermont, June 26, 1883, he is a son of Herbert Needham and Helen E. (Hard) Shaw. Herbert Needham Shaw was a farmer, lumber dealer and merchant in Sunderland and later in Manchester, in both of which places he held several town offices until his death, in 1920. His son, Walter Herbert, acquired his education in Adams High School, in Massachusetts, being a graduate of the high school there and later attending the Burr and Burton Seminary at Manchester, Vermont. From that institution he matriculated at the University of Vermont and was graduated from there with the class of 1907. During his university years he was active in athletics and in his senior year acted as manager of the 'varsity baseball team. In Manchester he began his life work by teaching at the Burr and Burton Seminary from 1908 to 1914, leaving educational work in the last named year and entering business for himself, engaging in real estate and insurance. Success attended him from the beginning and he became one of the leading men in the local field. He is a director of the Factory Point National Bank and a trustee of the Burr and Burton Seminary and the Mark Skinner Library, also Town Auditor and a Justice of the Peace.



For ten years he was secretary of the Manchester Fair Association and later became its treasurer. In fraternal circles he is Past Master of Adoniram Lodge, No. 42, Free and Accepted Masons, of Manchester; Past High Priest of Chapter No. 18, Royal Arch Masons; and an active member of Bennington Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons. For sixteen years he was treasurer of the Union Club of Manchester and is also a member of the Equinox Links and the Ekwanok Country clubs here. His church is the Protestant Episcopal Zion's, where he is a vestryman and treasurer of the church funds.

Walter Herbert Shaw married, in Manchester Center, Vermont, in 1918, Esther Smith Graves, daughter of Allen L. and Delia (Smith) Graves. Their children are: 1. Elizabeth Hard, born in Manchester in 1919. 2. Catherine Graves, born in Manchester in 1922. 3. Allen Herbert, born in Manchester in 1924.

**JOSEPH W. FOWLER**—Although a lawyer by early training and a successful practitioner in Bennington County for many years, Joseph W. Fowler now devotes all his attention to the insurance business at Manchester Depot, Vermont. A member of an old and distinguished New England family, he inherits the abilities of his ancestors, and is widely known throughout this section as an able and progressive business man and public-spirited citizen.

Mr. Fowler was born at Manchester, Vermont, May 15, 1857, a son of Judge Harvey K. Fowler, who was born at Poughkeepsie, New York, and of Mary Jane (Noble) Fowler, born at Dorset, Vermont. His father was formerly judge of the Probate Court, at Manchester, who studied law with Lieutenant Governor Sargeant, and then became associated with him in practice. Later he formed a partnership with Mr. Daniel Roberts, at Manchester, under the firm name of Roberts and Fowler, and upon the removal of the former to Burlington, Judge Fowler continued the practice with his son under the name of Fowler and Son. From the time of his admission to the Vermont bar in 1837, he continued the practice of his profession for more than sixty years, dying finally in his ninety-second year, after a long and honorable career.

Joseph W. Fowler, of this record, attended the public schools of his birthplace, and the well-known Burr and Burton Seminary, following which he completed the course of study at Bingham Military Academy in North Carolina. Returning to Vermont, he began the study of law in his father's offices, was admitted to the bar of the State in 1879, and practiced with his father, later becoming a member of the firm of Fowler and Son. Mr. Fowler at this time is the oldest member of the bar in Bennington County. Soon after the beginning of his career, however, he took up some insurance work, continuing his practice besides for some years, but finally, in 1890, discontinuing it altogether. Since that time he has devoted all his time to the insurance business, which he has gradually built to flattering proportions, through energetic and able efforts.

Politically a member of the Republican party, Mr. Fowler has heartily supported every project for civic advance and welfare, while in 1902 he served in the Vermont House of Representatives, representing the Manchester constituency, and in 1904 was chosen a member of the State Senate. He was secretary of the Republican Congressional District from 1900 until 1916. He is affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, while with his family he worships in the faith of the Congregational church, contributing liberally to all its work, as indeed to many other benevolent enterprises of merit and worth.

Joseph W. Fowler has been twice married, first, to Hattie Dole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Dole, who

died in 1882, and second, to Hattie L. Walker, daughter of Samuel H. Walker. Three children have been born to him: 1. Arthur D., born at Manchester, and now a resident of Schenectady, New York. 2. Paul W. 3. Earle J. There are also six grandchildren: 1. Harvey K. 2. Joseph E. 3. Warren. 4. Read. 5. Franklin. 6. Robert.

**WILLIAM H. ROBERTS**—Growing up in a financial atmosphere from his boyhood, William H. Roberts, of Manchester, marched steadily in the ranks toward the top of the ladder, until today he has attained the responsible position of cashier and vice-president of the Factory Point National Bank. He is one of the virile citizens of the community, displaying at all times an active interest in the activities that make for progress and prosperity and which tend to promote the happiness of all. In public office to which he has been called by the electorate he has administered its affairs with ability and won the esteem of the people by his unceasing regard for their welfare at all times. A man of impeccable character, he has a host of friends and a well deserved popularity throughout the district where he has been known for many years.

He was born in Manchester Center, Vermont, October 20, 1870, a son of John C. and Mary Ellen (Ross) Roberts. His father was a hardware merchant and harness maker, served as town clerk and treasurer and was commanding officer of the old military organization. He died at Burlington, Vermont, in 1882, and interment was in Rutland, Vermont.

William H. Roberts acquired his education in the Manchester public schools and for five years in the Episcopal Military Institute of Burlington, after which he entered business as an employe of his uncle, Charles E. Ross of Rutland, for whom he worked for two years, the business being dry goods. Not satisfied with this, he came to Manchester and at the age of seventeen years entered the employ of the Factory Point National Bank. This institution he has continued with ever since, rising grade by grade to his present position, to which he was elected by the directorate about the year 1918. He is also a director in this bank and treasurer of the Burr and Burton Seminary of Manchester. He is also town treasurer of Manchester and of the Mark Skinner Library and is trustee of that organization and of the Dellwood Cemetery Association. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal church and is affiliated with the Union Club of Manchester and with the Adoniram Lodge, No. 42, Order of Free and Accepted Masons.

William H. Roberts married, in Manchester, October 11, 1920, Mrs. Etta D. Beattie, daughter of Henry W. and Isabella (Moffat) Davis.

**CHARLES E. GIBSON**—In the commercial field centering about Ryegate, Vermont, there are few natural resources of broader utility than granite, in the production and manufacture of which the district long has been active. Native gray granite, much used for monumental work and building, is here found at its best and great quantities are being taken from Blue Mountain at the Gibson quarries, of which Charles E. Gibson is president and general manager of the Gibson Granite Company, Inc. Mr. Gibson bears a fine reputation for his industry and good citizenship in the region where he has spent his entire life, as well as the esteem of the community because of his many attractive qualities. He has served in public office at the call of his fellow-citizens and served them well and faithfully, fully justifying the faith reposed in him, and has been active in religious and fraternal work. Being a producer of life's essentials, he is rated as a citizen of much value and has a host of friends and a large circle of admiring acquaintances.

Born in East Ryegate, January 1, 1887, he is a son of



Martin H. and Mary C. (Clark) Gibson, his father also being a native of Ryegate, his mother of Peacham. He received his education in the public schools of Ryegate and was graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1906, then going to Dartmouth College, from which he was graduated in 1910. He then entered business with his father and has been so engaged ever since, advancing to the rank of president and general manager of the Gibson Granite Company, Inc., of the quarries at Blue Mountain, where thirty men are employed. This quarry has been worked for more than sixty years and consists of a heavy ledge of pure grey granite that extends through the mountain in the town of Ryegate. Mr. Gibson has served three terms as selectman and has also been village trustee. He and his family are members of the United Presbyterian Church. He is affiliated with the Pulaski Lodge, No. 58, of Wells River, Order of Free and Accepted Masons; the Vermont Consistory of Burlington, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons; the Mount Sinai Temple of Montpelier, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Upon the entry of the United States into the World War, Mr. Gibson enlisted at St. Johnsbury, January 8, 1918, with the Ordnance Department as a private; was sent for six weeks of intensive training to Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, and six weeks at Camp Jackson, near Columbia, South Carolina, and received further training for ordnance work at Camp Hancock, near Augusta, Georgia. Was with the American Expeditionary Forces from July 31, 1918, to July 19, 1919, serving in France, Toul Sector, August 15 to September 11; St. Mihiel offensive, September 12-16; Meuse-Argonne offensive, September 26 to November 11, 1918. Was promoted to sergeant of ordnance March 1, 1919, and was honorably discharged as such at Camp Devens, July 25, 1919.

Charles E. Gibson married, December 21, 1924, Elizabeth Fulton Garvin, a daughter of Rev. James Stewart Garvin, D. D., and a graduate of Westminster College in the class of 1923. They are the parents of Charles E., Jr., and Kenneth Stewart.

**MARTIN H. GIBSON**—A prominent and successful man in the town of Ryegate, Vermont, Martin H. Gibson has done as much as any other single individual to promote the best interests of the town in a social, civic and industrial way. He is active in a quiet way in town, county and State politics, and while he is not an office-seeker, has held different public positions in Ryegate and is considered among politicians as a man of influence among his fellows and a vote-getter. At the time when the Ryegate Paper Company was making plans for coming to this place, he worked hard and earnestly among his fellow townsmen to get concessions that would make it possible for the company to settle in Ryegate. He also has different business and agricultural pursuits, and is the father of a number of children who have become important figures in widely scattered communities.

Mr. Gibson was born in Ryegate, Vermont, on May 17, 1857, a son of John and Hannah (Miller) Gibson, both natives of Vermont. His father was a harness maker and farmer, and Mr. Gibson is a direct descendant of William Nelson, the first settler of Ryegate. He is also proud of his direct descent from Edward Miller and John Anderson, both of Scotland. Martin H. Gibson attended the common schools of this community while he was a boy, and subsequently spent one term at St. Johnsbury Academy as well as two terms at Newbury High School. His early life was spent on a farm with his father. He launched into business for himself at twenty-six years of age by taking over his father's farm. Six years later he entered a partnership with the Ryegate Granite Works and in 1896 he assumed full ownership of the business, operating the quarries and manufacturing granite extensively for use in monuments, mausoleums and buildings. During this time he manu-

factured and erected a monument for the late President Benjamin Harrison. He has been identified with the granite business during the greater part of his life, and has been a leader in this type of business enterprise. He is still identified with the quarry and on July 14, 1928, he incorporated his granite interests in what is now known as the Gibson Granite Company, Inc. After others had failed to make a success of this quarry Mr. Gibson stepped in and made it produce profits. In 1890 he began the manufacture of brick at East Ryegate, and was in this business until 1910. During this period he erected several large buildings in northern Vermont and New Hampshire, using his brick and granite to advantage. Later he became engaged in the lumber business, buying timber lots, cutting lumber and operating sawmills. In addition to the quarry and other interests he owns a number of farms—three in Ryegate, one in Barnet, and one each in three New Hampshire towns, Monroe, Landaff and Easton. He was the first in this part of the country to introduce the silo, having built the first wooden silo, in northern Vermont. In all his varied work, Mr. Gibson has made a marked success of his endeavors, and lists among his friends some of the most substantial people in this part of New England. He invented the water heater to heat water for cattle, and after this pattern all the water heaters of this country have been manufactured. Mr. Gibson was the chief proponent of the law protecting farmers from fraudulent creamery enterprises that at one time threatened to end legitimate dealings along this line. It was he who fought for and was chiefly instrumental in saving a law to control tuberculosis among dairy herds, and today this regulation is admitted to be the saving governmental provision for the dairy business of Vermont.

In his political views he is a Republican, although he has never been the type of politician that spends a great deal of time and energy in seeking office. He has held a number of important offices, but principally because his fellow citizens have insisted at different times upon his candidacy. He is much interested in political personalities, and is ever eager to do whatever is in his power to see that the most worthy men hold public office. His opinions on political and other matters are respected by others, and in his own quiet way Mr. Gibson holds considerable power in his community.

The family of which he is a member is one of the oldest and most highly regarded in this community, being of Scottish descent; and Mr. Gibson's ancestors were among the first settlers of the town of Ryegate, as previously noted. He married Mary Caroline Clark, of Peacham, Vermont, born October 12, 1864, died June 19, 1901, daughter of Ephraim and Clarissa (Johnson) Clark. On the Clark side an ancestor was Rev. E. W. Clark, a native of Haverhill, New Hampshire, who was the first missionary to Hawaii. Martin H. and Mary Caroline (Clark) Gibson were the parents of the following children: 1. John Clark, graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy Business College in 1906, and is now associated in business with his father. 2. Charles E., whose biography precedes. 3. Paul Miller, who was graduated from St. Johnsbury Business College in 1909, and is now associated with his father. 4. William Martin, a graduate from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1908, and Dartmouth College in 1913, who is now engineer for the State of Vermont. 5. Margaret Helen, a graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy in 1911, Pratt Institute in 1918, now wife of Vernon Baker, who conducts the Kearsarge Mountain Inn at Kearsarge, New Hampshire. 6. Clarissa Frances, who was graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1911, Mount Holyoke College in 1917, Presbyterian Hospital of New York, in 1920, and is now a teacher in the Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 7. The Rev. Robert Wesson, who was graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1914, from Muskingum College in 1918, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 1921, and is now



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pastor of the United Presbyterian Church at Springdale, Pennsylvania. He is chairman of the board of the Young People's Christian Endeavor of the United Presbyterian Church; a member of the Board of Education of the United Presbyterian Church and a member of the Board of the Church Extension Society, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 8. Jesse Merrill, attended St. Johnsbury Academy, was graduated from Muskingum College in 1921, and from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1924; he was for a time interne at the Rhode Island State Hospital, and is now a practicing physician in Providence, Rhode Island. 9 and 10. Twins—Mary Florella, attended St. Johnsbury Academy, Muskingum College, and Katharine Gibbs Secretarial School, and is now secretary and assistant treasurer for the Gibson Granite Company, Inc.; and Caroline Elizabeth, who attended St. Johnsbury Academy, was graduated from Muskingum College in the class of 1923, and became the wife of J. Stewart Garvin, of record elsewhere in this work.

It is said of Martin H. Gibson that whatever he has done he has done well, guided by honesty and mature judgment, and every milestone on his life's journey indicates the truth of this. When he bought and remodelled his splendid bungalow, he did it well and incorporated all the features of the modern city home. When he educated his children he gave them the best there was, and now in the evening of his life he is proud of every one of them, who are credits to the name and to the father and mother who reared them.

**CARL D. HOVEY**—Belonging to the younger group of business leaders of St. Johnsbury, Carl D. Hovey, member of the firm known as Randall's Department Store, during the fifteen years approximately that he has held the status of partner, has become more and more of an important factor in the commercial and civic activities of the community. It was with the idea of learning all that was to be known about the business that he entered the employ of Mr. Randall immediately on leaving college, and he has never known any other business connection. He enjoys high standing in the trade, being esteemed an aggressive business getter and gifted with those qualities which enable him to hold his following for the store.

Carl D. Hovey was born in St. Johnsbury, December 19, 1888, son of William Mosley and Lucy A. (Washburn) Hovey, his father a native Vermonter and a farmer, and his mother born in Enfield, New Hampshire, both parents now deceased. He made excellent use of the educational offerings of his native town, attended the public schools and St. Johnsbury Academy. In order to fit himself for entry in the business world, he took a course in the Albany (New York) Business College.

On his return to St. Johnsbury he entered the employ of E. N. Randall, who, in November, 1928, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of continuous occupation as a merchant in that town. He performed the minor duties of clerk, but the situation was considered a most desirable one in business circles of the community, and it offered opportunity for advancement, since the proprietor was a progressive merchant and would, it was expected, call his young and efficient clerk into partnership in due time. This happy result did indeed eventuate four years later when Mr. Hovey was invited by his employer and friend to become a member of the firm. Since 1911, therefore, he has been a strong right arm of the establishment and has done much to help build up the volume of trade that it enjoys. His association with Mr. Randall and S. A. Chandler, the third member of the house, has been mutually profitable, and the three owners have brought the concern to the position of one of the leading business houses of St. Johnsbury.

The organized efforts of the forward-looking men of

St. Johnsbury, having for their objective the improvement of the commercial relations and betterment of civic conditions through the medium of the Chamber of Commerce, have the cordial support of Mr. Hovey, who is an active participating member. In fact, every movement in the general advance of the community holds the practical interest of Mr. Hovey, and his spirit of coöperation is a large determining factor in the town's keeping pace with the best that modern business and civic methods offer. He is one of the strong men in the local organization of the Republican party. His affiliations with the Masonic order comprise the Blue Lodge, Royal Arch Masons, Royal and Select Council, and the Knights Templar. Both he and Mrs. Hovey are active in the affairs of the Congregational church, of which they are liberal contributing members. Each in his respective sphere is regarded as being among the public-spirited people of the town.

Carl D. Hovey married Bertha A. Aiken, born in the town of Barnet, daughter of Charles B. and Sarah (Bartlett) Aiken, her father formerly a proprietor of a meat business, and both parents now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Hovey have a daughter, Helen, a student at St. Johnsbury Academy.

**ZENAS CHARLES JENKS**—Photography has been the life study of Zenas Charles Jenks, to the present time. As a boy he helped his father in the studio, as a young man he served in the World War in the Aerial Photographic Department, and since the death of his father he has conducted the Jenks Studio on Main Street, in St. Johnsbury. Mr. Jenks is an expert in his field, and employs four people in his studio.

Zenas Charles Jenks was born in Newport, Vermont, January 14, 1895, son of William H., founder of the photographic business which Mr. Jenks now conducts, and of Jennie Elizabeth (Blake) Jenks, both natives of Vermont, the father now deceased, and the mother a resident of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, making her home at No. 34 Mount Pleasant Street. Mr. Jenks attended the public schools and St. Johnsbury Academy, graduating from the last named institution with the class of 1914, and then became associated with his father in his photographic business. From boyhood he had at times assisted his father, helping and learning as he grew, finding time, even while a school boy to spend many hours in the studio. The entrance of the United States into the World War brought changes to Mr. Jenks as to so many other young men throughout the length and breadth of this great land, and in 1918 he enlisted for service in the aerial photographic department of the United States Army and was sent to Cornell University, at Ithaca, New York, to master the special technique of this work. After graduation he remained in the service until 1919, when he was discharged with the rank of corporal. Upon his return home he resumed his association with his father in the photographic business and continued with him to the time of the death of the father. Since then he has continued the business alone, maintaining the same high standards of expert workmanship and honest business dealings which had placed the business on so sure a foundation. The Jenks Studio on Main Street is well known to the residents of a wide territory surrounding St. Johnsbury, and Mr. Jenks has added to the reputation achieved by his father. He does a business which necessitates the services of four people in his studio, and his business is still growing. Politically, Mr. Jenks gives his allegiance to no one party, but casts his vote independently, preferring to vote according to the personal qualifications of the candidate rather than according to party affiliations. He is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce, of the National Photographers' Association of America, and of the New England Photographers' Association, and through these organizations



keeps closely in touch with the accomplishments of his fellow craftsmen throughout the country. He is a member of the American Legion and of the local Rotary Club, and his religious affiliation is with the North Congregational Church, in the work of which both he and his wife are actively interested.

Zenas Charles Jenks married Gladys Johnston, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, daughter of Robert and Ruth (Coldwell) Johnston, and they have one son, Charles Robert.

**WALTER ERASTUS KELLOGG**—Since he was fourteen years of age Walter Erastus Kellogg has been making his own way in life, and for the past twenty-eight years he has been serving Uncle Sam in the St. Johnsbury, Vermont, post office, first as a substitute, then as assistant postmaster, which position he is now (1928) filling in such a manner as to give entire satisfaction to those with whom he is associated and to those whom he serves as a representative of the government. He is a member of the Assistant Supervisory Post Office Organization, and few men are better known in St. Johnsbury and vicinity than is he.

Erastus W. Kellogg, father of Mr. Kellogg, was born in Concord, Vermont, received his education there, and then learned the carpenter's trade, later becoming a successful builder and contractor. He married Lydia Ann Winchester, and they became the parents of seven children, of whom the fourth was Walter Erastus, of further mention.

Walter Erastus Kellogg, son of Erastus W. and Lydia Ann (Winchester) Kellogg, was born in Morrisburg, Ontario, Canada, March 3, 1864, and received his education in the common schools of his native district. After three years of high school training, he secured a job as fireman on one of the St. Lawrence River steam boats, and there he remained working his way up to the position of engineer. For a period of five years he followed the river, and then came to the States, locating in St. Johnsbury, where he entered the employ of the Fairbanks Scale Company. Mr. Kellogg was never a "shifter," and for fourteen years he maintained that connection, giving to the company the best of service, and satisfying himself that eventually it would be wise to make a change. After fourteen years of continuous service with the Fairbanks Scale Company he entered government employ as a substitute in the post office at St. Johnsbury, and since that time he has remained in the post office, serving as a substitute for a time and later being appointed assistant postmaster. He has now totalled a period of twenty-eight years in this connection, having served as assistant under postmasters A. C. Randall, F. G. Bundy, L. D. Hazen, A. F. Stone, A. H. Gleason, and J. H. Brooks. During all these years he has delivered the mail to the residents of St. Johnsbury and vicinity promptly and safely, and there are few in this section with whom Mr. Kellogg is not personally acquainted. As a member of the Assistant Supervisory Post Office Organization he keeps in touch with the work of others who are filling positions similar to his in other parts of the State, and he has always been progressive and up-to-date in his methods. Having been here so long a time, new postmasters find in him a most able assistant, and they are glad to avail themselves of the information which he can give. He has helped to "break in" numerous postmasters, and the fact that the in-coming postmaster is his superior officer affects not at all his usefulness in making them acquainted with what they need to know about their new duties. Mr. Kellogg is a member of the St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce and is actively interested in local civic affairs. In his political principles he is a Republican, and fraternally, he is identified with the Masonic Order, in which he has made three degrees. His religious affilia-

tion is with the Universalist Church, which he serves as a member of the board of trustees, and both he and his wife are active in the general work of the church.

Walter Erastus Kellogg is married to Nellie E. Quimby, who was born in Concord, Vermont, daughter of Alonzo K. and Nellie Ann (Cheney) Quimby, and they have three children: 1. George W., who died at the age of thirty-six years, married Harriet E. Weeks, and left one son, George W., Jr. 2. Madge, wife of William J. Rock, lives in St. Johnsbury, where her husband is foreman in the employ of the Wright Motor Company. They have one daughter, Jeannette. 3. Guy T., lives in St. Johnsbury, where he is a substitute in the postal service. The family home is located at No. 34 Railroad Street, in St. Johnsbury.

**WILLIAM J. OLLIVER**—Having transferred all his interests from his native South Africa to the United States, William J. Olliver, senior member of the Moose River Granite Company at St. Johnsbury, was made a naturalized citizen of this country twenty years ago. Through his business association he has helped his concern build up a trade that is country-wide in its scope. He is actively interested in the movements for community advance in St. Johnsbury, and is prominently identified with fraternal organizations.

William J. Olliver was born in Cape Town, South Africa, February 24, 1883, the son of Charles and Nancy (Dawe) Olliver, both parents natives of England, his father a skilled tool sharpener, who had been sent by his Government to South Africa to ply his trade there. The son William attended the schools of his native city, and then bound himself as an apprentice to learn the granite business. After five years he was released as a finished workman. Having received a good report of the opportunities held by the granite trade in America, he determined to make trial of his fortunes in this country. In 1901, when he was eighteen years of age, he arrived at Barre and there obtained employment at his trade. With the exception of two years, when he was located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as manager of a retail plant, he was a resident and workman at Barre, until he removed to St. Johnsbury. In 1921 the Moose River Granite Company moved its plant from Concord to St. Johnsbury, and Mr. Olliver became a partner of Charles Victor Warne. The concern does a wholesale business, shipping its product to many parts of the United States, and carrying on its business with its customers by mail exclusively. The company furnishes employment to a force of sixteen workmen, on the average, all being skilled in their trade. The business is one of the substantial commercial assets of St. Johnsbury, the concern and its principals enjoying high standing in the community and in the trade generally.

Seven years after Mr. Olliver had declared his intention and desire to become an American citizen, he received his final papers granting him naturalization rights. That was in 1908, and for the twenty years that have followed that happy event he has endeavored to act and think in terms of the United States. To all intents and purposes he is as genuine an American as if he were native-born; he is wholly in sympathy with the laws, customs and national spirit of the United States, and is an ornament of the citizenship of the Green Mountain State and the country at large. As to his politics, he does not consider himself a strong partisan of any one organization. His tendency is what is termed by regulars as "independent," and after that manner of mind and action he exercises his suffrage in elections. Thus he is free to vote for the candidates whom he considers are best fitted to hold office. His affiliation with fraternal bodies comprises the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Royal Arch Masons, the Knights Templar, the Royal and Select Masters, the Ancient



Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

William J. Oliver married Nellie B. Kenerson, born in Barre, daughter of Charles H. and Nettie E. (French) Kenerson. They are the parents of three children: Madeline Louise, Charles Wyness, and George Edmund.

**EMANUEL LILLCRAP**—For many years engaged in one of Vermont's most characteristic industries, Emanuel Lillicrap established and developed an important granite manufacturing company, brought his sons into the business with him, and has now retired from active life to enjoy the leisure which he has so thoroughly earned.

Mr. Lillicrap was born at Devonshire, England, March 26, 1868, and after completing his education, learned the stone cutter's trade there. When he was nineteen years old he came to the United States and settled at Quincy, Massachusetts, where he made his home in all for a period of thirty years, engaging with much success in granite and stonecutting work. At the end of this time, however, he came to Hardwick, Vermont, and established the Leader Granite Company in association with John Moyse and Harry Williamson, his long experience and thorough training in this work insuring the immediate success and continued growth of the enterprise. Later operations were transferred to the present site at Concord, Vermont, and in several years' time, Mr. Lillicrap purchased the interests of his partners in the firm and took his sons into the business as partners, at the same time changing the name of the company to E. Lillicrap and Sons, granite manufacturers. In addition to technical knowledge in the field of his chosen occupation, Mr. Lillicrap possessed sound business judgment and genuine executive ability, the combination of all these factors contributing to the solid foundation of financial security on which he built his business as president of the firm.

Politically Mr. Lillicrap supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party, and he is active in every good cause for civic improvement or growth, enjoying the high esteem of his fellow-citizens for the spirit of public service which he has manifested. He is affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at St. Johnsbury, and with the Modern Woodmen of America, playing an active part in the work of these great orders, while he and his wife are both prominent members of the local Protestant Episcopal church, contributing liberally of their time and substance to its support.

Emanuel Lillicrap married Rosa Jane Moyse, a daughter of William and Jane (Eddy) Moyse, who was born in Cornwall, England, and came to Quincy, Massachusetts, when she was nineteen years old. Mr. and Mrs. Lillicrap became the parents of five children: 1. Gladys M., deceased, formerly the wife of Albert Quinby. 2. George, who gave his life to his country during the World War. 3. Clarence W., a sketch of whom appears with that of his brother Fred R. 4. Fred R., the record of whose life follows. 5. Francis J., who married Lillian Baker, and they have two children, Gladys and Madeline.

**FRED R. LILLCRAP**—One of Concord's most substantial business concerns, E. Lillicrap & Sons, dealing in granite and marble monuments, is conducted by Emanuel Lillicrap and his two sons, Fred R. and Clarence W. This business, now (1928) more than thirty-five years old, at one time was known as the Leader Granite Company. The elder Mr. Lillicrap is

gradually turning over active care of the business to his two sons, both being thoroughly familiar with every detail connected therewith.

Mr. Lillicrap was born October 2, 1899, at Hardwick, Vermont, one of the three sons of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Lillicrap (see a preceding biography). The son not heretofore mentioned, was George Lillicrap, who gave his life for his country, being killed in action during the World War. Previous to his enlistment he had been a partner in his father's firm.

Fred R. Lillicrap was educated in the public schools at Concord, and after completing his scholastic career by graduating from the Concord High School, learned the trade of stonecutter, a vocation which was to occupy him in various capacities until the present time (1928). As soon as he had reached the age of responsibility he was taken into his father's business. This concern, founded about 1893 by John Moyse and Emanuel Lillicrap, was known as the Leader Granite Company. Eventually Mr. Moyse retired and Fred R. and Clarence W. Lillicrap became partners in the business, now known as E. Lillicrap & Sons, dealers in granite and marble monuments, with shops in Concord. In recent years the father has gradually withdrawn from active participation and Fred R. Lillicrap now has official charge of the business, with his brother, as heretofore noticed. Mr. Lillicrap has a most complete knowledge of the ramifications of his enterprise, having started as a stonecutter and later familiarizing himself with business practices, which has had considerable influence towards the advancement of this company. He is a member of the Republican party, and while he has avoided the cares and responsibilities of public office, has ever supported his party's proposals. He is also interested in fraternal movements, being a member of St. Johnsbury Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The Episcopal Church of St. Johnsbury values his association therewith highly, both he and his wife being members of this congregation.

Fred R. Lillicrap married Pearl Wilson, a native of Barre, Vermont, and a daughter of Robert and Julia (Mathers) Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Lillicrap have one daughter, Constance, and one son, Fred Robert.

Clarence W. Lillicrap, whose career has been almost identical with that of his brother, Fred R., was born at Hardwick, and he, too, was educated in the Concord schools and there learned stonecutting in the sheds of his father's concern. He married Ruth Norvila Pierce, who was born at Waterford, Vermont.

**WILBUR J. FARR**—For twenty-seven years Wilbur J. Farr has been associated with the Citizens' Savings Bank and Trust Company of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, first in clerical capacity, and since 1921 as treasurer. He is clerk of the board of directors and for many years now (1928) has been known in this section as a man of sound business ability and of wide knowledge in banking affairs. Mr. Farr is well known in Masonic circles. He is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce, and is a citizen who takes his full share of responsibility in the interests of the community in which he lives.

Wilbur J. Farr was born in Cabot, Vermont, July 7, 1880, son of Jacob W. and Mary L. (Collins) Farr, both natives of Vermont, and both now deceased. He attended the grade schools of Sheffield and East Hardwick, and then became a student in Hardwick Academy. When his academic course was finished, he began his career in the banking business by securing a position in the Hardwick Savings Bank and Trust Company. A few years later, desiring to secure for himself better equipment for his work, he resigned his position in the bank and went to Albany, New York, where he took a commercial course. When his course there was finished



he came to St. Johnsbury and began his long connection with the Citizens' Saving Bank and Trust Company here, beginning in clerical capacity. He worked his way up through various positions, giving to the duties of each the careful and meticulous care which had characterized his work from the beginning, and steadily adding to his general fund of information and experience. On January 1, 1921, he was elected treasurer of the bank, and since that time he has served in that important office and also as a member of the board of directors. He has, during his twenty-seven years of service here, been one of the able men of the institution, and he has fairly won the high regard in which he is held by his associates. Politically, Mr. Farr supports the principles of the Republican party. He is prominent in the Masonic Order, holding membership in the Blue Lodge; also in Chapter, Council, Commandery, and Shrine. He is an interested member of the local Chamber of Commerce, and he finds healthful recreation as a member of the local Country Club. His religious affiliation and that of his family is with the South Congregational Church, which he serves as treasurer and as a member of the board of deacons, and in the work of which all his family are active.

Wilbur J. Farr married Edith Keeler, and they are the parents of four children: 1. Wilbur Stuart, who is a graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy, and is now (1928) employed by the Cary Maple Sugar Company. He is a talented musician, and is frequently called upon to serve at entertainments and social functions. 2. Dorothy J. 3. Collins J. 4. Clarence Leslie.

**FRANK G. LANDRY**—The passing of the late Frank G. Landry, of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, on August 9, 1925, removed from this village one of its most able and highly respected citizens, making in the life of the community a vacancy which will long be felt and recognized. Mr. Landry had been proprietor of "Landry's Drug Store" on Railroad Street since November 10, 1894, a period of thirty-one years, and had built up that business from the small beginnings which he himself made, with practically no financial backing. Alone he established his business and he conducted it alone until it had grown to a size which made help necessary. Then it grew steadily and surely, more employes were secured, and as the years passed the present big concern developed. Mr. Landry was also a member of the board of directors of the Citizens' Savings Bank, and had other business interests. He was active in numerous social, civic, and fraternal organizations, and was an honored member in all.

Frank G. Landry was born in the house on Elm Street, in St. Johnsbury, Caledonia County, Vermont, November 9, 1869, son of Godefory and Lumina (Asselin) Landry. His mother died when he was a boy of nine years, and when he was twelve his father, too, passed away, leaving the boy and a sister four years younger. The grandfather took the boy to rear and he received his education in the local parochial school and in the St. Gregoire School in Quebec, Canada, which last he attended until he was fourteen years of age. He then went to work, but from the beginning he had determined that he would learn the drug business and eventually become the owner of a pharmaceutical business, so he secured employment with Dr. J. A. Plaque, with whom he remained for several years, later working for a short time with Dr. Stiles, and then for a few years longer with Dr. J. O. Guyette. When he felt that he had acquired sufficient experience and the necessary knowledge, he looked about for financial backing for the establishment of a drug business of his own, but this not being forthcoming he refused to be discouraged or turned aside and, without such backing, except for a very little capital he had been able to save, he made his start here in St. Johnsbury. At first he conducted his store without help, rising early in the morning

and keeping his store open until late in the evening. His early and continued preparation for this line of business had given him splendid equipment for his work and he soon won the confidence of a large trade. When the business outgrew him, working alone, he hired a boy to help him, and as patronage continued to increase engaged the services of other employes until at the time of his death he gave employment to several clerks and had won a patronage which placed his business among the largest in the town. He had learned the necessary Latin under the guidance of Father Boissonault, and with his thorough knowledge of the drug business he saw to it that the public received the most expert service, requiring employes who handled the drugs or put up prescriptions to give full proof of their competence before entering his employ.

Along with the successful management of his business Mr. Landry was interested in numerous social and civic groups and took an especial interest in welfare work. His social interests found outlet in such organizations as the local lodge of Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, the Council of Foresters, the Society of John the Baptist, also in the Commercial Club and in the Rotary Club. He was vice-president of the New England Rexall Club, and was identified with other organizations. In civic, church and social work his pleasing personality, quiet and modest, but earnest and enthusiastic, was always a welcome addition to the interested groups and his help was effective. He was a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of the Church of Notre Dame, a society which is devoted to social welfare work, and in the activities of this organization he was deeply interested and eminently helpful. Generous and sympathetic, he had always a ready ear and a tender heart, as well as a helping hand for those who were unfortunate, and he was one of the few who knew how to use discrimination in giving aid. He was a devoted member of Notre Dame parish, and there, as well as in the community at large, his passing left a vacancy which only time can fill.

Frank G. Landry was married, August 21, 1893, to Marie E. Legendre, daughter of Joseph and Julie (Parent) Legendre, both of whom are deceased, the father having died when Mrs. Landry was nine years of age, and the mother in 1922. Mr. and Mrs. Landry became the parents of eight children, of whom seven are living: 1. Alberta, wife of Paul Boissonault, who is employed in a bank and trust company in Montreal. 2. Georgette, is employed in the Citizen's Bank and Trust Company in St. Johnsbury. 3. Rollande, lives at home. 4. Frank M., of further mention. 5. Lucienne. 6. Marie, a graduate of the Notre Dame Hospital of Manchester, New Hampshire. 7. Irene. 8. Eugene, who died in infancy. All of the above except the two youngest are graduates of the Notre Dame School.

Frank M. Landry, son of Frank G. and Marie E. (Legendre) Landry, was born in May, 1899, and received his education in the parochial schools of St. Johnsbury and Winooski and Burlington, Vermont, and in the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in Boston. When his preparation was completed he returned to Landry's Drug Store, where all his active life has been spent, and of which he is now (1928) manager. The store is located at No. 103 Railroad Street, and as has already been stated, is one of the oldest and largest drug concerns in this locality. Frank M. Landry is a Republican in politics, is a member of the town committee, and is actively interested in local affairs in general. He is a member of St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce, the Knights of Columbus, the Rotary Club, and the Country Club, and his religious membership is with the Catholic Church of Notre Dame. He married Mary Prevost, daughter of Dr. Prevost, and they have two children, Jaqueline, and Frank G.



*J. G. Landry*





**ROBERT E. FRENCH**—As president of the French and Bean Corporation, wholesale grocers of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, Robert E. French heads a company which owes its sound position and prosperous business largely to his own ability. Mr. French is widely experienced in the grocery trade and when in 1906 he established his enterprise in St. Johnsbury he was immediately successful. Since that time he has gradually increased the volume of business until now he serves this entire section of the State, and employs some fourteen people.

Mr. French was born at Glover, Vermont, on June 22, 1863. His father, Lindol French, now deceased, was born at Glover and engaged in farming until the time of his death. The mother, who before her marriage was Elvira J. Morse, was born at Barre, Vermont, and is also now deceased.

Robert E. French attended Orleans Liberal Institute, and when he completed his education, went to Boston, where for six years he acted as clerk in a grocery store. At the end of that time he returned to Glover and for seven years thereafter, was owner of a general store. Coming to St. Johnsbury in 1903, he purchased an interest in the firm of F. A. Scott and Company, this arrangement continuing for a period of three years. Finally in 1906 he, with Denison D. Bean, purchased the buildings formerly occupied by E. M. Taft as a wholesale grocer. Here Mr. French and Mr. Bean established a wholesale grocery, which they conducted for about thirteen years, when, owing to failing health Mr. Bean sold his interests to Mr. Edward E. Porter, and the firm was then conducted under the firm name of French and Bean Company. About six years later Mr. Porter retired on account of failing health and sold his interest to Paul G. Webster, who with Mr. French, now owns the present business. Mr. French's sound business judgment was almost a guarantee of the success which attended the venture, and in the subsequent expansion a branch was established at Newport, Vermont. In addition to this business Mr. French is a director of the First National Bank of St. Johnsbury, his advice in financial matters being highly regarded.

Politically Mr. French is a member of the Republican party, and he is active in the affairs of his party, although by no means an office seeker. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons in which organization he is a member of all bodies of the York Rite, and a member of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce and of the Country Club. He and Mrs. French are members and active workers in the North Congregational Church.

Robert E. French married Martha J. Bean, who was born in Albany, Vermont, a daughter of John and Margaret (Barker) Bean. Mr. and Mrs. French are the parents of three children: 1. Lola, now the wife of Floyd L. Johnston, a traveling salesman of Providence, Rhode Island, and they have one son, Robert French. 2. Marjorie, wife of Robert Haskell, sales-manager at Atlanta, Georgia, and they have also one son, Edward Robert. 3. Edward, who was graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy, and attended Boston University; now a salesman associated with his father.

**WARRICK A. SMITH**—Although having as his main interest the cultivation of one hundred acres of land on the Hardwick Road near West Danville, Warrick A. Smith is widely known throughout this section as the operator of a summer home for tourists in which he is materially aided by Mrs. Smith. This summer tourist trade receives the strictest attention from Mr. and Mrs. Smith, and they strive unceasingly to provide the best home cooking and fresh vegetables and dairy products for their guests. That they have succeeded in their endeavors to please is testified by the fact that

practically the same people avail themselves of the Smiths' hospitality year after year, and thus by word-of-mouth advertising annually bring more people to the Smith farm. Having been an agriculturist throughout his entire life, Mr. Smith has no peer in the cultivation of farm and dairy products in this vicinity and the quality and excellence of his produce, which is served to his guests, undoubtedly is an important factor in his success. His popularity is not confined to summer tourists, however, for he is a most popular member of several fraternal organizations in Danville and also mingles in social affairs.

Mr. Smith was born September 7, 1881, at Broome, Canada, son of Charles E. and Katie (McBride) Smith, the mother having passed away when her son was four years of age. Charles E. Smith later crossed the Canadian boundary into the United States, and thereafter spent his life at Barton and Wheelock. He was an honored and esteemed citizen of the United States and had many friends in Vermont.

Warrick A. Smith received the customary education provided by the public schools, having studied at Stannard and at Barton, Vermont. His schooling completed; he worked on a farm until about twenty-four years of age. It is an acknowledged fact that information gleaned in early life is more easily retained and most beneficial to anyone, and having resided on a farm almost all of his life, Mr. Smith was especially well qualified to operate his own farm when he purchased land in this year at Wheelock, Vermont. He operated this farm for several years, but eventually disposed of it and remained as a farm employee until he came to West Danville and purchased from George Ailes the estate which he has since retained. After coming here, he and his wife cultivated one hundred and eighty acres of land on Hardwick Road, and gradually entered into providing of summer homes for tourists. For the conduct of this business they have gradually added to their facilities and at the present time (1928) are able to accommodate twenty people during the summer season. The secret of their success lies in the fact that they give the best of home cooking to their guests, and raising their own produce and operating their own dairy, are enabled to provide the purest and freshest foods. Mr. Smith's dairy business is quite extensive, he having a substantial herd of dairy cattle, and markets all of his products with the Danville Creamery. Mr. and Mrs. Smith take great pride in the fact that each year their guests return to spend the summer with them, which is undeniable proof that they like the place and are enjoying the best of food and service. An independent voter, Mr. Smith cares little for the preachings or so-called "issues" of political parties, and is ever found on the side of the individual office seeker whom he deems best qualified. In later years he has taken up golf as a source of recreation, being a member of the Danville Golf Association, Incorporated, and his fraternal affiliations are given to Washburn Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He and his wife are devout Christians and attend the Methodist Church.

Warrick A. Smith married Rose McDowell, born at Stannard, Vermont, daughter of William J. and Inez (Page) McDowell. Their post office address is West Danville, and their farm is located on Hardwick Road, West Danville.

**RAY BROWN SKINNER**—One of the substantial industrial concerns of St. Johnsbury is the Skinner Lumber Company, of which Ray Brown Skinner is an official, who, associated with his father, Chauncey S. Skinner, and his brother, Roy D. Skinner, has given to St. Johnsbury a concern that figures highly in the commercial activities of this city. Ray Brown Skinner has been identified with lumber and lumbering since ending his school days, and while his work has carried him to



several points in New England, most of his time has been spent in Vermont. The Skinner Lumber Company is headed by Chauncey S. Skinner, as president, other officers, exclusive of Ray Brown Skinner, comprising Roy D. Skinner and A. K. Butler, of Skowhegan, Maine. In addition to the aforementioned officers, the board of directors has Mrs. Lester A. Bill as a member. When first organized this company was known as Skinner, French & Company, a partnership that lasted until the elder Mr. Skinner purchased Mr. French's holdings and for a time operated the firm under the name of the Skinner Lumber Company. In December, 1918, this establishment was reorganized and incorporated, a change that marked the beginning of extended expansion throughout New England. Eventually, in 1924, the company disposed of its holdings outside of Vermont and now confines its operations to this State. In addition to a dressing and finishing mill at St. Johnsbury, the Skinner Lumber Company operates several portable sawmills.

Mr. Skinner was born August 2, 1884, at Orleans, Vermont, son of Chauncey S. and Ella A. (Brown) Skinner, of Orleans, the father having been one of the organizers of the lumber company which he now heads. Ray Brown Skinner was educated in the public schools of Orleans, graduated from high school there and matriculated at the University of Vermont, from which he was graduated in 1906. While in college, Mr. Skinner was a renowned athlete and entered heartily into such activities during his school life. Immediately after graduation, he became interested in the lumber business and this is the vocation that has since occupied him. Previous to its abandonment of its holdings in other States, the Skinner Lumber Company had a plant at Skinner, Maine, and for a time Ray Brown Skinner was located in this town, caring for the concern's interests there. Since then, however, he has spent most of his life in Vermont, and at St. Johnsbury has entered enthusiastically into the developments of this city. His outside connections here include various organizations and societies, both social and fraternal, and his advice and counsel are especially valued in the conduct of the St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce, of which he is an active member. A Republican, Mr. Skinner usually is found supporting candidates and principles of this party, and he also is a member of note in the Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. As reminders of his college days he retains membership in the Kappa Sigma fraternity, and is a member of the Vermont University Alumni Council.

Ray Brown Skinner married (first) Edith Bartlett, of Island Pond, Vermont. She was a member of one of this State's most prominent families, one long identified with Vermont. Edith (Bartlett) Skinner died in 1920, being survived by one daughter, Miriam Edith, now (1928) a student at St. Johnsbury Academy. Mr. Skinner married (second) Vivian Lowrey, daughter of George M. and Maude E. (Coburn) Lowrey, natives respectively of the Dominion of Canada and Barnet, Vermont. George M. Lowrey, while he lived in Massachusetts for a few years, later came to Vermont and for twenty-five years followed the blacksmith's trade. Her brothers, Russell E. and Rudolph Lowrey, are prominent merchants of St. Johnsbury, where they operate the firm of Lowrey Brothers. Mr. and Mrs. Skinner are members of the Congregational Church, and reside on Pleasant Street, this city.

**GILBERT S. HASTINGS**—Caledonia County merchandising interests are capably represented through the successful efforts of Gilbert S. Hastings, proprietor of the general store at West Danville, where also is located the town's post office, of which Mrs. Hastings has been postmistress for fifteen consecutive years. Mr. Hastings is a man of affairs in West Danville, and, in addition to being its leading merchant, is prominently

connected with the associational business interests of the community and fraternal organizations.

Gilbert S. Hastings was born in Waterford, this State, September 14, 1885, the son of Winfield S. and Jane (Abbey) Hastings, his father a native son of Vermont, and his mother born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, both parents now deceased, after having lived many years on their farm and held in high esteem by their neighbors. Their son Gilbert was reared on the parental acres while he attended the public schools. Having passed through the grammar grades, he attended St. Johnsbury Academy. For two years thereafter he worked as a farmhand, manifesting his willingness to perform even menial labor, with which he was not unacquainted, until the time that opportunity should open to him a wider door. His chance came with the offer and its acceptance by him of a clerkship in the store of Roscoe A. Renfrew at St. Johnsbury. Here he learned the art of merchandising in all its details as exemplified in that community, during his six years' service in the interest of Mr. Renfrew.

The most important event in his business career arrived with his resignation of his position in the St. Johnsbury store and his removal to West Danville and purchase in the latter town of the general store of B. U. Wells. This establishment he has greatly enlarged to meet the increased demands of the trade, and today the Hastings general store with its post office is something of an institution in West Danville. He is active in the management and employs one assistant. The post office situated within the store area, adds to the prestige and usefulness of the place as a community center. Mrs. Hastings has been postmistress without interruption since March 10, 1914, when her commission from President Wilson became effective. She has an assistant in the office, and one rural route starts from that source to serve the population in its district.

When it comes to politics, Mr. Hastings confesses to an independence of thought and action in his preference of policies and candidates. His non-partisanship places him in a position on many electoral occasions where he may help influence the balance of power in closely contested campaigns, so that his support is eagerly sought by one or the other of the major parties and their respective candidates. His attitude of independence is, therefore, not conducive to weakness but rather to the strengthening of the electoral forces along the lines of intelligent voting. Mr. Hastings is a member, with the Master Masons degree, of Passumpsic Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of St. Johnsbury. He is an enthusiastic participant in the organized efforts of the Chamber of Commerce, of Danville, serves as an officer of the Danville Golf Association, Incorporated, and is active as a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which his wife is similarly interested.

Gilbert S. Hastings married Jennie Underwood, born in Concord, Vermont, the daughter of Henry and Maria (Douglas) Underwood. Their children are: Helen May and Ralph Underwood.

**ALEXANDER JOSEPH SMITH**—Since the reorganization and incorporation of the M. F. MacDonald Company, Incorporated, manufacturers of granite memorials at South Ryegate, Alexander Joseph Smith has skillfully and successfully administered the office of president of the enterprise, which is strictly a family affair. Founded in 1873, this concern has functioned with regularity and has broadcast the fame of Vermont granite throughout the entire country. Under the guidance of its president and the assistance of its other officers it has, since its incorporation, in 1912, greatly advanced the popularity of the imperishable stone which it handles. A band of some eighteen skilled workmen is kept constantly employed in designing and creating



memorial works of art in the factory, all under the general supervision of Mr. Smith, to whom is credited a fine business ability and a splendid civic enterprise. He has added through this business a great deal to the commercial importance of the district, has always shown a healthy interest in those public affairs that point to the general progress, and has won for himself and his organization the esteem and high regard of the entire community, with friends throughout the countryside, whose loyalty is unquestioned.

Mr. Smith was born in Canada, March 29, 1891, a son of John and Annie (MacLean) Smith, both natives of that Dominion. His father died there in 1892, and his mother later became the wife of Murdo F. MacDonald, whose death occurred in 1920, after their removal to the United States and settlement in South Ryegate, Vermont, where their son, George K. MacDonald, assistant manager of the family enterprise, was born (see following biography).

Alexander Joseph Smith acquired his education in the public schools of Ryegate and at business college in Albany, New York. He then became bookkeeper for the Osgood Granite Company in 1909, and in 1912, upon the reorganization of the company with which he now is identified, left that company to administer his present office. He is a Republican in politics, and he and his family are members of the United Presbyterian Church. At the election of November, 1928, he was elected as representative from Ryegate to the Vermont Legislature of 1929. In June 1917, he enlisted in the Quartermaster Corps of the United States Army for the duration of the World War and was later transferred to the Motor Transport Corps. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant and later commissioned a second lieutenant and sent overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces, serving abroad from March 28, 1918, to April 5, 1919, when he was honorably mustered out. He is now a reserve second lieutenant in No. 308 Motor Transport, Ninety-seventh Division. He is a thirty-second degree member of the Masonic fraternity, affiliated with all bodies of that order; a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and Scottish Clan, as well as of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Alexander Joseph Smith married Edah M. Perry, of Plainfield, Vermont, daughter of Theron and Cora (Mills) Perry. Their children are: Athalie Jean and Pauline Annie.

**GEORGE K. MACDONALD**—Development of the natural resources of Vermont has resulted in a world fame for the enduring qualities of granite as a building and memorial material. Perpetuation of this fame lies in the hands of those who carve the indestructible stone into the forms required by the various activities into which it is introduced. Among the leaders in this field is the M. F. MacDonald Company, Incorporated, of South Ryegate, of which George K. MacDonald is assistant manager. Youthful in years, he has been well-grounded in the fundamentals of the business in which he has engaged since the expiration of his military service during the participation of the United States in the World War. His talents also have been recognized by his fellow-citizens, who have called him to public office and in which he has justified their confidence by his successful administration. Strong in his fidelity to civic interests, he is also classed high in fraternal circles, and is esteemed as one of the valuable citizens of this district and the State of Vermont.

George K. MacDonald is a native of South Ryegate, having been born here, March 22, 1897, a son of Murdo F. and Annie (MacLean-Smith) MacDonald, his mother having been the widow of John Smith when she became the wife of his father. All were natives of Canada, where Mr. Smith died in 1892. After her second mar-

riage they came to the United States, where her second husband died in 1920.

George K. MacDonald was educated in the public schools of South Ryegate, at Wells River High School and Lyndon Institute. He then took a course in military engineering in the Wentworth Institute, of Boston, Massachusetts, and in August, 1918, enlisted in the service of the United States and was assigned to Company C, 212th Field Signal Corps, with which unit he was sent to Camp Devens, Massachusetts, for training. He was honorably mustered out of the service, with the rank of private, January 28, 1918. Since then he has been associated with the family enterprise, which was founded in 1873, reorganized in 1912 and incorporated, with Alexander Joseph Smith (see preceding biography), a half-brother of George K. MacDonald, as its president, and W. F. Smith, vice-president.

Mr. MacDonald is a Republican in politics, and has served as deputy sheriff since 1923 and also as constable. He is a member of the order of Free and Accepted Masons and of the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his family attend the United Presbyterian Church.

George K. MacDonald married Mildred Harvey, of Passumpsic, Vermont, daughter of Charles E. and Elizabeth (Glenn) Harvey, and their children are Murdo Glenn and George Angus.

**JAMES J. RITCHIE**—In Barnet, Vermont, few men are identified with more lines of business and civic activity than is James J. Ritchie, who is successfully conducting a general insurance business, is manager of the Mountain View Creamery Corporation at West Barnet, is treasurer and clerk for the town of Barnet, is trustee of the cemetery and public library, and is also a thirty-second degree Mason, and a trustee of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Ritchie is a graduate of Dartmouth College, and is prominent in practically all projects which are planned for the welfare and general progress of Barnet.

Andrew C. Ritchie, father of Mr. Ritchie, was born July 21, 1850, and died August 20, 1893. He received a good education in the Morrisville (Vermont) schools and in Peacham Academy, and during the first few years of his active life was engaged in teaching. Later, he engaged in the lumber business in West Barnet for a period of three years, after which he engaged in business as a merchant in West Barnet. There he continued successfully for forty-seven years, taking a prominent part in the business, civic, and religious life of the place, and for nearly half a century he was one of the most prominent citizens of West Barnet. For a time A. D. Warden was his partner in business, but during the greater part of the forty-seven years of his life as a successful merchant he operated the business alone. He was a director of the Citizens' Bank and Trust Company, of St. Johnsbury, Vermont; a member of the board of school directors, and for some years school superintendent; and for thirty years he was an elder in the Presbyterian Church. He married, March 19, 1874, Sarah J. Warden, daughter of Harvey Warden.

James J. Ritchie, son of Andrew C. and Sarah J. (Warden) Ritchie, was born in West Barnet, Vermont, February 19, 1884, and after attending the local public schools prepared for college in St. Johnsbury Academy, at St. Johnsbury, Vermont. He then matriculated at Dartmouth College, at Hanover, New Hampshire, where he completed his course with graduation in 1906. A man of versatile abilities he has always been interested in more than one line of business activity, and though he early became interested in the general insurance business and continued active in that field, he kept a keen lookout for safe and profitable investments in other projects, and early attained a reputation as a man of sound judgment and of progressive and trustworthy ideals. He is a



Republican in his political sympathies, and actively interested in local affairs. As town clerk and town treasurer he is serving the community faithfully and well, and he is especially interested in the local library and in the cemetery, serving as trustee of each. As manager of the Mountain View Creamery Company, at West Barnet, he has been an important factor in the success of that enterprise, and both as a business man and as a citizen he has the respect of his fellow-townsmen.

Mr. Ritchie is prominent in the Masonic Order, being a member of all bodies, both York and Scottish rites, and of the Consistory. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Order of Rebekah; also the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of St. Johnsbury. Like his father, he is interested in the work of the Presbyterian Church of West Barnet, which he serves as a member of the board of trustees.

James J. Ritchie married Lela Houghton, who was born in Marshfield, Vermont, daughter of Silas E. and Mary (Buchanan) Houghton.

**CLARENCE BEDELL**—In the rural life of Vermont, Clarence Bedell of East Ryegate was for many years one of the most prominent farmers in this vicinity, operating a splendid farm of 214 acres here until 1918 in which year he retired from agricultural pursuits on such a large scale. However, his devotion to industry is still manifested by his present activities on his place of one acre which he finds just large enough for his interests, principal of which is the poultry business in which he has achieved steady success in recent years. Ever an earnest and devoted citizen of his community, Mr. Bedell has never sought public office but has always used his influence and ability to further the well being of his town and State.

Mr. Bedell was born at Topsham, October 17, 1862, son of Edwin and Martha (Stevens) Bedell, both of whom are now deceased. His father was a native of New Hampshire and his mother was born at Corinth. Clarence Bedell was educated in the public schools of this State in Ryegate and McIndoe Falls, but being ever eager to make his way in the field of industry, left school at the age of sixteen and hired out as helper on a neighboring farm. In this field of activity, he remained until he was twenty-three years old at which time he was appointed manager of a cooperative creamery at East Ryegate and successfully conducted the affairs of this enterprise for seven years. Desiring to engage in agriculture independently, Mr. Bedell purchased the well-known Major Nelson farm from Mrs. Ellen Gilchrist and continued to operate this large tract for fifteen years when owing to the inability of obtaining satisfactory labor he sold the entire property to the Ryegate Paper Company for industrial purposes. Although retired from agriculture, he has never given up his capacity for active endeavor and as a result has made a great success of the poultry business and winters about five hundred hens yearly.

Clarence Bedell married Alice Gilchrist, daughter of Zandy and Ellen (Nelson) Gilchrist. Zandy Gilchrist was engaged in farming during the early part of his life but was later for many years a successful merchant at McIndoe. Mr. and Mrs. Bedell are the parents of one daughter, Orpha, who was educated at Lyndonville and the Bryant and Stratton Business College at Manchester, New Hampshire. She married Harvey Wilson who is connected with the International Paper Company and they have one daughter, Betty Jean. Mr. and Mrs. Bedell are prominent members in the Presbyterian Church of East Ryegate.

**CLARENCE FRANKLIN CUTTING**—Proprietor of one of Concord's oldest pharmacies, an establishment that was founded by his father, Clarence Franklin

Cutting occupies a position of note in commercial circles of Concord and has a record of public service extending over a long term of years. At various times he has served in minor offices of the town, and at one time represented his district in the State Legislature. Numerous fraternal bodies number him on their rolls and, being a descendant of Revolutionary stock, Mr. Cutting has evidenced deep interest in historical matters. He enjoys the unusual distinction of having been a classmate of a man who later was to receive the highest honor within the power of this country, Calvin Coolidge.

Mr. Cutting was born in Essex County, son of Oliver Ballou and Lois (Robinson) Cutting. Oliver Ballou Cutting married (first) Lavina Powers and they had one daughter. He married (second) Lois Robinson and there were two children of this marriage: 1. Clarence Franklin, of further mention. 2. A child who died in infancy. Oliver B. Cutting, during the early part of his mature life, was a farmer. In 1868 he moved into Concord and in June of that year entered the drug store which his son now conducts, buying the drug business of a Mr. Blood, and operated it until his demise, when it passed into the son's hands.

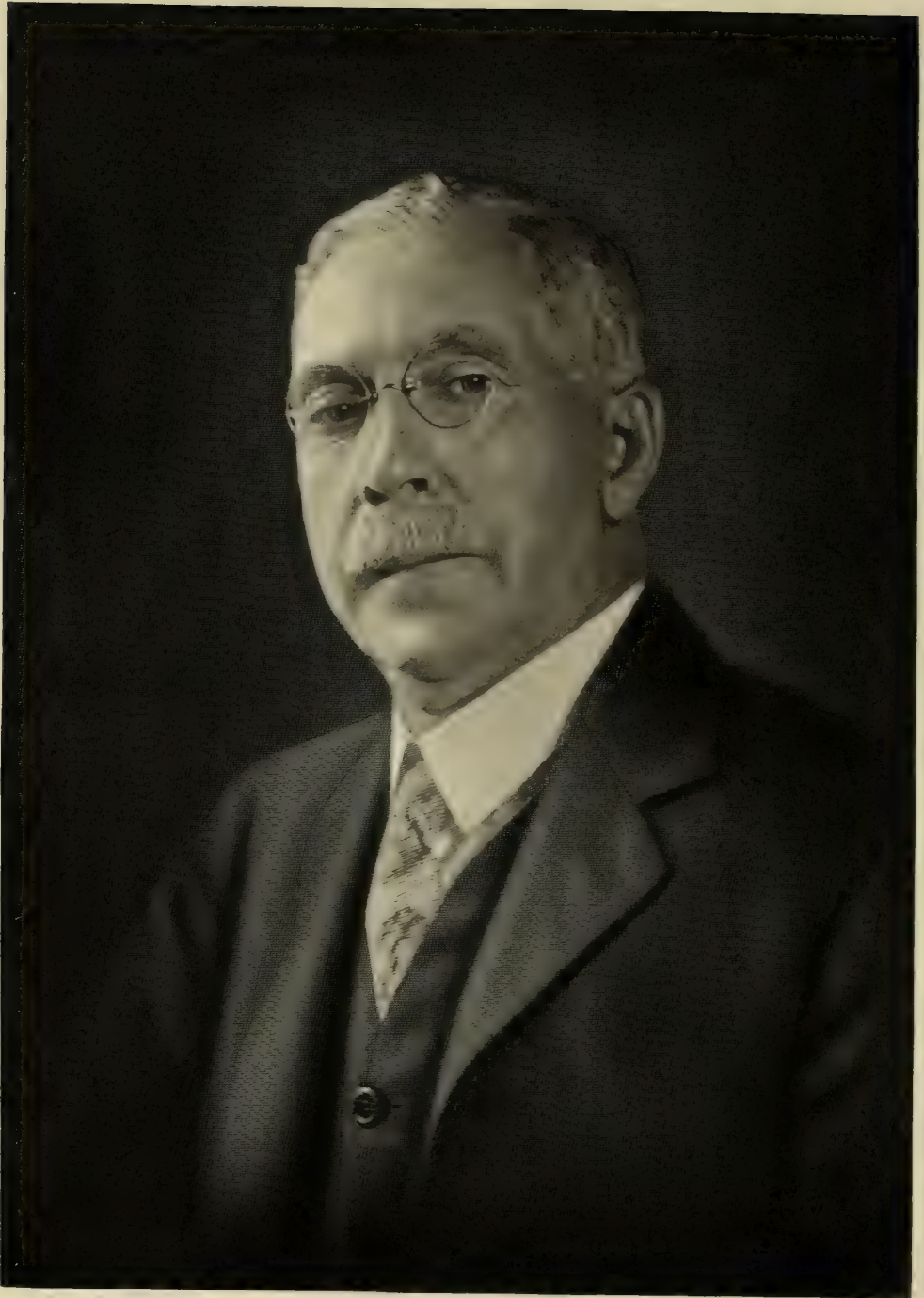
Clarence Franklin Cutting received his elementary education in the public schools of Concord and then matriculated at St. Johnsbury Academy. He was a student in that school in 1890 and 1891, and had as a classmate Calvin Coolidge, who later became the President of the United States. Mr. Cutting's educational career ended with his departure from St. Johnsbury Academy, at which time he entered his father's drug store. There he mastered the principles of pharmacy through self-study and close observation, and later passed the State Board examinations, becoming a registered pharmacist. Mr. Cutting evidenced an interest in public affairs shortly after attaining his majority and has always been zealous in his support of the political party of his choice, the Republican. Many offices of public trust have fallen to his lot, among them, assistant Town Clerk, Auditor, and several minor offices. Perhaps the highest honor bestowed upon him came in 1910, when he was elected to represent Concord in the Vermont State Legislature. While in this office, Mr. Cutting worked most earnestly for the interests of his district and won the admiration and esteem of his constituents through his accomplishments in this law-making body. Among the numerous fraternal societies that have attracted Mr. Cutting are Moose River Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Haswell Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Caledonia Council, Royal and Select Masters; Palestine Commandery, and Adah Chapter, No. 39, Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. Cutting's family has been prominent in New England life since the early days, and he has a deep interest in early history of this section. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Vermont Historical Society, and his professional associations include membership in the Vermont Pharmaceutical Society.

Clarence Franklin Cutting married Lola May Quimby, native of Concord and daughter of George W. and Delia (Gilbert) Quimby. There are two children of this marriage: 1. Malvern Bertram; graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy and of Bryant and Stratton Business College, Boston, Massachusetts. 2. Murray Clarence; graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy and of Bay Parks Institute; now (1928) an employee of the Peck Company, hardware merchant of St. Johnsbury. Mr. and Mrs. Cutting are communicants of the Universalist church, of Concord, and here they reside.

**JOHN G. ROY**—The largest concern in the world manufacturing croquet sets is the firm of Roy Brothers, whose plant is located at Inwood, Vermont. The senior member of the firm is John G. Roy, who, with his







*C. A. Goss*

brother, Elmer, founded the business in 1888. The firm manufactures numerous other articles of merchandise, including games of many kinds, handles, box shooks, butter boxes and stamps, rolling pins, swing cow stanchions, and hard and soft lumber, but it specializes in croquet sets, in the manufacture of which it leads the world. While the plant is located at Inwood, the post office address of the concern is East Barnet, Vermont. In addition to giving close attention to this important manufacturing enterprise, Mr. Roy has served as town auditor for the last twenty-five years and as a member of the board of school directors for fifteen years.

John G. Roy was born in Barnet, Vermont, in November, 1859, son of Alexander, who in early life was engaged in the lumber business but who later became a farmer, and of Eliza (Gates) Roy, both natives of Vermont. He attended the public schools of Barnet and Peacham Academy, and then finished his preparation for business life by taking a course in Eastman's Business College, at Poughkeepsie, New York. After the completion of his commercial training, he became his father's associate on the farm, but when his majority was attained he became associated with his brother Elmer in the lumber business, getting the material from the woods and manufacturing it into lumber and into various articles of commerce. The young men early became interested in the manufacture of croquet sets at East Barnet after buying the plant, and for the past thirty years have specialized in this product, establishing for themselves a reputation which places them at the head of all manufacturing of croquet sets in the world. During the total period of forty years which have passed since the business was established, the concern, which operates under the name of Roy Brothers, has experimented with many articles of manufacture, but has finally made the list mentioned above its staple list. Though they began in a small way and expanded only as conditions warranted, the brothers have seen the business grow to proportions which require the services of forty hands in the factory and a large force of men in the woods. Elmer E. Roy retired in 1918, after thirty years of successful manufacturing, and sold his interest to Dan W. Fulford (q. v.). Ten years have passed since that time, but the business is still growing and is still leading the world in the manufacture of its specialty. Mr. Roy is a member of the board of directors of the Roy Lumber Company, of West Barnet; the Roy Brothers have a branch at Hardwick, Vermont.

Mr. Roy is an independent voter, and though not a politician has, at various times, served the town in official capacity. He has been town auditor for the last twenty-five years and an interested school director fifteen years; is a trustee of the public library; and a justice of the peace; and in 1910 was chosen to represent his town in the State Legislature. In 1912 he was again elected to represent his county in the State Senate, and was again elected Representative in 1923, and he has always been, as a private citizen, active in promoting the interests of the community. Fraternally, he is a Master Mason and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star; and he has been identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for forty years, being a Past Grand Master, and also is a member of the Rebekahs. He is a member of the local Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. His religious affiliation is with the Congregational Church.

John G. Roy married Ellen Paddleford, who was born in Monroe, New Hampshire, daughter of Homer and Elizabeth Paddleford, and they have one son: Wendell P., who is a graduate of the electrical engineering department of the University of Vermont. The family are prominent in all the activities of the community and are well known in this section of the State.

**CHARLES F. DAVIS**—Representing one of the oldest families of Vermont, the members of which have been noted for their high character and staunch patriotism, industry and civic enterprise, Charles F. Davis, of Hardwick, senior member of the firm of C. F. Davis & Son, is one of our most valued citizens. True to the traditions of his ancestors, he has been active in all enterprises that have been originated for the improvement of general conditions and has at all times stood ready to lend his assistance in carrying them forward to fruition. He has been a builder in the field of commerce and a force in the financial enterprises of the community, a man of engaging personality, who makes friends readily and holds them steadfastly, his code of business and social ethics leaving nothing to be desired. He has shown a devotion to religious work and has been very active in that field, while constant in his fidelity to the public welfare and winning the esteem of all by his consistency in faithful citizenship.

Mr. Davis was born in Waterbury Center, Vermont, December 15, 1864, a son of Oliver W. and Mary T. (Freeman) Davis, both natives of this State, his father having been a farmer and horticulturist who specialized in apple trees and did a thriving business in seedlings. His parents are both deceased, and he is one of three children. His education was attained in the public schools of Waterbury Center and at Green Mountain Seminary, his first occupation after leaving school having been with his father in his nursery enterprise. This was followed by association with his brother-in-law, Forest E. Batchelder, also a nurseryman, with whom he remained for four years. He then removed to Montpelier, where he worked for a year as a clerk in a store, then returned to Waterbury Center, where he accepted a clerkship in a general store, which he continued for three years. He then purchased a farm in the town of Woodbury and operated it for ten years, when he sold and purchased the general store in Hardwick, founded by J. W. Hersey, which he has since conducted, associated with his son, Harold F. Davis. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Knights of Pythias of Hardwick. He is also vice-president of the Hardwick Savings Bank & Trust Company.

Charles F. Davis married twice. His first wife was Florence Haines, of Waterbury, Vermont, deceased, whose children were: 1. Herman H., who lives in Nashua, New Hampshire, where he is engaged in the insurance business; he married Tillie Kellar, and they are the parents of a daughter, Barbara. 2. Harold F., who is in business with his father; he married Bernice Allen, and they are the parents of a daughter, Florence. Mr. Davis married (second) Sarah (Clark) Holton, widow of Russell Holton, and both are active members of the Congregational Church, he having been for years a member of the business committee and now superintendent of the Sunday School.

**CHARLES H. GOSS**—The most complete automobile plant between New York City and Boston is that of C. H. Goss & Company, distributors for Packard, Hupmobile and Dodge cars, covering a district which includes all of Vermont, with Coos and Grafton Counties in New Hampshire. The plant, which is located on Central Street, in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, includes about four acres of floor space, providing for an assembling department, storage department, a used car department, paint shops, with separate Duco department, electric machine shop, accessory department, fire equipment for protection of the plant, and also housing for an extensive hardware and plumbing business. Mr. Goss is not only president of this big concern, but he is the founder, and through a period of about three decades has succeeded in building up the most extensive and complete business of its kind in this section of the country. Besides the



plants in St. Johnsbury there are also plants in Lebanon, New Hampshire, and in Burlington, Vermont, which is most modern and perhaps one of the finest in appointment in the State, property and building owned by the company.

The Goss family of which Mr. Goss is a member is one of the early families of the State of Vermont, dating back to the beginnings of its history. David Goss, great-grandfather of Mr. Goss, settled here in 1785 and it was from him that "Goss Hollow" received its name. Horace C. Goss, father of Mr. Goss, was a farmer and construction contractor and was the builder of the road over Standard and Wheelock mountains, in 1868. He died in 1875, when Charles H. Goss was a boy of only ten years, survived by his wife, Calista M. (Sanderson) Goss.

Charles H. Goss was born in South Wheelock, Vermont, July 29, 1865, and was attending the local public schools when his father died. Being the oldest of the family, though he was only ten years old, it was necessary that he should early become a wage earner, and his school days were, therefore, somewhat shortened. Hard work was his lot from early boyhood, but he was sturdy, able, and ambitious, and ready to do with whole heartedness whatever work came in his way. Until he was seventeen he worked on a farm, but he wished to learn a profitable trade and at the age of seventeen went to Lowell, Massachusetts, and became an apprentice in the shop of T. R. Garrity & Company, who conducted a plumbing and heating business. He found his new work much to his liking and in a short time, before his apprenticeship was finished, was placed in charge of work which made it necessary that he supervise the work of men older than himself. He remained in Lowell until he was twenty-two years of age. Then, in 1887, he returned to St. Johnsbury and entered the employ of Wilder & Noyes Company, in charge of their heating and plumbing. At the end of two years he left to accept a position with Farnham & Albee, who were engaged in the same line of business. Eventually, he took charge of their business, remaining with them for a period of eight years. At the end of that time, in 1897, he engaged in business for himself in a small way, as a plumber, gradually building up his business by close attention to all its details, by expert service, and honest business dealings. He had seen for some time the need of a freight center nearer than Boston and Portland and visualized St. Johnsbury as a wholesale center. With this in mind he purchased in 1912 what was known as the Skinner Lumber Company, a three story building 150x100 feet, with side tracks on either side, and established the C. H. Goss Supply Company. They carried and sold at wholesale a complete line of heating, plumbing and heavy hardware supplies, commanded a very large trade and covered a wide territory.

Business grew to such proportions that eventually it was necessary to sell the wholesale. The sale of stock and real estate to Charles Millar Son & Company of Utica, New York, a transaction of \$150,000, took place September, 1927, and was one of the largest business deals transacted in the State. As the automobile came into general use he gradually added to his already well established plumbing and heating business an automobile repair and accessory business, and as the years passed and the automobile became the general means of locomotion he steadily built up his business, adding one department after another, increasing the scope of his business as success in the established departments seemed to warrant and making sure of each step as he developed the business. Eventually, a company was formed, under the name of C. H. Goss & Company, distributors for the Packard and Hupmobile cars, and the company was assigned the big territory which includes the State of Vermont and Coos and Grafton counties in New Hampshire. As has already been stated, the plant is one of the most complete

in this section of the country. Here the cars, which come from the factories unassembled, are completely assembled and painted. The plant includes about four acres of floor space, providing storage room for four hundred cars, a show room with a capacity of one hundred cars, a used car department which accommodates one hundred cars, and ample space for the numerous other departments of business. The concern maintains its own paint shop, with a separate Duco equipment, gives service of every description, its repair work being done in an electrically equipped machine shop which represents the last word in modern appliances. A full and complete line of supplies and all kinds of accessories is maintained continuously, and in order to effectively protect this great aggregation of plant and car values the company has installed a fire department of its own, fitted with the best possible fire-fighting apparatus. In addition to the extensive plant in St. Johnsbury, the company also owns plants in Burlington, Vermont, and in Lebanon, New Hampshire, and in all the plants about one hundred hands are employed. The personnel of the company at the present time (1928) is as follows: President, C. H. Goss; vice-president, Henry C. Goss; treasurer, Ralph Dodge. These, with John Tann, who is also second vice-president and manager of sales; Frank Taplin, vice-president and manager of Burlington Branch; Dr. L. C. Aldrich, Judge Harlan B. Howe, John S. Inskip, and Jonas Brooks make up the board of directors. To the plumbing and hardware business Mr. Goss gives the same careful attention which he gives to the more extensive automobile business, and his remarkable success in building up so large and complete a concern is recognized by all who are familiar with business conditions here. His business success has made him a factor to be reckoned with in this section of the State, but he is not one of those who devote their entire interest to the building up of their financial and business achievements. He gives of his time for the management of local affairs and is always ready to work for better conditions in the town or village. He is a member of the board of trustees and a director of Brightlook Hospital, a director of Associated Industries of Vermont, and in numerous local enterprises makes his influence helpfully felt.

His political sympathies are with the Republican party, and he is well known in fraternal circles, being a thirty-second degree Mason, holding membership in all the bodies of both the York and Scottish Rites; Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce and of the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce, and influential throughout this section of the State. His clubs are the Rotary Club, of which he is a charter member, the Country Club, and the Fish and Game Club; and his religious affiliations and those of his wife are with the Congregational Church.

Charles H. Goss is married to Mary Fitzsimmons, who was born in Ireland and came to this country when she was four years of age, and they are the parents of five children: 1. Sadie, wife of Dr. L. C. Aldrich, lives in Jefferson, New Hampshire, and has one daughter, Virginia. 2. Ethel, wife of Frank Taplin, lives in Burlington, Vermont, and has one son, Charles. 3. Virginia, married John S. Inskip, lives in New York, and has two children, Betty and Virginia. 4. Clara, married Noel Noyes, who died, leaving one son, Noel. 5. Henry Charles, married Florence McKittrick, and they have two children, Patricia and Henry Charles, Jr.

**ALEXANDER T. BEATON**—Business traditions handed down from father to son are not uncommon in New England, especially among those of our citizens whose ancestry on American soil is comparatively limited, and it is noticeable that this character of enterprise is unusually highly successful. Those who have studied



these features believe that these results occur because of the comprehensive manner in which the trades are learned by those who engage in them. This has been shown to be true by the case of Alexander T. Beaton, owner of the James Beaton Granite Company, of South Ryegate, which was established by his father, who was a finished stonemason by trade in his native Scotland long before he came to America and established himself independently in that business. The son also became an expert in the trade, and when the business fell to him was able to carry it forward to a high plane of prosperity by reason of his intimate knowledge of its various details. He is a man of high character, absolute integrity, staunch citizenship and greatly esteemed by the community among whom he has lived since boyhood.

Mr. Beaton was born in Mason, New Hampshire, December 17, 1887, a son of James and Jean (Liddell) Beaton, both born in Scotland. His father spent his entire life at the business of stonemasonry and achieved an enviable reputation as an artisan and citizen. He and his wife were the parents of six children, and Alexander T. acquired his education in the schools of Ryegate, where his parents then lived and where his father had founded the James Beaton Granite Company. The young man then went to Eastman's Business College, at Poughkeepsie, New York, where he completed the course and returned to Ryegate, entering the business his father had established and studying it thoroughly. He, too, became a competent stonemason and finisher, and when his father died, in 1915, he took over the business and has since operated it successfully. The works employ an average of fifteen men and put out a high-grade product of finest Vermont granite. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is a trustee. In politics, he is an independent voter. Fraternally, he is affiliated with all Masonic bodies; the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and intermediate bodies. He also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America.

Alexander T. Beaton married Margaret Ferguson, born in South Dakota, daughter of Alexander and Mary (McLean) Ferguson. They are the parents of James Llynal Beaton.

**ADINO N. BELL**—Postmaster of South Lunenburg, Vermont, for many years, and the proprietor of a general store which is one of the community's most important business enterprises, Adino N. Bell occupies a position of great importance in the life of this section of the State. Mr. Bell was born at Lunenburg, February 3, 1866, a son of Franklin and Mary Nye (Chandler) Bell, and one of a family of eleven children four of whom now survive: William R., Annette, James F., and Adino N. Franklin Bell, the father, was a farmer in early life, but in 1875 he established the general merchandising business in which his son succeeded him, and he was also postmaster for a period of twenty-eight years. Both parents are now deceased.

Adino N. Bell attended the public schools of his birthplace and later completed the course of study in business college at Portland, Maine. Returning to South Lunenburg, he began his business career as an associate of his father in the operation of the general store, revealing real ability along this line almost immediately. In the course of years Mr. Bell assumed more and more the control of this venture and upon his father's death he became the owner, supplying to the community merchandise and service of the highest type. These two factors have combined with his sound business judgment to produce a highly prosperous trade throughout Lunenburg and the vicinity. Mr. Bell also succeeded his father as postmaster at South Lunenburg, and for more than fifteen years has discharged all the duties of this posi-

tion with the utmost efficiency and to the complete satisfaction of his fellow-townsmen.

In political affiliation Mr. Bell is a member of the Democratic party, and he always manifests a vital interest in the civic welfare of the community and in the civic affairs of the State in general, enjoying wide reputation as a public-spirited citizen. He and his family worship in the Congregational faith, attending the church of that denomination at Lunenburg, since there is none at South Lunenburg, where the family home is situated.

Adino N. Bell married Blanche M. Montagu, a native of Lowell, Massachusetts, and to them were born two children: 1. Carl N., who was educated at St. Johnsbury Academy and is now employed in his father's store in addition to conducting an insurance business of his own. He married Grace Penney, and they are the parents of four children, Maurice A., Clinton, Vincent, Harold. 2. Marion A., also educated at St. Johnsbury Academy, and now a stenographer in the Passumpsic Savings Bank at St. Johnsbury.

Mr. Bell has served his community faithfully for many years as a member of the local Board of Selectmen, and is now president of that body. During all his life he has considered that work in the public interest was no less worthy of his best attention than his own affairs, and besides being a member of this board he has acted as justice of the peace, town auditor, and as a member of the executive committee of the Lunenburg Board of Trade.

**HOMER P. MASON**—In Barnet, Vermont, Homer P. Mason is known as a successful business man and as a public-spirited official. He is a versatile man, one who can handle more than one line of business activity at a time, and one whose judgment is much relied upon. With his brother, Harry A., he is engaged in the manufacture of bobbins, under the name of the Mason Manufacturing Company, and he is also engaged in contracting, handling the construction of buildings, roads, and bridges. He is serving his sixth year as a member of the Board of Selectmen, and is a supporter of all plans for the betterment of the community.

Homer P. Mason was born in Barnet, Vermont, July 10, 1887, son of Philip A. and Ella (Parker) Mason, the first-mentioned of whom was a native of Monroe, New Hampshire, and section foreman in railroad employ for many years, and the last-mentioned of whom is a native of Irasburg, Vermont. Mr. Mason attended the local public schools and then went to Beverly, Massachusetts, where he entered the employ of the United Shoe Machinery Company, with whom he remained for three and a half years. At the end of that time he returned to Barnet and learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a number of years. Eventually, he began contracting for himself, and he has continued in this line to the present time (1928) contracting both for the erection of buildings and for the construction of roads and bridges. During the past three years he has handled most of the State contracts for the building of roads and bridges, and he employs in this work from ten to twelve men. In 1923, in association with his brother, Harry A., he established the Mason Manufacturing Company and engaged in the manufacture of bobbins. This enterprise has been entirely successful and is turning out a volume of product, which requires the services of about twenty hands. Politically, Mr. Mason supports the principles of the Republican party. He has always taken an active interest in the advancement of the general welfare of the town of Barnet, and has for the past six years been serving as a member of the Board of Selectmen, this being the last year of his second three-year term. Mrs. Mason is a member of the Methodist Church of Beverly.

Homer P. Mason married Mildred Trask, who was



born in Beverly, Massachusetts, daughter of Charles W. and Vina (Aspley) Trask, and they have two children: Marjorie, and Philip.

**WILLIAM R. BELL**—One of the most prosperous and successful members of the community at South Lunenburg, Vermont, William R. Bell has displayed marked ability in several different fields of endeavor. He is the proprietor of large holdings in farm and pasture lands, raising farm produce and cattle on a large scale, manager of the Lunenburg Telephone Company, and active in various civic and State affairs.

Mr. Bell was born at South Lunenburg, February 10, 1859. His father, Franklin Bell, now deceased, was a local merchant and postmaster for many years, having been succeeded in these positions by another son, Adino N. Bell, while the mother, who before her marriage was Mary Ann Chandler, is also now deceased. William R. Bell was educated in the local public schools and also attended a private school for several years, following which he went to work for his father on the home farm. In his twenty-fifth year he became a farmer independently, and since that time has given most of his attention to this occupation. He is now the owner of a splendid four hundred acre farm, a back farm which is some one hundred and fifty acres in extent, as well as pasture and timber land in about the same amount. In addition to farming activities he owns a herd of fifty fine Holstein cattle, and does an extensive dairy business. Mr. Bell employs two men continuously and in busy seasons a third to assist him in his work, and he is widely regarded as one of the most important farmers in the vicinity.

Besides the efficient discharge of his duties as general manager of the Lunenburg Telephone Company, Mr. Bell has served the community long and faithfully, holding at various times almost every town office. He was lister for twenty-one consecutive years, has been a member of the Board of Selectmen, appraiser, and road commissioner for a period of ten years. He is also now a road patrolman, having charge of the State roads in the town of Lunenburg, and, having served as vice-president of the local Board of Trade, is now a member of its executive committee. In short he has always furthered in every way within his power the development of the community and its civic progress. Mr. Bell is affiliated fraternally with the Moose River Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, at Concord, New Hampshire, while he and his family attend the Lunenburg Methodist Episcopal Church, there being in the town no church of the Congregational faith in which they originally worshipped.

William R. Bell married Emma J. Clark, born at Berlin, New Hampshire, a daughter of George and Abbie (Cobb) Clark, both of whom were members of well known New Hampshire families. Mr. and Mrs. Bell are the parents of two children: 1. Pearl, who married Homer Stanton, a farmer of North Danville, and they have one daughter, Elizabeth M. 2. William F., who is now an electrician for the Twin State Gas and Electric Company, and also does some private electrical contracting. He resides at home with his parents.

**RUSSELL E. LOWREY**—Senior member of the firm of Lowrey Brothers, dealing in general groceries and provisions at St. Johnsbury, Russell E. Lowrey has supported himself since he was fifteen years of age and since that time has been continuously engaged in the grocery business either as an employee or as employer. The firm, which he now heads and in which his brother is associated as a partner, has been in existence since 1913, and its high-quality merchandise and fresh groceries and provisions have attracted a large number of customers who patronize this store exclusively. As well befits a man in his position, Mr. Lowrey is a whole-

hearted coöperator in every movement or project designed for the promotion of the public weal here, and also is well known and popular in fraternal and social spheres.

Mr. Lowrey was born at Millis, Massachusetts, son of George M. and Maude E. (Coburn) Lowrey. George M. Lowrey was a native of Canada, while his wife was born at Barnet, Vermont. The father followed the black-smithing trade for a quarter of a century, most of this time being spent in the neighborhood of St. Johnsbury, although the family lived in Massachusetts for a few years. George M. and Maude E. (Coburn) Lowrey had five children, three girls and two boys.

Russell E. Lowrey gained his education in the public schools of Barnet, but left home at the age of fifteen years and since that time has been self-supporting. His initial business experience was obtained as an employee of J. S. Weeks, who operated a grocery store on Portland Street, St. Johnsbury. Mr. Lowrey remained with Mr. Weeks for eight years and during this time availed himself of every opportunity to become familiar with the conduct of a grocery establishment. He then purchased a small store from Bruce Wallace, and despite the obstacles confronting him, steadily increased the business of this institution, finally erecting a large and commodious building of his own, which now (1928) is thoroughly up-to-date and modern in every respect, including a cooling system. It was in 1913 that Mr. Lowrey launched into his individual enterprise and four years later, in 1917, he took as a partner his brother, Rudolph Lowrey, at which time the firm name was changed to Lowrey Brothers. This grocery store, handling nothing but the finest line of provisions and supplies, is located at the corner of Concord Avenue and Pleasant Street, St. Johnsbury, and its patrons come from widely scattered points in the community surrounding this city. The firm is steadily increasing its patronage, and Russell E. and Rudolph Lowrey are not only bringing new business to their concern, but what is more important, are known as citizens in every sense of the word, holding the trust and confidence of their fellow-men. Among the civic works of Mr. Lowrey, perhaps, the most outstanding are those he has accomplished through his membership in the St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce. He has little interest in politics and has never sought public office, although exercising his suffrage in an independent manner. He has attained high rank in the Masonic order, being a member of Passumpsic Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Haswell Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Palestine Commandery, Knights Templar. Both Mr. Lowrey and his wife are members of the St. Johnsbury Congregational Church, and their contributions to this denomination have been material, not only from a moral standpoint but also physically and financially.

Russell E. Lowrey married Hilda Day, native of Lunenburg, Vermont, and daughter of Harry M. and Alice (Knapp) Day, the father engaged in the gas and oil business. Mr. and Mrs. Lowrey have two children: Eugene Day and George Webster.

**ORVILLE W. BAKER**—Concord and the surrounding territory, which is naturally fitted for dairying, has many splendid establishments of this kind, but perhaps the most prominent among these is the Trout Brook Creamery Company, operating at Concord, Essex County. One of the most efficient and trusted officials of this enterprise is Orville W. Baker, treasurer and manager of the concern. Mr. Baker's experience along this line has been most comprehensive, he having had charge of a plant at the early age of twenty-one years, and since that time has managed many other creameries throughout New England. Not only is Mr. Baker known as an authority in his vocation, but he has made a splendid showing in public life, having served his village and







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town in an official capacity, and having evidenced deep interest in many fraternal organizations.

Mr. Baker was born March 4, 1883, at Champlain, New York, son of Thomas H. and Georgette (Loomis) Baker. His father and mother, both natives of the Empire State, are now deceased. After completing his education in the grammar schools, Orville W. Baker, at the age of seventeen, made his first contact with the industry that was to prove his life's vocation, when he entered creamery work at Plainfield, Vermont. His natural ability for this calling was evidenced early in his life, for at the age of twenty-one years Mr. Baker was in charge of a plant at Waitsfield. He remained in Waitsfield for three years and from then until 1913 had charge of several plants, at various times, until eventually he came to Concord where he entered the Trout Brook Creamery Company. This company, which operates extensively throughout Essex County, has as its president Harry Currier, of Concord, the other officials being: H. F. Cutler, vice-president, of Barre; Orville W. Baker, treasurer and manager, and Effie C. Baker, secretary and clerk. In addition to the aforementioned officials, the board of directors includes R. B. Cutting, of Waterford, Vermont. The Trout Brook Creamery Company, which recently installed the most modern and up-to-date machinery, has about fifteen employees and is equipped with special apparatus for the production of a milk powder from skim milk, a by-product. This progressive move on the part of the company has eliminated an economic waste formerly characterizing the creamery industry and permits the profitable use of milk from which the butter fats have been extracted. This concern was established about 1895 and now (1928) is widely known throughout New England.

Aside from his commercial duties, Mr. Baker has been deeply concerned with other spheres of activity; served one term as a member of the local school board, and is now Selectman, Village Trustee, and Deputy Sheriff for Essex County. He is a Republican in politics, and in religious affairs, a Methodist. Both Mr. Baker and his wife are members of the local Methodist Church and he serves this congregation on its board of trustees. Mr. Baker also has attained high rank in the Masonic order, being a member of Concord Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; St. Johnsbury Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; St. Johnsbury Council, Royal and Select Masters; St. Johnsbury Commandery, Knights Templar; Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Montpelier, and the United Commercial Travelers of St. Johnsbury.

Orville W. Baker married Effie A. Thompson, born at Wilnot, New Hampshire. She is a daughter of Samuel A. and Mabel (Smith) Thompson, descendant of Revolutionary stock, her ancestors having been closely identified with New England affairs for many generations. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Baker are: 1. Alban Smilie, graduated from Montpelier Seminary, and for two years a student at the University of Vermont; now associated with his father's business holding the position of plant foreman; married Cleona Ramage. 2. Orville W., Jr., graduate of Montpelier Seminary and of Gray's Business College, Portland, Maine; also associated with his father's firm as a bookkeeper. 3. Herbert Alson, now (1928) a grammar school student.

**HORACE W. GLEASON**—For more than a hundred and twenty-five years the big farm upon which Horace W. Gleason is living has been in the Gleason family, and here, in McIndoe Falls, town of Barnet, Vermont, Mr. Gleason is conducting a general farming and dairying business. He has a fine herd of Guernsey cattle and a flock of Shropshire sheep, both of highest grade and registered animals, and is well known as an expert in sheep and cattle raising.

Horace W. Gleason was born on the homestead farm at McIndoe Village, town of Barnet, Vermont, November 27, 1871, son of William C., who was born on this same farm, and of Cynthia A. (Warden) Gleason, also a native of Barnet. There were six children in the family, four boys and two girls. Horace W. attended the schools of Barnet and McIndoe's Academy, and then assisted his father on the farm which he now owns. He had been reared on the farm and early had become accustomed to the chores which usually fall to the lot of the farmer's son, and as the years passed he devoted his time and his attention more and more to the raising of live stock. He continued with his father as long as the latter lived and then purchased from the other heirs their interest in the place, thus becoming owner of the farm which his grandfather, John C. Gleason, purchased and which his father had operated throughout his mature life. The farm is a large one containing about two hundred and twenty-six acres, and in addition to a general farming business Mr. Gleason has forty-five head of Guernsey cattle, all of high grade and part of them registered, and handles a successful dairying business. He also has one hundred sheep of Shropshire breed and has long been considered in this section an authority on these breeds of cattle and sheep. A Republican in his political sympathies, Mr. Gleason has frequently been requested to run for local public office, but has always refused. He has been a member of the Congregational church for forty years and is at present (1928) chairman of its executive board, while his wife is active in all its work. Fraternally, he is identified with the Knights of Pythias and with the local Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and both he and his wife have a host of friends in Barnet. As a progressive citizen and as a successful business man Mr. Gleason is held in high regard among his associates. His wife's family is as well known as his own in McIndoe Falls, both the Phelps and Gleason families being representative families in this section of the State.

Horace W. Gleason married Alice B. Phelps, who was born in the town of Barnet, Vermont, daughter of Walter M., a native of Lunenburg, Vermont, who owns a large farm at McIndoe Falls, three farms in Iowa, and a large amount of city property in Clearwater, Florida, and of Helen D. (Harvey) Phelps, also a native of Barnet, Vermont; and granddaughters of Anthony James and Mary Ann (Kidder) Phelps.

**JONAS H. BROOKS**—For many years, Jonas H. Brooks has been a resident of St. Johnsbury, Vermont. A member of a family well known locally, he is widely experienced in business affairs, and now holds the position of postmaster at St. Johnsbury, to which he was appointed on March 3, 1923, by President Coolidge. Since that time he has discharged very efficiently the duties of his office.

Mr. Brooks was born November 29, 1869, at St. Johnsbury, a son of Dr. Samuel T. Brooks, who was born in Stanstead, Province of Quebec, Canada, and of Lucy (Mills) Brooks, who was born in Colebrook, New Hampshire, both parents coming to Vermont while still very young. Dr. Brooks was graduated from Dartmouth College, and received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at McGill University at Montreal, beginning practice of his profession at St. Johnsbury in 1862. Jonas H. Brooks attended the local public schools and the St. Johnsbury Academy, where he was graduated in 1890, after which he began work for Wilder Noyes and Company, wholesale dealers in hardware, and mill and blacksmith supplies. For over a year he remained with this company, finally resigning to accept a position as clerk for the First National Bank, where he remained for seven years. At the end of this time, he retired from the position of teller to which he had risen, to accept a



place with the Brooks Tyler Dry Goods Company, with whom he also remained for seven years. Later he was employed by the A. H. McLeod Milling Company, a stock company of which he was also one of the stock holders, and finally, in association with his brother A. R. Brooks, he bought out the McLeod holdings, and after conducting the business very successfully for eight years, disposed of his interests to the Caledonia Mills Company. This was during the World War, and for four years thereafter, Mr. Brooks devoted all his time and energy to government work, being active in the various Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives, and in the post-war reconstruction work, and ending his activities only upon his appointment to the position of postmaster of St. Johnsbury.

Politically, Mr. Brooks is a member of the Republican party, and he served for eight years on the local school board, resigning when he took office as postmaster. For the past seven years, he has been a trustee of the Passumpsic Savings Bank, and he is a member of the St. Johnsbury Rotary Club, and president of the St. Johnsbury Country Club. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Knights of Pythias, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is also a member of the United Commercial Travelers.

Jonas H. Brooks married Maude McLeod, a daughter of Angus H. and Mary (Rogers) McLeod, and a graduate of Smith College as a member of the Class of 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks are the parents of three children: Samuel McLeod, Mary McLeod, and Angus McLeod. Mr. Brooks and his family attend the South Congregationalist Church of St. Johnsbury.

**JOHN EDWARD APPOLT**—There is probably no profession that brings a man more directly into contact with the public of small communities than that of newspaper publisher, and in this regard John Edward Appolt, owner and editor of the Hardwick "Gazette," has come to be a familiar name in this district of Vermont. For more than twenty years he has conducted this interesting weekly, filling it with the class of news that appeals to his constituents within a radius of ten miles of its office of publication and building it up to its present condition of prosperity and local influence. A practical printer before he became an editor, he is also a man of interesting personality, genial, friendly, fair in his attitude toward all the world and a staunch citizen of the Republic.

Mr. Appolt was born in Liberty, Pennsylvania, July 13, 1876, was educated through the high school grades there, and then began his study of the printer's trade, remaining at that occupation in association with C. O. Laymon at Fort Allegheny until 1897, and then came to Hardwick to work for Charles O. Laymon, who had sold his paper in Pennsylvania and bought the "Gazette" of Hardwick. In 1899 he transferred his affiliation to Clarence P. Sawyer, who had purchased the paper and with whom he was associated until 1905, when Mr. Appolt purchased the plant, which he has since conducted with success. His paper has a weekly circulation of 1,500, modern machinery, and a job printing office employing five men.

Mr. Appolt is a Republican in politics, and has membership in the Hardwick Rotary Club, of which he is at this writing the president. He is affiliated with Caspian Lake Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Hiram Chapter, No. 29, Royal Arch Masons; St. Johnsbury Council, Royal and Select Masters; Morrisville Commandery, Knights Templar; Burlington Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons; and Mt. Sinai Temple, of Montpelier, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to Union Lodge, No. 9, Knights of Pythias.

**DR. JOHN MITCHELL GIBSON**—Pluck, energy, and perseverance have secured for Dr. John Mitchell Gibson all that he has striven for in the way of professional attainment, and have enabled him to pass on to his children the spirit of service which has actuated him throughout his life. For forty years, with the exception of five spent in Lisbon, New Hampshire, he has been taking care of a large practice in McIndoe Falls, Vermont, where he also takes an active part in local public affairs. He is a graduate of the Medical Department of the University of Vermont, and through the long years of his service here has endeared himself to his many patients who appreciate both the professional quality and the friendliness of his ministrations.

Dr. John Mitchell Gibson was born in Rockwood, Ontario, Canada, June 7, 1862, son of John M., a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, and who was a successful educator, and of Saphrona (Mason) Gibson, who was born in Brookline, Vermont. He attended the public schools of Rockwood and of Elora, in Ontario, Canada, and then went to work on a farm, as a farm hand, in order that he might secure the means for his professional education. While working on the farm he used every possible moment in study, preparing himself for college, and eventually he matriculated in the medical department of the University of Vermont, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1888. After serving his internship in a hospital in Winchendon, Massachusetts, he opened an office here in McIndoe Falls, Vermont. Here he has remained to the present time, with the exception of a few years spent in Lisbon, New Hampshire, whence he returned to McIndoe Falls in 1902. Dr. Gibson has long been known as a man who is skilled in his profession and as one who devotes his entire attention to the interests of his patients. When he has charge of a case his patients know that he will "stand by" with every resource at his command, and he has a large number of devoted friends among those whom he has served professionally. Along with his medical practice, Dr. Gibson has always been a loyal and public-spirited citizen, serving the town in whatever capacity he could be of most use, and he has not refused public office when he could be of real service. He gives his support to the Republican party, and has served on the town committee, on the board of health, where his professional knowledge has been freely placed at the service of the community, and on the pension board, of which he has been a member for the past ten years, 1918-28. He is a member of the board of trustees of McIndoe's Academy, has served as a school director, and in community projects planned for the progress of the town he is always a generous supporter. He is a member of the Vermont Medical Society and of the American Medical Association, and fraternally, is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, and with Nu Sigma Nu college fraternity. His religious membership is with the Congregational church, in the affairs of which both he and his wife are active.

Dr. John Mitchell Gibson married Clara Dunnett, who was born in Peacham, Vermont, daughter of Andrew and Christiana (Galbraith) Dunnett, and they became the parents of three children: 1. Florence I., graduated from McIndoe's Academy and from Northfield Seminary and then entered the Mary Fletcher Hospital, from which she was graduated. For two years she served as a nurse in Orleans Hospital, and then went to Berea Hospital, in Berea, Kentucky, where she has been assistant superintendent for the past four years, 1924-28. 2. John M., graduated from McIndoe's Academy and then entered the University of Vermont, where he continued his studies for two terms. He then made a change, entering Norwich University, but the entrance of the United States into the World War interrupted his



course. After receiving his discharge from service he entered the law department of Boston University, from which he was graduated. He is now (1928) engaged in legal practice in Newark, New Jersey. 3. Alexander Dunnett, after attending McIndoe's Academy went to Mount Hermon, Massachusetts, for a year's preparatory course and then matriculated in Dartmouth College, at Hanover, New Hampshire, from which he was graduated in 1924. For four years after graduation he taught in Burlington High School, and then took a post-graduate course at Columbia University, New York, where he received his master's degree, and is now at Toulouse University, in France, for another year of post-graduate study.

**EUGENE A. ROSA**, who came to this country as an immigrant in 1893, has a record of achievements that well might be studied by those natives of America who so often are prone to bewail the lack of opportunities for success. Handicapped through inability to speak the English language and with no special education for a vocation or profession, Mr. Rosa has overcome these obstacles until now (1928) he is one of Ryegate's substantial citizens and a paramount figure in the granite industry of Vermont. Not only has he been a success financially, but in other walks of life he is admitted to be an ideal citizen of his adopted country, ever willing and ready to assist in the welfare and advancement of his local community.

Mr. Rosa was born January 22, 1877, in Italy, son of Angelo and Vencensia (Bertoli) Rosa. Both parents came to the United States, but later returned to their native Italy and there resided until removed from this earthly sphere by the Grim Reaper. They had a family of eight children, five boys and three girls, one of these sons, John, accompanying Eugene A. to this country.

Eugene A. Rosa obtained his education in the National schools of Italy, and, at the age of sixteen, emigrated to the United States, with his brother John. They located at South Ryegate, and here Mr. Rosa devoted himself to learning the trade of stonemason, as did his brother. Thorough application to his work, and consistent systematic frugality enabled these brothers to found their own concern at South Ryegate. Both being highly skilled in this craft, and thoroughly familiar with this industry, their new venture was successful from the time of its inception. Their enterprise, which bears the title of Rosa Brothers, Granite Manufacturers, has forged rapidly to the fore among institutions of this kind, and the product has become recognized throughout New England as of the highest class. Mr. Rosa is affiliated with no political party, but is usually found supporting candidates and issues which, in his opinion, are most worthy. He has proven a loyal citizen of his adopted country, and while his civic work has not included the holding of public office, he is ever ready to assume any rôle in public welfare movements for which he deems himself qualified.

Eugene A. Rosa married, in 1902, Louisa Valsecchi, also a native of Italy and a daughter of John and Theresa (Christofoli) Valsecchi. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rosa: 1. Americo, died at the age of twenty-one years. 2. Alice, educated in the schools of Wells River, graduate of Woodsville (New Hampshire) High School, and of Lyndonville Institute; a teacher in the public schools of Ryegate Town. 3. Alba, a graduate of Woodsville (New Hampshire) High School, a student at the University of Vermont. 4. Dante, died at the age of two years. 5. Dantina. 6. Gloria. 7. America. Mr. Rosa and his family are faithful attendants of the Presbyterian Church.

**FRED GADAPÉE**—In addition to cultivating his large farm at North Danville, Fred Gadapee serves most efficiently as secretary and treasurer of the North Dan-

ville Coöperative Creamery Association, and his conduct of official duties has been of material aid to dairymen of this community. Mr. Gadapee is fully qualified as an expert on dairying, inasmuch as he devotes much of his own property to this industry, and his barns and equipment are modern and up-to-date in every respect. Other spheres of local interest have benefited through the association of Mr. Gadapee, he having been for many years a conscientious worker in political and civic movements.

Mr. Gadapee was born July 29, 1866, at Danville, son of Peter and Mary (Paquin) Gadapee. Both parents are now deceased, the father having been born in Canada, while the mother was a native of Vermont, and they followed farming as their life work.

Fred Gadapee attended the grade schools at North Danville, and after completing the courses provided therein took up the vocation to which his father had devoted himself, agriculture. He obtained a position as a farm hand, and for the ensuing seven years remained with this, his first job. At the expiration of that period, he had, through hard work and frugal habits, saved enough to buy a farm of his own, and he purchased from Charles H. Sanborn one hundred and sixty acres of land at North Danville. This purchase was made about 1892. Immediately upon assuming charge of this property, Mr. Gadapee launched a program of improvements thereon. He erected new barns for his live stock and dairy cows, remodeled and enlarged the farmhouse, and effected many other important changes toward beautification and betterment of the estate. He now carries on general farming in association with his dairying business, and through the application of modern methods and implements, has become recognized as one of the county's most successful and progressive agriculturists.

A firm believer in the principles of Republicanism, Mr. Gadapee has considerable influence in the local councils of this party, and his qualities of leadership are disclosed through the various public offices to which he has been elevated. He served one term as road commissioner, has been tax lister for more than eighteen years, having first assumed the duties of this office in 1910, and for more than two decades has been justice of the peace here. Additional proof of Mr. Gadapee's standing in the community is provided through the fact that his associates and colleagues have chosen him for the post of secretary and treasurer of the North Danville Coöperative Creamery Association, and his services in this office have proven highly satisfactory and remunerative to the members of the organization. Mr. Gadapee is a communicant of the Free Baptist Church, and contributes liberally to this denomination, physically, morally and financially. Movements designed for the public welfare find him a valuable assistant, and he and his family have a large coterie of friends in the community.

Fred Gadapee married Minnie Badger, native of Danville, and daughter of Charles H. and Elvira (Lebaron) Badger. Her parents are native Vermonters, and the father was for many years a prominent farmer of the State. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Gadapee: 1. Jennie, married Charles H. Lovering; they have one child, Clifford, and reside at Manchester, New Hampshire. 2. Harold, a farmer of Waterford, Vermont; married Eva Powers, and they have children: Irma, Ellen, and Thelma. 3. Francis, a farmer, located at Waterford, Vermont. 4. Mary, who lives in Salem, Massachusetts. 5. Iris, of Waterford. 6. Leonard, who resides at home with his parents. The Gadapees reside in North Danville, while their post office address is R. F. D. No. 3, St. Johnsbury.

**NELSON A. PARK**—As treasurer of the town of Ryegate for well nigh to a quarter of a century, as well as town lister and present member of the State Legislature of Vermont, Nelson A. Park is a man who per-



forms valuable work in his municipality and State. While he is retired from active endeavor as far as individual business activity goes, he still acts as trustee and settler of estates and is looked upon as one of the leading men of this place. There is no phase of the public life of Ryegate in which he is not deeply interested, especially in relation to educational matters, for at one time he was engaged prominently as an educator here.

Mr. Park was born in Ryegate, Vermont, January 16, 1861, a son of Alexander H. and Margaret (Renfrew) Park. His father, a native of Ryegate, was a farmer by occupation, while the mother was born in Groton, Vermont. Nelson A. Park was the third of their five children. In his early boyhood he attended the town schools of Ryegate, his birthplace, and at a later period became a student at Peacham Academy. For many years he was a teacher in the schools, and for twelve years was superintendent of schools of Ryegate. While he had been engaged in the teaching profession and as school superintendent, he also had owned a farm of one hundred and seventy acres, which he cultivated with considerable success. Later he established a grain business, which he sold. In all his work, he readily met with success, chiefly as a result of his own sound judgments and the careful attention which he applied to any activity in which he became engaged. He has always maintained, in addition to his business and professional activities, a broad interest in political and civic affairs; and while he is much interested in politics and in developments within the major parties, he follows an independent course in voting, preferring ever to favor the candidates of his choice rather than to adopt a policy of narrow partisanship. Both he and his wife are active members of the Presbyterian Church here, of which he is elder.

Mr. Park married Jane Craigie, a native of Leeds, Province of Quebec, daughter of William and Margaret (Craigie) Craigie. Her parents, although of the same family name before their marriage, were unrelated. Nelson A. and Jane (Craigie) Park became the parents of two children: 1. Nelson Paul, who studied at the University of Vermont. 2. Craigie Alexander, who at the time of writing (1928) was a student in the local high school in Ryegate.

**HENRY B. GILFILLAN**—For more than one hundred years Maple Grove Farm, at West Barnet, Vermont, has been in the Gilfillan family, and Henry B. Gilfillan, the present owner, represents the third generation of his line in the ownership and operation of this fine old farm. He raises general crops, but his acreage of more than two hundred gives ample space for dairying as well, and Mr. Gilfillan is justly proud of his splendid herd of cattle, mostly graded Jerseys. He is overseer of the poor for the town of Barnet and is helpfully interested in all local public affairs.

Henry B. Gilfillan was born on the farm which he now owns and operates in West Barnet, Vermont, May 18, 1890, son of William L., who also was born on the homestead place, which he operated during his active life, and of Ruth Emma (Bailey) Gilfillan, a native of Peacham, Vermont, both now deceased; and grandson of John Gilfillan. After attending the public schools of Barnet, Mr. Gilfillan continued his studies in Peacham Academy, from which he was graduated in 1910. For five years after his graduation he was in the postal service as rural mail carrier from East Ryegate, but at the end of that time he resigned his position in Uncle Sam's employ and returned to the home farm in West Barnet, where he has since remained. As farmer and dairyman he has been notably successful, and his big farm of more than two hundred acres is well cared for. About forty head of fine cattle, mostly graded Jerseys, find pasturage on Maple Grove farm and furnish an abundance of dairy products which form an important part of Mr. Gilfillan's

farm profits. He has for many years been known as one of the most able of the younger farmers of this locality, and in the affairs of the town, as well as in the management of his own business interests, he has proven himself to be a man of dependable judgment and of more than average ability. As overseer of the poor, he is giving acceptable service to the community, and there are few plans formed for the advancement of the general welfare of the town which fail to receive his generous support. He gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Republican party, and his religious interest is with the United Presbyterian Church, of which both he and his wife are active members.

Henry B. Gilfillan married Stella Wilson, who was born at Trout Brook, Province of Quebec, Canada, daughter of Henry and Mary (Robertson) Wilson, both natives of the Province of Quebec, who spent their lives there. Mr. and Mrs. Gilfillan have three children: 1. Elden Henry. 2. Frances Stella. 3. Ruth Mary.

**ZENO S. WATERMAN**—Known widely through Vermont and the New England States as a progressive and successful merchant, and in St. Johnsbury as a foremost citizen, active in all worthy movements designed for the community welfare, Zeno S. Waterman has been identified with merchandising throughout his extensive career. As dominant merchant and leading figure in general affairs, he is closely involved in the advancement of St. Johnsbury, highly regarded by all with whom he comes in contact. His record is of interest.

Zeno S. Waterman was born in Providence, Rhode Island, November 18, 1871, son of Robert S. and Hannah S. (Kelley) Waterman. Having attained a sound elementary education in grammar school, to which education he has added consistently and broadly through judicious reading in the years that have followed, ever a student of current events, their significance and the philosophies of trade and mankind, he secured a place as clerk in a dry goods store, of Taunton, Massachusetts. This was with N. H. Skinner Company, and after his initial experience at merchandising he secured a place with A. B. Cleasby, also of Taunton, for whom he worked fourteen years, at the close of that period buying out his employer's control. For six years he conducted the Cleasby store, then, coming to St. Johnsbury, went into partnership with Lawrence P. Leach, under the firm style of Leach and Waterman. Leach and Waterman existed eleven years, with prosperity, then Mr. Waterman purchased the interest of his partner and continued the enterprise under the style of Waterman's Department Store until February 20, 1928, when he consolidated the store with the Longee Smythe department store. The merged enterprise continues to operate under the name of Longee Smythe Company, dealers in dry goods, having two stores in St. Johnsbury, one at No. 75 Railroad Street and the other at No. 95 Railroad Street. Mr. Waterman has been president of the amalgamated stores since their consolidation, and directors are: Mr. Waterman; Fred H. Pope, vice-president; and Fred Blake, of New York City, treasurer. Each store has three floors, and total floor space comprises some twelve thousand square feet. Thirty persons are employed in the combined enterprise the year 'round. It is said of Mr. Waterman that everything he has handled, in commerce and all other directions, has met with success, and certainly this statement is justified in the business transacted by the merchandising organization of which he is president.

Mr. Waterman's lines of endeavor are diversified. He is a Republican, served on the School Board of St. Johnsbury for seven years, has continually exercised a constructive force in the educational opportunities offered to the youth of the community, and participates largely in the work of fraternal and social orders. He is a mem-



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ber of all bodies in the Free and Accepted Masons, Grand Commander Knights Templar 1928-29; president of the Rotary Club (1928), member of the Sphinx Club, and the Country Club, now vice-president and member of the board of trustees of the Athenaeum and the Museum, and member and Past President of St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce. His commercial and financial interests, aside from those as merchant, include the presidency of the newly organized Coöperative Bank and vice-presidency of the First National Bank. During the period of America's participation in the World War he was of valued assistance in the several campaigns of the Liberty Loan and War Savings Stamps, also having assisted in various other connections, wherever possible. With his wife he attends the Congregational church, and is active in its works.

Mr. Waterman married Sarah Robinson, who was born at Taunton, Massachusetts, daughter of John D. and Emily (Wood) Robinson; and they are the parents of a son: Sterry Robinson. Sterry Robinson Waterman received his preparatory education in St. Johnsbury Academy, after which he studied at Dartmouth College, in the academic course, then took a year's work in the Harvard School of Law, and graduated, in 1926, from George Washington University School of Law, Washington, D. C., with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the bar of the nation's capital in 1926, he was admitted to the bar of Vermont in 1927, and is now engaged in the practice of his profession as member of the firm of Searls, Graves and Waterman, of St. Johnsbury.

**JAMES CRAIGIE**—Competent as a stonecutter and a graduate mortician as well, James Craigie, of South Ryegate, operates a granite works and is also engaged in his other profession, both of which he has successfully conducted here since the year 1910. He has operated his two enterprises with such regard for the rights of others engaged in commercial pursuits that he has won the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens and raised his own enterprise to a plane of prosperity. Believing that the best of products and labor are due those who pay their money for goods or effort, he has fulfilled this obligation to the people in all of his dealings, thus winning their regard and a host of faithful friends. His citizenship is sound and his membership of this community a valuable unit.

Born in Leeds, Province of Quebec, Canada, October 20, 1865, he is a son of William and Margaret (Craigie) Craigie, his mother, however, being no relative of his father. His early education was acquired in Leeds, where he went to a model school; in South Ryegate he learned the trade of stonecutter. He began his work in the employ of various stone workers, spent three years as a soldier in the Regular Army of the United States, and in 1902 came to Ryegate and established himself in business in the granite industry. He took the course in embalming at the Massachusetts School of Embalming, passed the Vermont State examination and, in 1910, added undertaking to his other enterprise. He is now serving here as Selectman, and has been deputy sheriff, constable and tax collector during the course of his residence, in all of which offices he has acquitted himself with credit and to the complete satisfaction of the electorate. His political faith is Republican, and his religious affiliation is Presbyterian, in which church he is an elder. He is a member of the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons.

James Craigie married Leola M. Carpenter, born in South Ryegate, daughter of Lafayette and Jane (Dunnett) Carpenter, and they are the parents of Wendell Carpenter, a graduate in the class of 1928 of the University of Buffalo, which gave him the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

**GEORGE B. WALLACE**—In East Ryegate and its vicinity, George B. Wallace holds a prominent place in commercial and civic affairs as a business leader and as postmaster of East Ryegate, which governmental office he has held since his first appointment by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1908. Mr. Wallace is senior member of the firm of Wallace & Franklin, conducting a large general store here, while he is also dealer in Chevrolet motor cars and parts. In his postal office, he has charge of a fourth class office which operates one rural route.

Mr. Wallace was born at East Ryegate, April 11, 1879, son of Charles M. and Amanda (Buck) Wallace, both of whom were born in Concord, Vermont, and are now deceased. Charles M. Wallace served for twenty-nine years as railroad agent at East Ryegate and was also the first postmaster here, resigning his office to accept the nomination to membership in the State Legislature where he served with credit and distinction.

George B. Wallace was educated in the local schools and attended the Wells River High School, after which he spent five years in mercantile pursuits. He next entered business college in Albany, New York, and upon completing the course of instruction in that institution, entered the world of business. Mr. Wallace entered a commercial partnership with George G. Nelson under the firm name of Nelson & Wallace and continued in this connection for a number of years when he bought out Mr. Nelson's interests and conducted the business independently. In 1922, he took R. G. Franklin into partnership and Mr. Franklin now serves as assistant postmaster. Mr. Wallace was appointed to the postmastership to succeed his father when the latter entered the State Legislature. He is active in the social and fraternal life of this community and has earned the confidence and esteem of all his fellow-citizens by his absolute business integrity, thorough dependability and sincere desire to serve the public good. In fraternal circles, Mr. Wallace is a popular member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Grange and the Modern Woodmen of America. He and his family attend the Presbyterian church.

George B. Wallace married Helen Hall of St. Johnsbury, daughter of Samuel and Nancy (Adams) Hall, her father having been a prominent furniture dealer in St. Johnsbury for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace are the parents of six children: 1. Ruth. 2. Marion. 3. Dorothy. 4. Margaret. 5. George, Jr. 6. Jean. Mr. Wallace, himself, is one of nine children, all of whom are living.

**CHARLES H. BOWMAN**—For more than twenty-one years, Charles H. Bowman has operated a large farm of three hundred and fifty acres in the town of Waterford. Thoroughly familiar with all the best farming methods, he has been very successful in this work to which he has enthusiastically devoted his time and attention. Mr. Bowman is highly regarded throughout the community in which he is justly esteemed as one of its most prominent members.

His father, Edwin Bowman, a native of the New Hampshire and northern Vermont section, was well known in this district and served during the Civil War as a soldier in the Northern army. He enlisted on June 13, 1862, for three years' service in the New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry, achieving a record of distinction during this period until his discharge at the close of the war on June 30, 1865. The mother before her marriage was Irene Richardson.

Charles H. Bowman was born at Waterford, on June 18, 1870, and was educated in the public schools of this place. As a boy he often heard his father tell of the many stirring battles in which he participated including the engagements at Fredericksburg, Suffolk, Walthal



Road, Swift Creek and many others, thus early acquiring high ideals of patriotic service which remained with him in later life. When he completed his academic training, Mr. Bowman began his business career in the local factory of the Fairbanks Scale Company, winning gradual advancement for meritorious service until his health compelled him to leave their employ. After three years spent in New York State, he returned to Vermont, and after some work for the railroad resumed his old position in the scale factory. He had always possessed an inclination toward farming, however, and in a short time the opportunity came to him to rent the farm which he now operates from the village of St. Johnsbury, and he availed himself of this chance. He has made his home here since that time, continuing to rent the property from the village, but owning all the stock and equipment. In addition to raising farm produce on a large scale, Mr. Bowman owns about ten head of cattle, and also cares for the town water supply, the reservoir being situated on his property. He is in full charge of the supply, superintending the filtration, and for this service he is recompensed by the community.

In political affairs Mr. Bowman is a member of the Republican party, taking an active part in civic matters. For a time he was a deputy sheriff, and school director, and he is now lister for the town. Mr. Bowman is affiliated fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at St. Johnsbury, while he and his family worship in the faith of the Congregational church. He has always been liberal in the support of this and all worthy institutions in the community, contributing liberally of both his time and substance.

Charles H. Bowman married Wilhelmina Freitag, daughter of Frederick William and Caroline (Burling) Freitag, both parents and the daughter having been born in Germany, and coming to the United States when Wilhelmina was eleven years old. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman are the parents of two children: 1. Walter, who was educated at St. Johnsbury Academy, and, for one year, at the University of Vermont, following which he spent three years at the University of New Mexico. Upon the completion of this work he became registrar and an executive in the college, and is now registrar of Vanderbilt Medical College, at Nashville, Tennessee. He married Helen Luken, and they have one daughter, Jane Helen. 2. Elinore Irene, who was also educated at St. Johnsbury Academy and for one year at Middlebury College, following which she spent three years as her brother did in the University of New Mexico. For one year she was secretary to the professor of Spanish at Middlebury College, following which she returned as a member of the faculty to the University of New Mexico. She was married to Reed P. Hanson.

**REV. JOSEPH M. H. BASTIEN**—Born in Montreal, Canada, March 24, 1873, the Rev. Joseph M. H. Bastien is a son of J. Moses and Arthemise (Carriers) Bastien, both of whom were born in the Province of Quebec. In the family were nine children, and of these Father Bastien was first-born. His father was for many years engaged in agriculture and in business in Quebec.

Having received his preparatory training in the parochial schools and Grand Seminary of Montreal, Father Bastien studied for three years at St. Mary's University, of Baltimore, Maryland. He was ordained a priest of the Catholic Church on October 2, 1896, by Bishop Michaud, at Burlington, Vermont, when but twenty-three years of age, being assigned to the pastorate of Norton Mills parish, where he remained in charge for two years and seven months. His second parish was at Alburg, Vermont, as pastor, which charge he retained for ten years. His third, at Newport, Vermont, he held for twelve years. While at Newport he saw the completion of new buildings, which were partly

paid for during the time of his pastorate. His fourth charge was at Vergennes, where he continued for three years and six months, afterward coming to St. Johnsbury, as pastor of Notre Dame des Victoires Church, July 27, 1924. This, the fifth parish over which he has been placed, contains some two thousand persons, maintaining two schools of excellence, one for boys and the other for girls, the former under the Sisters of Providence, with Sister Mary Virginia as directress, and the latter under the Sisters of Notre Dame, with Mother John the Baptist de la Salle as directress. Enrollment at the two schools totals about three hundred and seventy-five, the boys' school having an attendance of one hundred and fifty and the girls' of two hundred and twenty-five pupils. It may be noted here, also, that St. Johnsbury Hospital, which is under the Order of Sisters of Providence, has as superintendent Sister Angelina. The direction of such a large parish calls for a large outlay of thought and energy, and Father Bastien is ably assisted by the Rev. Alfred Desautels.

Since Father Bastien came to the parish at St. Johnsbury it has grown noticeably, and, it is said by the parishioners, has never before been more fully attended to in all its needs, welfare and development. While the pastor gives the major share of his guidance to the souls of his parish, it is well known to the townspeople that his assistance is far from narrow, and that there exists room in his heart for members of other creeds than his own. His charity is broad, and his works, consistently, have been of worthy character, beneficial to the spiritual and material happiness of mankind.

**CLARENCE J. McLAM**—In the civic and commercial life of his community Clarence J. McLam of Ryegate is one of the foremost leaders as proprietor of the general store at Ryegate Corner, in addition to which he is active in local affairs as town clerk, while for a number of years he served as town lister and cemetery commissioner. Mr. McLam continues to carry on the splendid business policies inaugurated by his father who took over the store in 1887, the original establishment which had been opened to the public in 1817. Mr. McLam carries on the business in association with his mother who still holds the office of postmistress to which she was appointed in 1887, the post office occupying a part of their organization.

Mr. McLam was born in Ryegate, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McLam, his father having been born at Ryegate, March 10, 1852, and his mother born March 20, 1854. J. A. McLam purchased the present store in 1887 and operated it successfully until his death in 1920. He was a leader in politics and served as town clerk, while in 1918 he was elected as representative to the State Legislature and served the interests of his constituents to the satisfaction of all. He was an active member of the United Presbyterian Church in which he served as elder. Mr. and Mrs. McLam were the parents of six children: 1. Alice E., born in 1877, died in 1899. 2. Orpha I., born March 8, 1880, educated at St. Johnsbury Academy. 3. Clarence J., of whom further. 4. John L., born September 12, 1887, graduated from Goddard Seminary in 1910 and attended the University of Michigan. He is now manager of Swift & Company plant at White River Junction, Vermont. 5. Robert Knox, born November 17, 1889, studied at St. Johnsbury Academy, 1908-09, graduated from Goddard Seminary in 1910 and spent one year at the University of Michigan. He died in 1918 at Camp McLellan, Anniston, Alabama, where he was stationed as a member of the United States Army. 6. Clara Alida, graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy and from the Mary Hitchcock Hospital, Hanover, New Hampshire. She was superintendent of the Woodsville Hospital for some time and is now an X-ray specialist.

Clarence J. McLam was educated at Phillips Academy,



Rev. Joseph M. H. Bastien











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Andover, Massachusetts, from which he graduated in 1904, after which he entered Dartmouth College and graduated with the class of 1910. He then entered the teaching profession and for several years served as principal of the high school, after which he spent seven years in the government service in the railway mail branch of the postal department. After his brother's death, he returned to his home to take charge of the family business. Mr. McLam has achieved a splendid reputation in mercantile circles and has won the confidence and trust of the entire community by his unflinching devotion to the principles of honesty and fair dealing in all transactions. In politics, he is a staunch supporter of the Republican party and has served faithfully in several offices, being at the present time town clerk.

**GEORGE W. DARLING, M. D.**—Inheriting the medical practice of his father, who began in South Ryegate in 1847, and with whom he was associated until the death of the elder, the total combined length of service of Dr. John B. Darling and of his son, Dr. George W. Darling, amounts to nearly eighty-two years. The service of the elder physician was of fifty-three years' duration, while that of his son has now reached forty-six, but the two were associated together from 1882 until 1905, when Dr. John B. Darling died. This service to humanity is of almost unparalleled length, bringing them both into conspicuous importance in the annals of medical practice. For nearly a quarter of a century, during which Dr. George W. Darling has carried on his work in this district alone, he has added to the high regard which he earned from the moment he began here upon his graduation. He is a man of unusual personal attractions, kindly, benevolent, sympathetic and imbued with a high sense of sincerity in the performance of his duties to mankind. His citizenship is of such standard quality that he has been entrusted with public office of honor and importance, in which he has fulfilled the trust imposed in him. Citizens of his many engaging qualities are rare, as are professional men, and this district feels fortunate in the possession of Dr. Darling.

George W. Darling was born in South Ryegate, Vermont, November 23, 1857, a son of Dr. John B. and Margaret (Shaw) Darling. His father was born in Groton and his mother in Barnet, Vermont. The first-named studied first in Northfield, then going to the University of New York, New York City, and eventually completing his medical studies at the University of Vermont, when he entered upon his practice in Ryegate, in 1849. Their son was educated in the district schools of Ryegate and then at Peacham Academy and Newbury Seminary, thence going to the University of Vermont, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1882. He at once entered upon practice with his father and so remained until the death of the elder physician in 1905, when he continued alone. He is a Republican in politics and has served as health officer of the town since the organization of the board of health. In 1921, he represented the town at the General Court, being elected almost unanimously, there having been but eight votes recorded against him, both parties having cast their ballots in his favor, regardless of political affiliation. Both he and his wife attend the Presbyterian Church of South Ryegate. He is a member of the Vermont and Northeastern Medical Societies.

Dr. George W. Darling married twice. His first wife was Jennie Somers, of Barnet, whose death occurred in 1905, leaving six children. His second marriage was with Jean Hall, a teacher of twenty-one years' experience, a native of Ryegate and a graduate of Peacham Academy.

**JAMES B. CAMPBELL**—A leading attorney of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, James B. Campbell is widely known throughout this section for his knowledge of the

law and brilliant legal talents. Through sheer ability and consistent work over a period of years he has built up an extensive practice which occupies all his time and attention. Mr. Campbell has given a good deal of his time to the public service, holding the office of State's Attorney at St. Johnsbury for a longer continuous period than any other man, his ability in this position proving of the greatest value to the community in whose growth and progress he has always been vitally interested. Mr. Campbell was born at Stowe, Vermont, October 31, 1883, a son of J. Fred and Martha (Gale) Campbell, of that place. His father has been a well-known farmer for many years, and his mother died when he was a small boy.

James B. Campbell attended the district schools in his native town, and later graduated from the high school in Stowe, Vermont, and then entered the University of Vermont, from which he was graduated in 1909 with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. Having decided to adopt the legal profession, Mr. Campbell entered the law offices of Albro F. Nichols in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, for study and in 1912 was admitted to the Vermont bar. From 1912 to 1915 he served as deputy county clerk, resigning to accept a position as private secretary to Congressman Porter H. Dale, at Washington, D. C., with whom he remained in this capacity for about a year. At the end of that time Mr. Campbell began the practice of his profession independently at St. Johnsbury, but soon afterwards was elected to the office of State's attorney which he held continuously for a period of six years, discharging all the duties of his position with the greatest efficiency. At the conclusion of his period of service, Mr. Campbell returned to his private practice, to which he has since given his undivided attention. His genuine success as a lawyer has been thoroughly well merited in every way.

In politics Mr. Campbell supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party, maintaining a vital interest in the problems of government and the civic welfare. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is a member of the Blue Lodge, the Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, the Council of Royal and Select Masters, and the Commandery of the Knights Templar. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Sphinx Club, and the Delta Psi fraternity, while he is a trustee of Caledonia County Grammar School, Peacham Academy, of Peacham, Vermont. He and his family worship in the Congregational faith, attending the North Church of that denomination at St. Johnsbury.

On September 20, 1919, Mr. Campbell married Elmere Waring, daughter of Frederick E. and Fannie (Ambler) Waring of West Newton, Massachusetts. Of this marriage there is one child, Jean, born April 4, 1922. Mr. Campbell's offices are located at No. 71 Railroad Street, St. Johnsbury, and his home is also in this city.

**ALBERT JOHN HIGGINS**—Conducting the "Pine Ridge" farm, Albert John Higgins is the representative in the present generation of a family of farmers long prominent in the vicinity of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, and is himself one of the leading citizens of his community. He is also keenly interested in the affairs of his municipality and State, and in fraternal circles, the organizations with which he is affiliated being some of the strongest in the United States.

Mr. Higgins was born on September 22, 1868, on the present Higgins farm on the Waterford Road, a son of William and Julia Candace (Blinn) Higgins, both of whom were natives of this town and farmers. The Higgins farm, situated on a lovely spot on what is known as Higgins Hill, has been in the family for three generations, and now consists of four hundred and ten acres. The first owner of it was Mr. Higgins' grandfather, John



Higgins, the next was William, our subject's father, and the present owner is Albert John Higgins. William and Julia Candace (Blinn) Higgins were the parents of three children: 1. Charles H., who is now treasurer and manager of the firm of H. L. Frost Insecticide Company, of Arlington, Massachusetts, as well as of the firm known as the H. L. Frost Storage Warehouse Company. 2. Albert John, of whom further. 3. Ellie Blinn, who lives on the farm with her brother and who, in 1928, went for a year's tour of Europe.

Albert John Higgins received his education in the district schools and for a short time attended the St. Johnsbury Academy. Then he went to work on the farm which was at that time conducted by his father. Since that time he has spent practically his whole life on this farm, and has built it up to a point of modern efficiency and usefulness that is difficult to duplicate among the agricultural enterprises of New England. A man of friendly personality, keenly interested in advancing the prosperity of his community and in promoting its best interests, he naturally is regarded here as a leader of men and has acquired a host of friends and acquaintances. He is a life member of the American Jersey Cattle Club, and is also a member of the American Hereford Breeders Association, being for three years its president. Both he and his wife are members of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. For ten years he was a school director in St. Johnsbury. Identified prominently with the Free and Accepted Masons, he is a Master Mason and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. He also holds membership in the New England Order of Protection, as well as in the St. Johnsbury Rotary Club.

Albert John Higgins married (first) Nellie Lorraine Marden, born in Enfield, New Hampshire, now deceased; and (second) Gertrude H. Parker, born in Lowell, Vermont, a daughter of George Washington and Lucy Philura (Paul) Parker, both natives of Vermont. By his first marriage Mr. Higgins had two children: 1. Celia, who became the wife of Arsene S. Cyr, associated with the Canadian Pacific Railway and a resident of St. Johnsbury, Vermont. 2. George W., who died at the age of eighteen months.

**PERLEY M. BECKLEY**, of South Ryegate, having followed agriculture throughout his life, is especially marked for his diversified interests closely allied to farming. These include tilling of the soil, dairying, butchering, and selling of farm machinery. All of these occupations are conducted on Mr. Beckley's large farm in the town of Ryegate, wherein he also has attained local fame in spheres outside agriculture.

Mr. Beckley was born August 28, 1877, at Barre, Vermont, son of Chester and Amanda (Bassett) Beckley, both natives of Barre and now deceased. Chester Beckley was a farmer of repute, and his early advice and counsel undoubtedly proved of material benefit to the son in later life.

Perley M. Beckley started his scholastic training in the public schools of his neighborhood, but at the age of fifteen years, with only a common school education, he abandoned his studies and became a hired hand on a farm until he was twenty-one years of age. After attaining his majority, Mr. Beckley launched his first individual enterprise, renting a farm and conducting it for about two years. In the fall of 1915 he came to South Ryegate, and in 1924 purchased the farm he now (1928) owns and operates. This estate, formerly owned by David Fisk, has undergone much improvement under Mr. Beckley's supervision, and he has included dairying and cattle raising in his program of tilling of the soil. He has from sixty to seventy head of cattle and does a substantial business as a butcher, fattening his stock and then preparing it for market. The conduct of his farm necessitates three employees, and yet, despite these various duties, Mr. Beckley also devotes himself to the

sale of farm machinery. He is a supporter of candidates and issues put forth by the Republican party, and exercises his talents toward betterment of his town and community at all times. In fraternal circles, he is a popular member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Grange (a national member), while he and his family are attendants at the Presbyterian Church.

Perley M. Beckley married Leila Williams, a native of Plainfield, Vermont, and they have four children: 1. Tylea, who married William Sidney, who is in the garage business at Cohasset, Massachusetts, and they have one child, Perley. 2. Orin C., associated in business with his father; married Eva Darling; they have one child, Norman, and reside on the family farm. 3. Gerald, a farmer and cattle dealer; married Jennie Hart, and they have two children: Gerald, Jr., and Joyce. 4. Willard, who married Marion Beardsley, and they reside at Plymouth, New Hampshire.

**JAMES DOLE STEVENS**—Selectman of the town of Danville, James Dole Stevens bears the additional distinction of being the operator of a farm that has been in the possession of his family for more than one hundred years. On his estate he follows agricultural pursuits on a large scale, devoting his two hundred acres of land to general farming. This acreage passed into Mr. Stevens' hands in his early youth when he was orphaned by the death of his father, his mother having passed away when he was nine years of age. His entire life has been spent here, where he was born, and not only is he considered one of the most substantial citizens of the Danville district, but he also has made a success in his occupation, despite the fact that he was handicapped by lack of thorough scholastic training. Mr. Stevens has been prominent in political circles for many years and his public office record includes many posts of honor and responsibility.

Mr. Stevens was born August 20, 1859, on the farm which, as heretofore stated, has been in possession of members of this family for one hundred and six years. His parents were Albert and Adelia (Dole) Stevens, both born at Danville. The mother died when Mr. Stevens was nine years of age, survived by her husband until 1875, when their son was sixteen years of age. The first member of the Stevens family to own the home estate, which is located at Roosevelt Highway, between St. Johnsbury and Danville, was the grandfather of the subject of this brief biography. He in turn handed it down to his son, Albert, and subsequently it passed into the hands of the grandson.

James Dole Stevens had comparatively little school training, his education being obtained in the district schools and enhanced by a period of ten weeks' study at St. Johnsbury Academy. It was necessary for him to assist on the home farm at an early age, and for this reason he had to abandon his pursuit of education. However, this handicap he has overcome by constant thought, study and reading, and soon after he attained to manhood was looked upon as one of Danville's most substantial citizens. While he continues to operate the two hundred acre farm near Danville, Mr. Stevens, who is a member of the Republican party, has become a recognized factor in political and public life of this community. He now (1928) is chairman of the Board of Selectmen, having served as a member of this board for more than thirteen years, and has been a school director for more than six years. In 1906, he represented his town in the State Legislature. Mr. Stevens and his family attend the Congregational Church.

James Dole Stevens married Carrie Haviland, native of Danville, and daughter of B. F. and Fannie (Gould) Haviland. Their only child, Albert H., who was educated in the public schools, St. Johnsbury Academy, and Danville Academy, resides on the home farm with his parents.



**OLIN D. ADAMS**—For a quarter of a century Olin D. Adams has been giving to the residents of St. Johnsbury and vicinity the advantages of a modern, carefully operated general laundry service. The New Method Laundry, located at No. 10 Central Street, has to its credit three decades of superior service, but Mr. Adams purchased the plant in 1903, and since that time has steadily improved its service and enlarged its patronage. He is not a native of this town, but came here when he was sixteen years old, and has since been located here.

Olin D. Adams was born in Newport, Vermont, March 25, 1872, son of Alvin W. Adams, who was engaged as a carpenter to the time of his death, and of Sarah (West) Adams, both natives of Troy, Vermont, and both now (1928) deceased. He received his education in the public schools of his birthplace, and then, at the age of sixteen, came to St. Johnsbury and secured for himself employment with the Fairbanks Scale Company. In that connection he remained for a period of ten years, and then made a change, associating himself with the G. H. Cross Company, with whom he remained for three years. About a year later, July 1, 1903, he purchased the laundry business which he now operates under the name of the New Method Laundry, and since that time he has been continuously engaged in this line of business, giving to the people of St. Johnsbury and surrounding communities the most efficient service. This laundry business was established by W. Q. Shaw about 1898, but some years later he sold to Mr. Adams, who has, therefore, been proprietor of the business during all but the first five years of its thirty year existence. The plant is equipped with the very latest machinery, no pains or expense being spared in the installation of every device that makes for rapid and satisfactory work, and the matrons who send their family wash to the New Method Laundry have long ago learned that they may confidently expect it to come back to them clean and whole, which is more than can be said of laundries which some of them know. Prompt service is one of the aims of the management, and this, too, places the New Method Laundry high in the esteem of those who seek its service. It is a satisfaction, too, to know that every piece will come back, leaving no missing articles to be traced and bothered about. So large is the volume of business handled by Mr. Adams that forty-five employees are required to meet its demands, and still it is growing. Mr. Adams is a Republican in his political faith, and he is well known in fraternal circles, being a member of Passumpsic Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Haswell Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Palestine Commandery, Knights Templar; and of Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Montpelier. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In business and economic associations he is active and interested, being a member of the St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce and a member of the board of directors of the Vermont Associated Industries. His religious interest is with the South Congregational Church, to which both he and his wife belong. The family home is located at No. 49 Summer Street, in St. Johnsbury.

Olin D. Adams married (first) Inez Pike. She died, and he married (second) Carrie Farnham. Before the death of his first wife they adopted a child, Evelyn, who is now the wife of Raymond Risley, and lives in Danvers, Massachusetts. To the second marriage one son has been born, Harold, six years old.

**ARTHUR W. HAWKINSON**—Product of the St. Johnsbury school system and a graduate of the celebrated academy in that town, Arthur W. Hawkinson enjoys the distinction of being the proprietor of one of the oldest general insurance agencies in the State. The

establishment to which the firm of Morrill & Hawkinson succeeded has been doing business in the interests of a desirable group of clients for more than half a century. Although Mr. Hawkinson has held his connection with the firm less than a decade, his business ability and capacity for increasing the volume of good-will have been instrumental in expanding the service of the agency to meet the growing demands of business and private interests in the territory covered. He was not a novice to the insurance profession when he became an agency owner, but he permitted his practice to be interrupted by serving a term of enlistment in the World War. His fraternal associations are with the old-established orders that have figured so prominently in that department of American life. He also is a valued member of the national body of his profession, and is highly esteemed throughout his community and its environs for his very practical civic interest.

Arthur W. Hawkinson was born in South Dakota, October 20, 1890, the son of Frederick and Sarah (Dahl) Hawkinson, both parents natives of Sweden, from which country has been drawn so much of the virile and desirable stock to be infused into the American Nation. At an early age he removed from his birthplace to St. Johnsbury, where in due time he passed through the grade schools and then entered St. Johnsbury Academy, where he completed his education, having achieved a fine record for scholarship, in the class of 1911.

His first experience in the business world was as a stenographer in the employ of the Boston and Maine Railroad, at Woodsville, New Hampshire, and Boston. From that position he went to A. G. Sprague's insurance office in 1914, and began to give himself faithfully to learning that line of business, which he had elected for his life work. In 1917, the World War involved the United States as an associated nation on the side of the Allies, and Mr. Hawkinson offered his services. He was accepted for the Quartermaster Corps and stationed at Jacksonville, Florida, where he remained until he received his honorable discharge, in January, 1919. From war service, Mr. Hawkinson readily made the transition to the arts of peace, resuming his association with Mr. Sprague and the insurance business in St. Johnsbury. In 1920 he became a partner in the oldest insurance agency of the town as the junior member of the firm of Morrill & Hawkinson. One year later Mr. Morrill died, and the business has ever since been conducted by Mr. Hawkinson, retaining the style that was taken when the senior member was living. He enjoys the friendship and patronage of a goodly number of business houses and individuals, and is steadily extending the service of his agency to new clients, which speaks well for his progressiveness and popularity. He belongs to the National Association of Insurance Agents and the Vermont Association of Insurance Agents, in which organization he enjoys high standing as a representative member of his profession.

In politics Mr. Hawkinson gives his unqualified allegiance to the Republican party. His fraternal alliances are with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Royal Arch Masons, Royal and Select Masters; Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The memories and comradeships of his war service are kept fresh by his association with the American Legion. He is active in the fine work being accomplished for the commercial and civic departments of St. Johnsbury life by the Chamber of Commerce. In the affairs of the Methodist Episcopal Church he and his family give their earnest support as members of the St. Johnsbury charge.

Arthur W. Hawkinson married Edith Hurley, who was born in Greensboro, the daughter of Daniel and Bertha (Daniels) Hurley. They have a daughter, Betty Hawkinson.



**JOHN CALVIN DICKSON**—A progressive and active agriculturist, John Calvin Dickson of Ryegate has devoted his entire career to this chosen industry and ranks among the foremost leaders in the rural life of this State. Mr. Dickson has interested himself at all times in the civic and industrial life of his community, and at various times has held responsible offices in which he ever received the trust and confidence of his fellow-citizens as the result of his faithful and devoted services.

Mr. Dickson was born at South Ryegate, February 12, 1862, son of Robert and Elizabeth (Gibson) Dickson, his father being a native of Ryegate and his mother having been born at Barnet. Robert and Elizabeth Dickson were the parents of seven sons and three daughters. John Calvin Dickson was educated in the district schools of Ryegate and at McIndoe's Academy. Due to his father's death when the boy was but nine years old, he was compelled to assist in augmenting the family fortunes and early in life engaged in farm work. His early years helped to lay the foundations for a career of steady effort and constant attention in the agricultural industry in which he has ever since continued, with the exception of several short periods when he gave his attention to other lines of endeavor. Devoted to his mother during her long life, he looked after her with unselfish care and attention until her death in 1910. For many years prior to his mother's death, Mr. Dickson had managed the home farm but after the property was sold in order to settle the estate, he took an extensive western trip and lived for a year in California and Idaho. In 1914 he purchased his present farm which was formerly the Kelsey Moore farm, and since that time has operated a modern agricultural enterprise which is a model of its kind in efficiency and production. The property comprises eighty-two acres and is situated on the main road from Wells River to St. Johnsbury. Ever a loyal citizen of his community with a true sense of his responsibilities to his fellow-man, Mr. Dickinson has served as selectman, which office he occupied for six years, while for six years he also held the post of lister, besides which he has been elected to various minor town offices at different times. In his political affiliation, he is a member of the Republican party and his fraternal connections are with the Knights of Pythias of McIndoes. His religious adherence is given to the Presbyterian church at East Ryegate. Mr. Dickson is unmarried and resides on his beautiful farm outside of Ryegate.

**CHARLES H. HOWE**—Thoroughly trained in his profession and bringing to its practice a natural gift of industry and a high order of business ability, Charles H. Howe, of St. Johnsbury, has built up a fine trade in his occupation as jeweler and optometrist during the eighteen years he has been established here. In a community of the size wherein he operates no man can succeed who fails to conduct his enterprise upon lines of absolute fidelity to the traditions of an honorable business people. In this respect he has left nothing to be desired. No black marks stand against his name, but rather is his record scintillant with bright jewels of an enduring character. If the Golden Rule is applied anywhere in the commercial transactions of this district, it is applied in the establishment of Charles H. Howe. He has always taken a deep interest in civic affairs and allied himself with fraternal organizations whose membership includes the leading business people, thus commanding the esteem of all as a citizen of high value to the population of the State of Vermont.

He was born in St. Johnsbury Center, September 19, 1875, a son of Worcester C. Howe, a harness maker and member of a pioneer family, and Rosaline (Bradley) Howe, both deceased, and obtained his education in the public schools and at Lyndon Institute. He began the study of optometry at Lyndonville, Vermont, where he served an apprenticeship of three years, then going to

Burlington, where he worked as a journeyman for a year. This was followed by six years in Boston, when he returned to St. Johnsbury and entered the employ of A. S. Haskins, later transferring to Lurchin & Lurchin. In 1910 he left this employ and established his own store, carrying a line of jewelry and conducting an up-to-date bureau for ocular appliances. This business has been successful and he has been ably assisted by his wife, two additional employees being kept busy at the work called for by an ever growing trade. He is a Democrat in politics and prior to engaging in business held a position for two years in the Lyndonville post office. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Country Club.

Charles H. Howe married Maude Hoyer, born in St. Johnsbury, daughter of Patrick and Susan (Brown) Hoyer, both natives of Canada. Their children are: 1. Raymond, a graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy, associated in business with his father. 2. George E., a student at St. Johnsbury Academy. 3. Muriel, a student at the Academy. 4. Paul Edward.

**ARTHUR H. WEBSTER**—For three generations the fine old farm now owned by Arthur H. Webster, of Danville, Vermont, has been in the Webster family, and the possibilities of its three hundred acres are well understood by its present owner, who, along with the raising of general farm crops, owns and cares for a fine herd of Jersey cattle. Mr. Webster was born on this farm and has spent his life here; and at the present time (1928) he is serving as a member of Danville's board of selectmen.

Arthur H. Webster was born in Danville, Vermont, February 13, 1879, son of Edwin and Laura (Kittredge) Webster, the first mentioned of whom, now deceased, was born in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. The mother, born in Walden, Vermont, one of thirteen children, survives her husband (1928) and is keeping house for her only son, on the homestead farm. Edwin and Laura (Kittredge) Webster had but two children: Arthur H., of whom further; and Lilla, who died in 1918.

Arthur H. Webster attended the local public schools and Phillips Academy, and then for one term was a student in Barber's Business College. From boyhood he was helpful on the farm, and after completing his commercial course he became associated with his father in the operation of the farm. He continued with his father until the death of the latter, and then took full charge of the place. Here he has spent his life, to the present time, and the big three hundred acre farm responds well to the wise handling which it receives. Mr. Webster's grandfather, Mark Carr Webster, purchased the place, and since then it has been handed down from father to son, Mr. Webster, the present owner, representing the third generation. He is a Republican in his political sympathies, and has always been interested in local public affairs, giving generously of his time and his ability for the furthering of the general welfare. He is a member of the board of selectmen, and is chairman of the board of trustees of the Congregational Church. Mr. Webster has many friends in this locality, as has his mother, who since the death of his wife is keeping house for him, and the family is one of the old and honored ones in this section of the State.

Arthur H. Webster married Mrs. Mary (Hodgdon) Perkins, widow of David Perkins, and they became the parents of five children: 1. Alden, who is a student in high school. 2. George. 3. Luella. 4. Clara. 5. Vernon. Mrs. Webster, who, like her husband, was active in the Congregational Church, died June 4, 1925.

**JOSEPH CLARK AMEY**—During a period of nearly twenty years in which he has been engaged in mercantile trade in St. Johnsbury, Joseph Clark Amey has established a high reputation in both business and



*Mr & Mrs Arthur W. Webster.*





private life. Born and reared in this city, his interests and sympathies have naturally been directed toward local progress, and in following out this conception of duty he has not failed to lend his hand in any activity that he has been called upon to assist. In fraternal circles he is as highly esteemed as in business, for his worth as a citizen has been thoroughly proved by his actions throughout his career in commercial life here.

His birthplace was St. Johnsbury, the date, September 27, 1883, and he is a son of Fred W. and Amelia (Luther) Amey. His father was a native of Stratford, New Hampshire, occupied as a carpenter, now deceased, while his mother, still living, was born in Maidstone, Vermont. He acquired his education in the public schools of Stratford, then entering business life in the lumber trade there and in Massachusetts, working at this for eight years, and then coming to St. Johnsbury, where he became a clerk in the department store of Berry & Ball. He remained there for three years and, in 1911, entered a partnership with Fred G. Bundy in the retail shoe business. After ten years of partnership Mr. Bundy sold his interest in the store to F. S. Reed, who held it for two years and then sold to Mr. Amey, since which time the last named has conducted the enterprise independently under the name of J. Clark Amey. He employs two clerks and does a thriving business. He is a Republican in politics and attends the North Congregational Church. He holds membership in the National Shoe Retailers' Association, the Walkover Shoe Dealers' Association, is a charter member of the Rotary Club and has served as president of the St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, order of Free and Accepted Masons; the Chapter, the Commandery, Knights Templar, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; also the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Joseph Clark Amey married Carrie Perkins, of Groveton, New Hampshire, daughter of N. B. and Jennie (Shedd) Perkins. Their children are: Clark P., deceased at the age of ten years, and Arlene Jeannette.

**HENRY FRANKLIN GRISWOLD**—The State of Vermont is fortunate in having numbered among its citizens so many men whose lives were an inspiration to their communities, where by their zeal and influence they helped to advance the welfare of their commonwealth as well as the interests of their fellow-men. Such a man was the late Henry Franklin Griswold of East St. Johnsbury who died May 18, 1911—a man who was devoted to the activities of his community, an ideal husband and father and a sincere and helpful friend to all. Mr. Griswold served as agent for the Maine Central Railroad here for many years, which, during his life, was the Portland & Ogdensburg, and later St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain railroad. In addition to this he was also connected with the tannery business in this section.

Mr. Griswold was born at New Ipswich, New Hampshire, July 10, 1837, son of Franklin and Caroline (Wells) Griswold. Franklin Griswold was engaged for many years in the tanning industry and operated a plant at East St. Johnsbury. When the Portland & Ogdensburg Railroad built their line through this town, Mr. Griswold was appointed the first agent and the station was named East St. Johnsbury and later changed to "Griswold" in honor of our subject. He held this office for but a few months when he was succeeded by his son.

Henry Franklin Griswold was educated in the common schools of New Hampshire and in St. Johnsbury Center, later attending private schools, including St. Johnsbury Academy. Upon the completion of his formal education, he entered the tanning business in association with his father and later became agent for the railroad

upon his father's resignation, which position he held until his death. In the civil affairs of his town, Mr. Griswold took a prominent part and earned for himself the esteem of all, for his unselfish devotion to the public good. He took a leading part in the Congregational Church of which he was a lifelong member.

Henry Franklin Griswold married (first) Lilla Johnson, who is deceased, and to this union were born four children: Lilla Frances, Caroline May, Franklin, and Grace A. Mr. Griswold married (second), January 1, 1870, Flora Russell, who was born at Kirby, daughter of Palmer and Laura (Chase) Russell, her father a native of Vermont and her mother a native of New Hampshire, both being now deceased. One son was born to this union, Palmer Russell Griswold, of further mention. Mr. Russell was active in the agricultural industry for many years. Upon the death of Henry Franklin Griswold, there were several applications received for his position as station agent, but the Maine Central Railroad Company requested Mrs. Griswold to accept the office which she did and held it satisfactorily for several months until she resigned. Two years later, she was reappointed to the post which she has since continued to fill with great efficiency and success. She is active in all local affairs and a valued member of the Congregational Church.

Palmer Russell Griswold, son of Henry Franklin and Flora (Russell) Griswold, was educated in the schools of East St. Johnsbury and later graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy. He then entered the service of the Boston & Maine Railroad as chief clerk to Superintendent Folsom, later resigning to enter business for himself. Mr. Griswold is now one of the leading men in the insurance business, besides which he operates a successful coal yard at Lyndonville where he is politically active in his position as town clerk. Palmer Russell Griswold married Ethel Spencer and they reside at Lyndonville.

**ARCHIE B. DOW**—Intimate association with the traveling public in his various positions in hotel work from boyhood proved of great value to Archie B. Dow when he abandoned that occupation and established himself in the real estate business in St. Johnsbury. The education thus obtained has enabled him to understand men and to analyze their characteristics in such measure that he meets customers with a sympathetic appreciation which smoothes the road to successful business transactions. Added to these fortunate possessions are a keen business mind and a pleasing personality, an industrious nature and a high principled code, a combination that is a certain assurance of a prosperous future in the commercial world. He makes friends readily and holds them steadfastly, has a sincere interest in the affairs that actuate the citizenry toward progressive movements and an abiding faith in the future of the district wherein he operates, thus being esteemed by his fellows as a public spirited citizen and an honorable coöperator in the general civic and commercial activities in which others are engaged.

He was born in Orange, Vermont, July 9, 1887, a son of Wason E. and Rosie (Bandy) Dow, both deceased, his father having been a farmer and carpenter and descended from a line of Vermont pioneers. Educated in the public schools of the district in which he was born and at Goddard Seminary, he began his life work as a bell boy in the Montpelier House, at Montpelier, Vermont, an humble position from which he rose by degrees to night clerk, head waiter and day clerk. Until 1915 he remained in that occupation, when he resigned and came to St. Johnsbury, where he established himself in the real estate and real estate auctioneering business, a pursuit he still follows. In politics he is a Republican, in religion a Methodist. He is a member of the St. Johns-



bury Chamber of Commerce and is fraternally affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Archie B. Dow married Cora Henry, daughter of Hiram and Elizabeth Henry. Their children are: Dorothy and Barbara.

**ALEX D. WARDEN**—In West Barnet, Vermont, there is a general store which has been continuously in operation for more than a century. Here local families have procured their provisions and a certain proportion of their dry goods supplies for three generations, and with the passing of the years the store has become more and more an integral part of the life of the community. For much more than half a century the name of Warden has been associated with this old business. Mr. Warden's father operated it for many years. Later, Alex D. Warden, the present owner, was junior partner in the firm of Ritchie & Warden, for about four decades, and since the death of Mr. Ritchie, Alex D. Warden has been sole owner. Mr. Warden has served in town offices in Barnet, and is very well known here, this being the place of his birth, and his life-long place of residence.

Alex D. Warden was born in Barnet, Vermont, December 19, 1852, son of Harvey and Margaret (Gibson) Warden, both natives of Ryegate, Vermont, the father a merchant in West Barnet during the greater part of his active life. The father was twice married, and there were eight children of the first marriage. To the second marriage three children were born, one of these being Alex D. Warden.

Mr. Warden attended the public schools of Barnet and then for a short time worked as a farm hand, earning his way and hardening his muscles and building a strong physique. Later, he left the farm and its work and went to Boston, Massachusetts, where he secured employment in a restaurant. This work was much to his liking, and for fifteen years he remained in that line of activity. At the end of that time he engaged in the produce business in Manchester, New Hampshire, remaining there for three years, and then he came back to West Barnet and purchased from Mr. Ritchie, who had succeeded G. O. Warden in the ownership and management of the general store, a half-interest in the business. For forty years following that purchase the business was operated under the name of Ritchie & Warden, but after the death of Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Warden purchased the interest of his deceased partner and since that time he has been sole proprietor of the business. A hundred years of continuous operation have made this general store a landmark in this locality, and have built up a trade which draws upon a large territory surrounding West Barnet. Politically, Mr. Warden gives his support to the Republican party, and he has always been enough interested in local public affairs to bear his share of the burdens of office. He has served as a member of the Board of Selectmen, and in other town offices and has been one of the progressive citizens of the place for many years. He is a member of the local Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and his religious interest is with the Presbyterian church.

Alex D. Warden married Rosie J. Roy, who was born in Barnet, Vermont, daughter of William and Samantha (Gilfillan) Roy. They have one son, Roy, who received his education in the public schools of Barnet, in Peacham Academy, and in St. Johnsbury Academy, also in Goddard Seminary. He married Olga Martin, who was born in East Hardwick, and they have two children: Stoddard Roy, and Alexander Lee. Roy Warden is associated with his father in the general store.

**WILLIAM ALLEN GAGE**—Modern science is well represented in Vermont by William Allen Gage, of St. Johnsbury, practitioner of chiropractic and eminent in the councils of his profession in this State. Established

here since 1917, he has won the respect of the people by his pleasing personality, his activities in the various affairs of the community and his sincerity in the practice of the novel science that has grown with notable strides since its comparatively recent promulgation. He is a man of talent, a close student of his profession, and a virile citizen of value to the community, sympathetic in his attitude toward public affairs and ever ready to put his shoulder to the wheel to forward movements looking to the general progress and happiness of the people.

Born at Crown Point, New York, March 30, 1878, a son of George Darling and Emily M. (Bigelow) Gage, his father having been a farmer, now deceased, he was educated in the public elementary and high schools and at Moriah Institute, at Moriah, New York. These studies were augmented by a course at the Palmer School of Chiropractic, at Davenport, Iowa, from which he was graduated with his degree of Doctor of Chiropractic in 1915. He first established himself in practice at Crown Point, where he remained for two years, then coming to St. Johnsbury, where he since has practiced.

In politics, Dr. Gage is a Republican; in religion a Methodist. He is a member of the Chiropractors' Health Bureau, of the Vermont Chiropractors' Association, and secretary of the State Board of Chiropractors. He belongs to the St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce, the Country Club, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In Masonry he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, a member of Rescue Lodge, of Crown Point, New York; Haswell Chapter, of St. Johnsbury, Royal Arch Masons; Caledonia Council, of St. Johnsbury, Royal and Select Masters; and is now Commander of Palestine Commandery, Knights Templar, of St. Johnsbury.

William Allen Gage married Olive Fiske, of Brookfield, Vermont, daughter of Clayton B. and Adele (Loomis) Fiske. Their children are: 1. Harold, a graduate of Rutgers Preparatory School, New Brunswick, New Jersey. 2. Eugene, a graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy and now a student at Norwich University, Vermont.

**HARRY E. GRAY**—Inheriting the vitality and industrious nature of a sturdy race of pioneer ancestors, Harry E. Gray, sole proprietor of the Summerville Coal and Wood Yard, in Portland Street, St. Johnsbury, has developed a prosperous business and commands the esteem of his fellow citizens. He is a business man of flawless integrity, possessed of an attractive personality, a keen intellect and an inherent interest in the progress of the community in which he labors, a combination of material that makes him a citizen of great value to the body politic. Fond of association with his fellows, he takes great interest in fraternal as well as civic affairs, is a good churchman and conducts his business enterprise upon a code of ethics that has been productive of an ever growing patronage and a consequent prosperity.

Mr. Gray was born in Lunenburg, Vermont, April 10, 1871, a son of Charles and Lena (Morgan) Gray, natives of this State, his father having been a farmer and lumber dealer. Both parents are deceased. His father died when he was a small boy and he remained on the farm until he was twenty-one years of age, then engaging in sawmill and other work for a number of years, during which he was employed as a painter by the railroad company in Maine. In 1904 he became associated with his brother, Herbert, in the coal and wood business in St. Johnsbury, who later sold his interest to their brother, A. C. Gray, with whom Harry conducted the business until 1925, when Harry took over the entire establishment and has since conducted it independently. Except for a brief elementary education in the district schools, Mr. Gray is self-educated and has been a most successful







*J. W. Main*

tutor. In politics he is independent, in religion a member of the Universalist church. He belongs to the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Council, Royal and Select Masters; Commandery, Knights Templar, and Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Harry E. Gray married Ida J. Barnard, daughter of J. E. Barnard, of Johnson, Vermont.

**CHARLES E. KIRK**—During the past seventeen years a prosperous real estate business has been conducted in St. Johnsbury by Charles E. Kirk, whose career here establishes him in the esteem of his fellow citizens, because of the methods of his operations in regard to the rights of those with whom he deals. Plain statements by Mr. Kirk of his personal opinion regarding property values as related to investment are held to be reliable, because they have come to be known as given with absolute honesty and with no mental reservations. From his early boyhood, when he became a double orphan, he has maintained a code of moral principles that has met the test of practical analysis at the hands of business men, who, as a result, have given him their full approval for the manner in which he has always operated. He has taken a lively interest in local public affairs and in fraternal circles is a welcome addition to the rolls of standard organizations, altogether a citizen of true value to the community in which he lives and functions.

Mr. Kirk was born in Lowell, Vermont, April 4, 1856, a son of James and Eliza (Nichols) Kirk, both of whom died when he was four years of age. Taken to raise by his aunt, Eliza Stevenson, she saw that he received an education in the schools of the district, which he attended until he was thirteen years of age, when he went to work in the establishment of E. & T. Fairbanks & Sons Company. Here he remained until he was twenty-four years old, when he went to Rutland and remained for eighteen months, then returning to St. Johnsbury. For several years he was unsettled in his labors, seeking a congenial and promising occupation for the outlet of his industrious nature. For several years he conducted a wholesale and retail meat business in St. Johnsbury. Then he established a livery and horse dealing business here and afterwards he entered the hotel business, which he conducted for ten years. At this period he was attracted by California and spent a year in that State, returning at the close of 1909 and founding the real estate business here which he has since conducted with success. He is a Republican in his political views and a contributor of the North Congregational Church. Fraternally he was formerly affiliated with the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Charles E. Kirk married, in 1880, Lilla M. Johnson, of St. Johnsbury, daughter of Nathan M. and Sarah R. (McNeal) Johnson, natives, respectfully, of Unity, New Hampshire, and Sutton, Vermont. Mr. Nathan M. Johnson built one of the first buildings on Railroad Street in 1867 and was in business in the same neighborhood during the Civil War. The building he built is now occupied by Zeno Waterman. Mr. and Mrs. Kirk are the parents of Kenneth J., an attendant of St. Johnsbury and Dean academies, and Bryant & Stratton Business College; married Gertrude Mackay, and they are the parents of Kenneth J., Jr.

**JAMES W. MAIN**—After having learned the trade of stone-cutter in his native Scotland, James W. Main, of Groton, came to America, here applied his knowledge to the granite industry, and through unceasing labor and systematic frugality, has been enabled to attain his own granite manufacturing plant, which is located at Groton

and is one of this town's largest industrial concerns. These achievements were more difficult than ordinarily is the case, because of the fact that ill health at one time compelled Mr. Main to sever his connections with the stone business for a period of about twelve years. In addition to conducting his progressive and successful manufacturing plant, Mr. Main has given liberally of his time to the service of his fellow-citizens, his record of public office encompassing various town offices, and he now (1928) is in his fourth year as selectman. Another sphere that has benefited through his participation therein is that comprising fraternal associations, and he has proven himself a true and consistent citizen of his adopted land.

Mr. Main was born September 10, 1882, at Lossiemouth, Scotland, remaining in that country until he was twenty-two years of age. In 1904 Mr. Main emigrated to America and first located at Barre, Vermont. Having learned the stone-cutter's trade in Scotland, he was employed in that line at Barre for two years, going thence to Guilford, Maryland, and subsequently to Baltimore, Maryland. He was employed at his trade during his residence in Maryland, and went from that State to Washington, District of Columbia, where he aided in the construction of the Government Museum. Returning to Vermont, Mr. Main located at Groton, in 1907, and here for a time was letter-cutter and carver for Hall Brothers & MacDonald. Mr. Main also worked in South Ryegate for some six months. Returning again to Groton, Mr. Main made his first contact with the establishment that he eventually was to own, and the one he has continued to operate. This business at that time was owned by John Benzie, and Mr. Main was superintendent of the sheds in this plant. In 1913 ill health forced him to abandon the stone-cutting business, and he entered the insurance field, doing a general insurance business with fair success, until 1925. About three years ago, 1926, Mr. Main took over the concern he now operates, purchasing it from C. J. Bailey, although it formerly was known as the Checchi Company. The new owner immediately began a program of reconstruction and rehabilitation. Much of the antiquated equipment was discarded, and the plant now is using nothing but the most modern and up-to-date machinery. About sixteen highly-skilled craftsmen are employed, and the product bears a high reputation throughout the granite industry.

Although a Republican, Mr. Main does not allow this affiliation to interfere with his common sense and good judgment. On the contrary, in local politics, he seldom allows the partisan element to influence him in his choice of candidates or issues. Having served in public office himself, Mr. Main realizes fully that a man's politics should not be permitted to be weighed against his ability. From 1925 until 1927 Mr. Main represented his town in the State Legislature; for more than a decade he was overseer of the poor, and now (1928) is serving his fourth year as selectman. He has numerous fraternal connections and is a member of the Pauleski Lodge of Masons at Wells River. He has served in practically every office of these orders, which include Groton Lodge, Knights of Pythias; Lodge No. 4512, Modern Woodmen of America; Iroquois Tribe, No. 16, Improved Order of Red Men, and Gordon Clan, No. 19, Order of Scottish Clans.

James W. Main married Minnie Viola Thurston, native of Groton, and daughter of Ora and Isabell (Welch) Thurston. Their children are: 1. Arabell Ina, graduate of high school, student at University of Vermont. 2. Lona Jeannette. 3. Mary Elizabeth. Both Mr. and Mrs. Main are influential members of the Methodist church, he serving as steward in this denomination.

**ORANGE H. WELCH**—Owner of two large farms in the town of Groton, devoted to agriculture and dairying, Orange H. Welch undoubtedly is one of the best informed authorities in these industries in this section



of Vermont. One of these farms is the old Darling farm, the birthplace of Judge Darling, the other known as the Heath farm. So familiar has Mr. Welch become with the ramifications of farming and dairying, that at one time he was chosen to head an outstanding bureau dealing with these pursuits. The attainments of this man are deserving of special note, due to the fact that Mr. Welch has achieved them, despite the fact that he was forced to leave school in childhood and assist in the support of his father's family.

Mr. Welch was born October 11, 1874, at Groton, son of William Merrill and Jane E. (Adams) Welch, both parents native Vermonters, the father (now deceased), having been born at Groton, while the mother's birthplace is near Barre, Vermont. She now (1928) is a resident of Montana. William Merrill Welch followed agriculture throughout most of his life, and at the same time attained considerable repute as a veterinarian.

Orange H. Welch obtained a comparatively meager education in the common schools of Groton, due to the fact that he was forced to abandon his scholastic studies because of the death of his father, who died when Mr. Welch was twelve years of age. At that time he settled down to work on the home farm in order to help support his mother and other members of the family, and here remained until he was twenty-one years old. After attaining his majority, Mr. Welch was employed at various times as a farm hand and a woodsman, until 1904. In the last-named year, through frugal habits and industry, he had become able to buy his own land, and at that time purchased the old Darling farm comprising one hundred and thirty acres. Mr. Welch came into possession of the home farm of one hundred acres and through close attention to his work has brought all of this land under cultivation, with the exception of that portion which he devotes to grazing purposes for his dairy cattle. This last-named endeavor has gradually been brought to a point of importance in his operations, he now having on an average of fifty to sixty head of cattle, most of them being high-grade dairy stock.

Mr. Welch, who is a Republican, has taken a notable part in this political division since early manhood, and has held several public offices. One position he filled was that of president of the Caledonia County Farm Bureau, serving as such for two years. In 1923-24, Mr. Welch was chosen to represent the town of Groton in the General Court and his record in this office was meritorious, and he also has been a school director, and for three years was selectman. In addition to his other interests, Mr. Welch, as a side-line, is a salesman for a concern handling various foodstuffs for live stock.

Orange H. Welch married Christine Ricker, born in Groton, and a daughter of George and Nancy (Plummer) Ricker. She was one of a family of eight children, her father being a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Welch have one son: Harry Madison, born in Groton. The Ricker family is affiliated with the Baptist church, and are popular and well-liked citizens of this community.

**RICHARD M. RANN**—Trained in the metal working trades and skilled through long practical experience in commending his wares to the public, Richard M. Rann exerts considerable power in the commercial circles of St. Johnsbury in his position as manager of the J. H. Goodrich Company, the headquarters of which is on Railroad Street. He is a citizen of value to the community, both because of his civic interests and his business ability, with a large circle of staunch friends and a prosperous establishment that coöperates with the other units in the local commercial field in such measure as to be helpful to all in association. Honorable in all his dealings, he has erected for his employers a substantial business enterprise, which gains friends as time moves onward.

Richard M. Rann was born in Newport, Vermont, November 12, 1866, a son of George W. and Margaret (Murphy) Rann. His father was born in London, England, his mother in Ireland, their marriage taking place in Sherbrooke, Quebec, where they had settled when young, the husband having been engaged in railroad work during his entire life in America, both in Canada and the United States. Their son acquired an elementary education in the public schools of his native town and went to work when still a boy. When he was twenty-one years of age he began the practical study of the metal working and plumbing trades and followed this occupation for eighteen years, then going on the road as a travelling salesman of plumbers' supplies and metal accessories, representing for nine years Henry N. Clark & Company, of Boston, Massachusetts, and for a like period engaged with the Glenwood Range Company, of Taunton, Massachusetts. He resigned from this last position to accept the management of the house of J. H. Goodrich Company, in St. Johnsbury, which he still holds. He is a charter member of the St. Johnsbury branch of the United Commercial Travellers' Association, and a Grand Knight of the Catholic order of Knights of Columbus. He votes the Democratic ticket, and attends the Roman Catholic church.

Richard M. Rann married Ella N. McMulkin, of St. Johns, New Brunswick, Canada. Their children are: 1. Marie, deceased at the age of seventeen years. 2. Mildred K., who married T. Willis Murphy, of St. Johnsbury. 3. Ruth M., who lives at home with her father, the mother having died in 1926.

**ROSCOE ALEXANDER RENFREW**—In the commercial life of St. Johnsbury a successful unit is the grocery and provision business of Roscoe Alexander Renfrew, who has operated it with growing success for more than twenty years. He is a merchant who holds the esteem of the people by his high conception of the obligations due the public from those seeking patronage in their enterprises, by his civic ideals and his unimpeachable integrity. His ancestry is the sturdy stock of the pioneers who settled this country and it is the honorable traditions of this race that Mr. Renfrew upholds in all his dealings with the public, thus making him a citizen of true value, whose sympathies are all with the general progress of the community.

He was born in Ryegate, Vermont, December 8, 1875, a son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Shaw) Renfrew, his father having been a native of Groton, his mother of Barnet, the first named a farmer, now deceased. Mrs. Renfrew is now (1928) in her eighty-ninth year. Their son attained his education in the local public schools and at Peacham Academy and Barber's Business College in St. Johnsbury, after which he worked for several years in a general store at Barnet, then going to East Calais, Vermont, where he had charge of a general store until he purchased the grocery and provision business of Penn Page and which he has conducted since November, 1906, on Concord Avenue. His business is thriving and requires the attention of himself and two clerks. In politics Mr. Renfrew is a Republican and his church is the Universalist.

Roscoe Alexander Renfrew married Reita Donnaghy, a native of Canada and a daughter of William J. and Harriet (Amidon) Donnaghy. Their children are: Mamie R., Margaret E., Clinton A., Maybel and Isabelle, twins, and Edwin.

**ARTHUR F. ROY**—Through almost all his business career, Arthur F. Roy has been a member of the Roy Lumber Company, in the town of Barnet, Vermont. As manager of this company's mill on Harveys Pond, he has given an able and effective supervision to all its affairs, and a considerable share of the present prosper-



ous business of the concern may be traced to his executive ability and sound judgment.

Mr. Roy was born October 21, 1886, in Barnet, a son of Ezra J. and Marion (Snow) Roy, both now deceased. The father was owner and operator for many years of the mill now under the management of his son, disposing of his holdings finally to the Roy Lumber Company.

Arthur F. Roy attended the public schools of his birthplace, and later completed the course of study at Peacham Academy. When he finished his educational work, he began his business career as an associate of his father in the operation of the lumber mill which he operates, and with the exception of a three-year period, has continued in this work since that time. During the three years in which he was otherwise engaged, he supervised the operation of a farm comprising some one hundred and fifty-six acres, situated in South Danville, Vermont. Mr. Roy still owns this property which is considered very fine farming land, but he leases it to a tenant and gives all his time to his work as manager of the sawmill to which he returned.

The opportunity to become a member of the firm of the Roy Lumber Company was offered him as a result of the fine ability which he displayed and his strict attention to the tasks which came to his hand, and it can safely be said that no man is more familiar with all details of the Vermont lumber industry than he is. At the mill on Harveys Pond shingles and laths are manufactured and lumber is cut for the Roy Brothers' plant.

Politically Mr. Roy is an independent voter, weighing the merits of each proposal that is put before the electorate for himself, and supporting candidates for office because of their personal fitness rather than through any party affiliation. He has never consented to accept public office, and has never desired to do so, devoting his time to the efficient management of his own affairs. Mr. Roy is affiliated fraternally with the local Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, while with his family he worships in the Presbyterian faith. Both he and his wife are active members of the church of that denomination at West Barnet.

Arthur F. Roy married Iona Blain, daughter of James W. and Ella (Carter) Blain, who are well known in this vicinity where they have been farmers for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Roy are the parents of two children: Arthur Francis and Marion Jean.

**DORRANCE E. SHEFFIELD, M. D.**—Specializing in the use of the X-ray and surgery, Dorrance E. Sheffield has brought to St. Johnsbury a proficient knowledge of the sciences in which he is engaged, adding materially to the medical efficiency already established and operative. Modern progress being dependent upon the application of discoveries made by scientists in every field, the indebtedness of a community to a member who brings into it a practical knowledge and experience is commensurate with its value. In this instance there is no question of the value of the X-ray in physical diagnosis and, when used in conjunction with medical science, of its preëminent position as the eye of the physician seeking the cause of the ailment he is called upon to attack. Dr. Sheffield is, therefore, an instrument of undeniable value to the medical profession, as well as being himself a capable surgeon, a combination of rare introduction to a community and relatively important.

He was born in Castorland, New York, March 4, 1899, a son of Frederick E. and Elizabeth M. (Berry) Sheffield, both natives of New York State and his father having been a manufacturer there of the wood product known as excelsior. Educated in the elementary and high schools at Mooers, New York, and in the University of Vermont, he was graduated from the last named institution in 1920 with Bachelor of Arts degree, and followed this with a post-graduate course by which he

attained the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1923, in the University of Vermont College of Medicine. He then became an interne in the Mary Fletcher Hospital at Burlington for one year and at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston for a like period, at the close of which training he came to St. Johnsbury, where he established himself in practice as an X-ray specialist, with his offices at No. 48 Eastern Avenue, also being associated as assistant to Dr. J. M. Allen in surgery. He is a Republican in his political faith and in religion a member of the Congregational church. He enlisted in the provisional unit of the United States Infantry, October 23, 1918, and was stationed at Fort Ethan Allen until December 11, 1918, when he was discharged from the service. He belongs to the American Legion, the Nu Sigma Nu College Fraternity, American Medical Association, Vermont Medical Society, Northeastern Medical Society and the New England Roentgenological Society.

Dorrance E. Sheffield married Alice Darling Goddard, of Albany, Vermont, daughter of Dr. A. M. and Grace (Darling) Goddard. Their children are: Jean Elizabeth and Marvin Goddard.

**RUDOLPH M. STAHL**, when fifteen years of age, left his native land, his family and all the historic traditions of a European ancestry and came to America seeking his fortune. Having brains and the talent essential to put them successfully to work, industry and a limitless ambition, he so conducted his business enterprises that he soon gained the esteem and admiration of his fellow citizens of St. Johnsbury. During his life in New Hampshire and Vermont he was known as one of the most devoted adherents to the principles of a Republican form of government, taking an active part in civic affairs and associating fraternally with those organizations that appeal to the better element in all communities. He has always given due credit to the forces of opportunity offered to industrious youth and has won a host of close friends by his personality and his attributes of probity, fealty and absolute justice in all his dealings, extending to all men the hand of friendship and cooperation in every worthy cause.

He was born in Germany, March 10, 1880, a son of Moses and Jeannette (Wertheim) Stahl, neither of whom ever came to the United States, and was educated in the schools of his native land until he was fifteen years of age, when he set out for America alone. Here he first located in Berlin, New Hampshire, where he became associated with his uncle, Senator A. M. Stahl of New Hampshire and spent his free hours in study. Within a year he was working as a clerk, at which occupation he remained for seventeen years, when he established himself in the clothing business in Woodsville, New Hampshire. In 1919, twenty-four years after he had landed in this country, a poor emigrant boy, he had made such progress that he was able to purchase the shoe and men's furnishings business of Asselin Brothers in St. Johnsbury, located on Railroad Street, which he conducted successfully for six years, selling it November 7, 1927. He has always been a Republican in politics and attends the Congregational church. He is a member of the St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce and of the Country Club and is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, order of Free and Accepted Masons; the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Council, Royal and Select Masters; Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Order of the Eastern Star, in which his wife also has membership.

Rudolph M. Stahl married Gussie Wertheim, of Lyndon, Vermont, not related, daughter of Harris and Sarah (Feder) Wertheim, her father being a native of Germany, her mother born in Brooklyn, New York. Their children are: Sarah Jeannette and Harris W.



**MARTIN E. TURNER**—One of the largest dealers in horses in Caledonia County is Martin E. Turner, proprietor of Maplemont Farm, in the town of Barnet, Vermont, owner of another four hundred and eighty-five acre farm in Monroe, New Hampshire, and owner of a half-interest in a one hundred acre farm at Newbury, Vermont. As farmer and owner of an extensive farm acreage, Mr. Turner works alone, but in addition to his farming interests he is also partner in a prosperous livestock, lumber, and hay business which operates under the name of Turner & Carter. Mr. Turner is a native of Monroe, New Hampshire, but has been located at the village of McIndoe Falls, town of Barnet, since 1897.

Martin E. Turner was born in Monroe, New Hampshire, January 12, 1871, son of Alden, a native of Monroe, and of Elizabeth (Bean) Turner, a native of Kirby, Vermont, both now deceased. Besides Mr. Turner there were two girls in the family, namely: Eleanor, deceased, who was the wife of Charles F. Chase, of McIndoe Falls; and Angie R., wife of Dr. E. W. Moore, a dentist of Malden, Massachusetts. The only boy of the family, Martin E., attended the local public schools, but the family was in somewhat straitened circumstances and it was necessary that he should leave school at an early age and become a wage earner. For a number of years he lived with John Buffum, earning his way and eventually also earning both his "keep" and a man's pay. Later, he entered the employ of the Connecticut Valley Lumber Company, with whom he remained until after his marriage, when he took charge of his wife's homestead farm, which he operated in connection with a retail butcher route. Finally, in 1897, he removed with his family to McIndoe Falls, and here for a period of seven years he was engaged in the meat business. At the end of that time he began dealing in live stock, lumber, and hay, in association with Austin E. Carter, under the name of Turner & Carter, and for the past twenty-nine years he has been successfully engaged in those lines of business activity. Beginning in a small way, he has steadily increased the volume of his business until at the present time (1928) he is one of the largest dealers in horses in Caledonia County, having bought and sold, during the past year, more than fifteen thousand dollars worth of those animals. Maplemont Farm, where he makes his home, contains about one hundred and eighty-two acres, which added to the four hundred and eighty-five acres of his Monroe, New Hampshire, farm and his half-ownership of the one hundred acre farm in Newbury, Vermont, gives him a total acreage of more than five hundred acres. His farms and his farming operations are not included in the Turner-Carter partnership, but are his individual possessions. On Maplemont Farm he built a new residence and barns and here he makes his home. His house is equipped with hot water heat, hot and cold running water, electric lights, in fact is a modern house in every sense of the term, such as you find in the cities. His dairy barns, built with a view to labor saving, are perhaps not equaled in the State. A driveway from the hillside allows the hay to be driven in just under the roof and dumped into the great hay mows below. Likewise, his silo, which is built in the barn, and the silage dumped in at the top of the silo; everything about the place is handy. Though in no sense a politician, Mr. Turner takes an active interest in local public affairs and has been chosen by his fellow-townsmen to fill various public offices, including that of lister. He gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Republican party, and is a progressive citizen who is always ready to forward the interests of the town. He has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for some thirty years, and both he and his wife are attendants of the Methodist Church of which she is an active member.

Martin E. Turner was married, January 1, 1896, to

Lizzie Nelson, daughter of Thomas M. and Mary Jane (Warden) Nelson, both natives of Monroe, New Hampshire.

**THEODORE HALBERT WILSON**—Enlightened communities freely admit their indebtedness for substantial progress to their educators and the systems over which these preside, a civilization being measured by its mental cultivation. Such being the case, the people of St. Johnsbury are fortunate in possession of an educator of such ability as Theodore Halbert Wilson, since 1920 principal of the academy here. He is a man of rare attainments, an organizer of unusual ability, with a refinement of educational accomplishments that he has brought to bear with great skill upon the student body over which he has held sway. Additional to his academic studies, he has been active in the religious field and has been able through this experience to exert a splendid influence over the young people under his jurisdiction. A patriotic devotion to the high principles upon which our National Government operates establishes him as a public servant of rare value to the educational system of Vermont, as well as placing his name prominently upon the rolls of sound citizenship.

He was born in Middletown, Connecticut, February 11, 1885, a son of Edwin Horace and Jane (Bidwell) Wilson. His father was a native of New York State and an educator of note. Theodore was educated in his parents' school and at Cambridge Latin School, afterward attending Harvard University and graduating with the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, 1907, and Master of Arts in 1908. He then matriculated at the Union Theological Seminary in New York City, from which he was graduated in 1911. For several years after his graduation he held pastorates in Montclair, New Jersey, Skowhegan, Maine, and elsewhere. He was college pastor and professor of religious education at Olivet College, Michigan, and during the World War was acting president of that institution. He holds the degree of Master of Education from Harvard University and is a member of the Harvard Chapter of the National Phi Delta Kappa Society, as well as a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity. He is an Independent-Republican in politics and a member of the St. Johnsbury Rotary Club. Both he and his wife are members of the North Congregational church.

Theodore Halbert Wilson married Faith Harris, of Skowhegan, Maine, daughter of Elmer E. and Mina (Weston) Harris, in the creamery business. Their children are: 1. Faith Evelyn. 2. Theodore Halbert, Jr. 3. Carolyn Elise.

**MOSES ALEXANDER ROY**—The town of Barnet gave to that section of the State and its lumbering and farming interests one of its most successful operating owners, Moses A. Roy, whose progressiveness along the lines of modern utilities has been of conspicuous advantage to the growth and advance of the community. He has served his town in public offices, being rated as one of the substantial citizens who give life and direction to the business and civic interests with which they are allied.

Born in Barnet, February 19, 1856, Moses Alexander Roy is a member of one of the old and esteemed families of that town. His parents were Alexander and Eliza (Gates) Roy, the former a native of that town and the latter of Ryegate. His father was a lumber operator on a considerable scale, and the latter years of his life he gave his attention to the manufacture of lumber in his own sawmills. About 1870 he bought the tract known since as the Roy farm, of two hundred and fifty acres, in Barnet, and there spent the rest of his days, even after he had disposed of it to his son, Moses A., and had retired to a well-earned rest from his labors.



*Martin E. Turner & Wife*





From his early training in the public schools of Barnet, Moses Alexander Roy was graduated to the Peacham Academy, where he finished his education. Thence he entered the sawmill business, in which, together with his large farming enterprise, he has ever since been engaged. A considerable portion of his agricultural interests includes the buying and selling of cattle, which line he has developed profitably. When a young man, he bought, in association with his brother, E. J. Roy, their father's sawmills and they operated them as simple partners for years. Later, the business was organized under the style of the Roy Lumber Company, of which Mr. Roy and his brother continued to be principals. From a business standpoint, the lumber and farm interests of Mr. Roy command the major part of his attention, and in their conduct he has been successful.

His progressive spirit led him into association with men of the town of kindred mind, whom he assisted in starting the Barnet Telephone Company and later the Barnet Electric Light Company. These two public utilities have been of incalculable service in community development, encouragement of business interests and the comfort and convenience of the people generally. The residents of the town feel themselves indebted in a marked degree to Mr. Roy for the important part he played in bringing these modern facilities into their midst.

In his politics, Mr. Roy is an independent. He is at present (1928) serving the Barnet district as fire warden, in which capacity his experience in forestry and lumbering give him a decided advantage for intelligent service. As a former selectman of the town, his contribution to the local government is still recalled by the citizens for its elements of efficiency and a general improvement in the tone of municipal affairs. He is an active and influential member of the Barnet Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He and Mrs. Roy are attendants of the Presbyterian church, whose work is rendered the more effective by their sustained and generous support.

Moses Alexander Roy married Inez E. Snow, born in Brandon, the daughter of William and Julia (Kelley) Snow. Children: 1. Lottie, who married Don L. Judkins, who has since died. 2. Ernest, who resides at the old homestead. 3. Clarence, lives in Boston, Massachusetts, with his wife, who was Frances McAllden. 4. Esther, married George D. Greenia, and resides in West Barnet.

**TRUMAN R. STILES**—It was nearly sixty years ago that a young physician named Truman R. Stiles hung out his shingle and mutely solicited practice in Caledonia County, Vermont, and it is more than forty-one years since he settled in St. Johnsbury, where he is esteemed with unanimity by the entire population. Time and again he has been honored by the call of the people to public office, which he has filled with credit to himself and justified the confidence of the electorate in selecting him for the duties. He is a virile member of many professional and fraternal organizations, has served the National Government in public trust and held other offices of importance and distinction. Dr. Stiles long since became one of the influential citizens of this community, where he is regarded with affection and highest esteem, as well as one of the most able medical practitioners in the State of Vermont. For half a century he has been adding to his army of friends, which today includes every individual who has ever been fortunate enough to have met him, socially, politically or professionally.

He was born in Stowe, Vermont, July 21, 1847, a son of James W. and Hannah A. (Howe) Stiles, his father having been a shoemaker, and acquired his early education in the local schools, later attending the University of Vermont, from the medical school of which he was graduated in 1869 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He

then established himself in practice in Hardwick, later removing to Sheffield and again to Barnet, in which last named place he remained from 1880 until 1887, when he came to St. Johnsbury, where he has been in practice since, specializing in the treatment of asthma. He is a Republican in politics and by that party was elected to the lower house of the State Legislature in 1898 and to the Senate in 1902. He served as United States Pension Examiner for twenty-three years and was a member of the Vermont State Board of Health for six years. For eight years he was president of the Caledonia County Fair Association and for twenty years a director. He also served for twenty-two years as a director of the Merchants' National Bank of St. Johnsbury. He has been a Justice of the Peace, member of the Board of Trustees of St. Johnsbury and superintendent of the water works, and he served while in Barnet as a member of the local school board. He is a member of the American Medical Association, of the Vermont Medical Society and the Northeastern Medical Association and holds honorary membership in all. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; all branches of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; all chairs of the Knights of Pythias. He attends the Methodist Church and for twenty-five years was an active member of the board and is now an honorary member.

Truman R. Stiles married, (first) Abbie L. Jenness, now deceased. Their children were: 1. Don C., a traveling salesman. 2. N. C., a physician, of Providence, Rhode Island. He married (second) Elizabeth A. Derick, by whom he has one child: Charlotte, married L. C. Goss, and they are the parents of Beverly.

**WILLIS B. FITCH, M. D.**—In 1905 Willis B. Fitch came to St. Johnsbury, Vermont, and began the practice of his profession. A specialist in X-ray work and therapeutics, he brought to this section of Vermont a service of the finest and most modern type, usually available only in the largest cities. The response to the facilities thus offered was immediate, and Dr. Fitch soon built up a highly successful practice to which he has devoted his attention since that time.

Dr. Fitch was born in Mooers, Clinton County, New York, on July 11, 1878, a son of Wilmer H. Fitch, a New York merchant, and of Harriet B. (Baker) Fitch.

Willis B. Fitch attended the public schools and the high school of his birthplace, and later Troy Conference Academy. Entering the University of Buffalo, he was graduated there, in pharmacy, in 1900. Thereafter he undertook the course of study of medicine in the University of Maryland, and from this institution he was graduated in 1903, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For one year he was a member of the staff at the University of Maryland, coming, soon afterwards to St. Johnsbury, where he opened finely appointed offices, with complete X-ray equipment. Dr. Fitch does mostly hospital and office work, and he has now in his own offices, private rooms for patients, and several assistants who give him their full time.

Politically Dr. Fitch is a member of the Republican party, and he is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which organization he is a member of all bodies of the York Rite, including the Commandery of the Knights Templar, and a member of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the local Chamber of Commerce and Country Club. Dr. Fitch has always been interested in the growth and welfare of St. Johnsbury, contributing liberally to worthy causes. Among the associations of the men of his profession, he is a member of the Northeastern Vermont Medical Society, the Vermont State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He and his



family worship in the faith of the Protestant Episcopal church, and in the St. Johnsbury Church, Dr. Fitch is a deacon and an active member.

Willis B. Fitch married Marion Moore, born in St. Johnsbury, a daughter of John and Catherine (Hill) Moore, of this city. Dr. and Mrs. Fitch are the parents of three children: 1. Perry, a student at Tufts College. 2. Katherine, now attending Lasell Seminary at Auburndale. 3. Marion, who attends St. Johnsbury Academy. The family home is at No. 100 Main St., St. Johnsbury.

**JAMES M. FOYE**—Starting out in life as an apprentice to the carpenter's trade, James M. Foye has developed into the most competent contractor and builder in this section of Vermont. During the more than half a century that he has thus been engaged, he has erected many of the finest buildings in St. Johnsbury, the last thirty years of his life having been devoted to independent building operations. Although handicapped through lack of theoretical training, Mr. Foye has met and overcome the obstacles in his pathway and, taking great pride in his craft, has built honestly and for the future, thus steadily increasing his prestige as a contractor, until at the present day his position in this field is unassailable.

Mr. Foye was born February 5, 1858, at St. Johnsbury, son of Martin and Jane (Cahoon) Foye. The parents, both born in Ireland, migrated to the United States in childhood, and here were married. Martin Foye was a skilled blacksmith, and for more than fifty years was employed by the E. & T. Fairbanks & Company.

James M. Foye received a brief period of instruction in the public schools of St. Johnsbury, but deserted his educational pursuit when quite young and entered the carpenters' trade. This vocation he followed for some time, eventually becoming a journeyman. By close attention to detail and study of the science of building, he subsequently graduated into the contracting business, starting out for himself a little more than thirty years ago. Having thoroughly mastered the details of building construction while a youth, Mr. Foye gradually familiarized himself thoroughly with the theoretical and architectural departments of his profession and now (1928) many fine structures stand as silent monuments to his capabilities. Mr. Foye's operations as a builder have naturally brought him into close contact with many of the prominent citizens of St. Johnsbury, and he has cooperated with the better elements in all movements initiated for the progress of his community. He owes allegiance to no political party, casting his ballot independently. He and the members of his family are devout communicants of the Catholic Church.

James M. Foye married Annie Murray, daughter of Barney Murray, who came from the Province of Quebec. To Mr. and Mrs. Foye have been born: 1. Martin J., a graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy, now associated with his father's contracting firm. 2. Agnes, now deceased, married Col. Porter B. Chase, and they had three children: Nancy, Mary, died age six years; and Agnes.

**HAROLD E. FRANKLIN**—Service in the army during the World War intervened in the business career of Harold E. Franklin, who holds a superior position among the commercial leaders of St. Johnsbury. It also bridged a change in his line of work and associations, to the great advantage of the Cary Maple Sugar Company, a mammoth industry and one of the foremost commercial assets of the State, of which he has been a director and the purchasing agent for ten years. Mr. Franklin gives due consideration to the municipal aspirations of St. Johnsbury, and can always be counted upon

to align himself with every forward movement of the town.

Born in Franconia, New Hampshire, October 19, 1895, Harold E. Franklin is the son of Joseph R. and Laura M. (Bickford) Franklin, his father a native of London, England, and his mother of Danville, this State. From the public schools he graduated to St. Johnsbury Academy, where he completed his education. His first formal entry in the business world was in the capacity of salesman for a tobacco house. Then the United States threw its power and influence on the side of the Allies in the World War, and Mr. Franklin enlisted in March, 1917. He was assigned to the Engineering Corps, United States Army, and sent overseas, serving fourteen months as a private. His stay in the army was featured with soldierly qualities and all-round efficiency in the important work required of his outfit. He was honorably discharged in December, 1918.

Thus the war indirectly was a means to an end in bringing Mr. Franklin into the more desirable and opportunity-filled association with the Cary Maple Sugar Company. He made his connection with this concern the very year that the war and his military service ended. His adaptability to the class of work to which he was assigned appealed to the management, and it was soon discovered that he was making himself practically indispensable to the company's continuous success. Soon he was invited to become a member of the board of directors, being retained also in his position of purchasing agent. In each of these capacities he shows his ability in the rôle of adviser in the board room and as an administrator in the office of purchasing agent. His interest in each department is maintained with enthusiasm and a sustained liking for the respective details—whereby has come about his personal success as a member of the company. To the successes of the Republican party in town, State and Nation, Mr. Franklin contributes his undiminished strength, having been a member of that fold ever since he attained his majority. He is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has taken three degrees. The religious connection of himself and family is with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

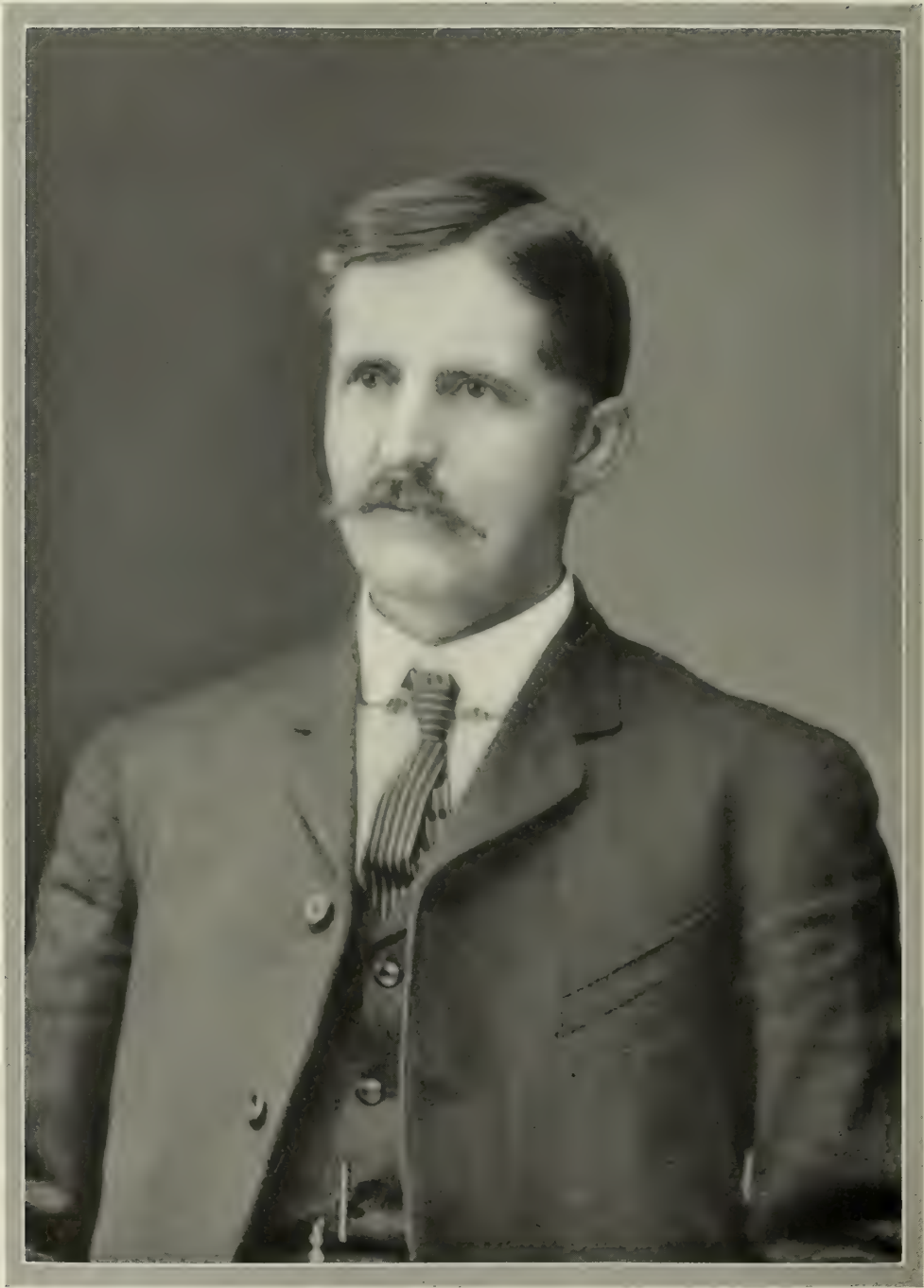
Harold E. Franklin married Eva Evelyn Howe, born in Worcester, Massachusetts, daughter of William Howe, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Their children are: Richard Howe and Mary Elene.

**HERMAN P. RICKER**—The rise of Herman P. Ricker to his present (1928) position as one of the successful and substantial agriculturists of Groton may be credited almost entirely to his own efforts, for contrary to the common example in this district, where oftentimes a farm is inherited, Mr. Ricker served the severest of apprenticeships ere he was enabled to purchase his own estate. This is readily seen through a brief résumé of his record, which discloses that he not only remained on his father's farm until he was of age, but worked as a farm hand for two decades thereafter.

Mr. Ricker was born September 13, 1876, in Groton, son of George and Nancy (Plummer) Ricker, one of a family of eight children, consisting of four boys and four girls. George Ricker was also a farmer, being an honored and respected citizen of Groton. Herman P. Ricker received his education through the meager facilities available in the town school during his boyhood, and then assumed a share in the conduct of his father's estate. Here he remained until he was twenty-one years of age, after which he became a farm hand and so remained for twenty years. In a way this long term as an employee was to prove of material value to Mr. Ricker in later life, for when he did become a land owner he knew just what was necessary for agricultural success. He is agent for the Vermont Farm Machine Company, of







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Bellows Falls, Vermont, this being the only outside pursuit during his career. Eventually he purchased one hundred acres of land in Groton from Abbie S. Orr, and through modern methods and up-to-date implements, found that he was able to take on additional responsibility. This led to Mr. Ricker leasing one hundred and sixty acres of land and adding live stock raising and dairying to his farming endeavors. He now (1928) engages in agriculture on a large scale and owns about fifty head of thoroughbred Jersey dairy cows. While Mr. Ricker is a believer in the tenets of Republicanism and usually gives his support to the issues and candidates of the Republican party, he repeatedly has declined to accept public office, it being his opinion that his individual business enterprises need all of his time.

Herman P. Ricker married Ida M. Martin, daughter of George and Roe (Smith) Martin, who has taught school for the past twenty-five years in Groton town. They have one son: George Herman, graduate of high school and of Boston University; for more than two years has been a teacher in the high school at Barre, Vermont. Mr. Ricker and his wife attend the Baptist church and have been of material aid in the works and benevolences of this denomination.

**JOHN A. ROY**—As postmaster of the town of West Barnet, Vermont, John A. Roy performs services valuable to the community in which he lives and works, and in which he is widely and favorably known, having been born here and having spent the greater part of his life in this part of the country. Active in all the civic and social affairs of importance in West Barnet and the surrounding vicinity of Vermont, Mr. Roy has come to be regarded as one of the outstanding citizens of this place.

Mr. Roy was born in West Barnet, Vermont, on September 3, 1877, a son of Joseph and Caroline (Eggleston) Roy. His father was a native of Barnet, and is now deceased, while the mother was born in Groton and is still (1928) living; both of his parents were farmers by occupation.

John A. Roy received his early education in the town schools of West Barnet, his birthplace, and the town of his lifelong residence; and subsequently spent three years at McIndoe's Academy. Then he became engaged in the grocery business on his own account, in which he remained for six years. Later, he was a clerk for Leslie P. Thornton for seventeen years, and since the end of that period of clerkship he has been engaged in farming, which still occupies his attention to a large extent along with his postmastership. Along with his other work, Mr. Roy has made a notable success of his farming enterprise, having closely studied the problems of agriculture, especially as they applied to his particular property, and having been intimately acquainted with the people with whom he transacted business in his community.

In addition to his farming, Mr. Roy and his wife have conducted for some time a summer house for tourists, named "Brookside Lodge," which accommodates ten persons and is situated on the Peacham Road. He also is a prominent auctioneer in the village. Mr. Roy is, in his political views, identified with the Democratic party, whose policies and principles he regularly supports. He is a justice of the peace, holds the office of town lister, and is a member of the Grange. He and Mrs. Roy are both active members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he is an elder.

John A. Roy married Margaret E. White, a native of Virginia, daughter of Benjamin F. and Isabella E. (Brown) White. Her father was born in Massachusetts, and her mother in Scotland. John A. and Margaret E. (White) Roy are the parents of the following children: 1. Ralph Alexander. 2. Camilla Isabella. 3. Evelyn White.

**WALTER M. PHELPS**—When a lad starts out "on his own" at the age of twelve years and from that time on takes care of himself, the chances are that he will go far in achieving financial independence and success. Walter M. Phelps began his independent active career at that age, back in 1864, when the Civil War was drawing toward its close, and today (1928) he is the owner of a big farm at McIndoe Falls, Vermont, where he makes his home, of three farms in Iowa, and of a considerable amount of city property in Clearwater, Florida. Mr. Phelps leases to a practical farmer the acreage of Bonny View Farm, village of McIndoe Falls, town of Barnet, Vermont, while he and his son Leonard, under the name of Phelps & Son, take care of a large business in livestock.

Walter M. Phelps was born in Lunenburg, Vermont, November 23, 1852, son of Anthony James and Mary Ann (Kidder) Phelps, farmers of Vermont. He attended the district schools in Vermont until he was twelve years of age, and then left home, never to return. He did not make the mistake of going to the city to look for work among unfamiliar scenes and among unknown people, but very sensibly hired himself out as a farm hand and sturdily stuck to his job until he was twenty-three years of age. Then, having acquired a somewhat varied experience by working on farms in different sections of the country, he formed a partnership with Burt B. Thomas, who lived in the State of Iowa, and engaged in business as a buyer and seller of horses. The arrangement was a very good one, for Mr. Thomas operated in Iowa, buying the horses there and shipping them on to Mr. Phelps who sold them here and divided the profits with his Iowa partner. As time passed the business grew and Mr. Phelps began to accumulate real property, and his first farm was located in the town of Barnet, two miles from his present place. This contained one hundred and seventy-five acres and there he settled after his marriage and there his children were born and raised. He sold this and then purchased a farm in Iowa and one here in Barnet, village of McIndoe, his present home, and later purchased two more in Iowa. The large farm here at McIndoe Falls contains one hundred and seventy-five acres, and the main part of this Mr. Phelps leases, he and his son continuing the buying and selling of livestock, under the name of W. M. Phelps & Son. Mr. Phelps and his son also deal in real estate and Mr. Phelps owns a considerable amount of city property in Clearwater, Florida. Sixty-four years of active business life, depending upon himself for all that he might get from life, have brought to Mr. Phelps more than the average share of experience. As the years have passed his outlook upon life has grown and expanded as increasing success enlarged his opportunities, and for many years he has been known in this locality as a man of more than ordinary ability, of keen insight, and of independent judgment. For more than a half century he has been relying upon his own effort and his own judgment and the qualities of initiative and resourcefulness which brought him success have been developed greatly. He has reared a family which does him credit, and his three sons are following in his footsteps in their line of business activity. Politically, Mr. Phelps is a Republican, and though he has never been a politician or an office seeker he has not refused to serve his town in official capacity when that course seemed wisest and best. As a member of the board of selectmen and as a constable he has earned the commendation of his fellow townsmen, and he has always been ready to give generous support to local plans for betterment. In 1904 he was the Representative from his town in the State Legislature. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Knights of Pythias, and his religious affiliation and that of his wife is indicated in membership with the Congregational church.



Walter M. Phelps married Helen D. Harvey, who was born in Barnet, Vermont, daughter of Duncan and Phoebe Ann (Hight) Harvey, both natives of Barnet. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps have four children: 1. Alice B., wife of Horace W. Gleason, a farmer of Barnet, Vermont. 2. Harvey James, is a stock dealer in Barnet, married Jean Duncan, and they have two children, Helen D., and James Walter. 3. Lewis Perley, lives in Spirit Lake, Iowa, and is in business for himself as a stock dealer and also attends to his father's business there. He married Virginia E. Perry, and they have two children: Elizabeth Perry, and Jean. 4. Leonard, who lives at home and is associated with his father in business.

**JAMES RUSSELL MOORE**—Oakledge Farm, in Barnet, Vermont, is commonly known as the Russell Farm because it was formerly the property of the Russell family. For many years now (1928) it has been owned and operated by James Russell Moore, its present owner, whose mother was a member of the Russell family. There are about one hundred and fifteen acres in Oakledge Farm, and here Mr. Moore is successfully conducting general farming operations and is also engaged in stock raising. His herd of registered Jerseys give him an abundance of dairy products, adding much to the net profits of his farm, and he is also treasurer and manager of the Farmers' Exchange Store, located on Eastern Avenue, in St. Johnsbury.

James Russell Moore was born on the farm which he now owns and operates in Barnet, Vermont, October 1, 1869, son of Alexander, a farmer, and Agnes (Russell) Moore, both now deceased. He received his education in the schools of his home town, and as a boy began work on the home farm, where he has since remained, giving to the work his full attention and interest, and making of Oakledge Farm one of the notably successful places of the State. His forty head of registered Jerseys respond well to the care which they receive, and the long years of his experience in stock raising have made Mr. Moore thoroughly skilled in the handling of this particular breed of cattle. While giving his close attention to his farming and dairying activities, Mr. Moore is also interested in a mercantile enterprise to which he gives a large amount of time, namely, the Farmers' Exchange Store, on Eastern Avenue, of which he is treasurer and manager. A man of business ability and of tact and consideration in meeting his fellows, Mr. Moore is an important factor in the success of the last-named project, and his associates in the enterprise appreciate the quality of the service which he is rendering. He is a Republican in his political sympathies and is active in local town affairs, having served as a school director and in numerous minor local offices, to which he gives the same scrupulous attention that he bestows upon his personal business affairs. Fraternally, he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and with the local Grange, Patrons of Husbandry; and his religious membership is with the Congregational Church, which he serves as a member of the board of deacons, and in the work of which both he and his wife take an active part. Both have many friends in Barnet.

James Russell Moore married Fannie Farnsworth, daughter of Elbridge and Louise (Somers) Farnsworth, the first-mentioned of whom was born in Haverhill, New Hampshire, and was a machinist and carpenter, and the last-mentioned of whom was a native of Barnet, Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have nine children: 1. Edward F. 2. Louise A. 3. Jennie F. 4. Russell E., who is associated with his father on the farm which is operated under the firm name of J. R. & R. E. Moore. 5. J. Arthur. 6. Elmer R. 7. Wesley L. 8. Pauline F. 9. Bernice M.

**CLAYTON A. BURROWS**—A business man of ability and long experience, Clayton A. Burrows is engaged in the insurance business in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, as a member of the firm of A. B. Noyes, Insurance Agency, Incorporated. Mr. Burrows was a railroad man for many years, and in this work was very successful, as he has been also in the insurance field to which he turned in later years.

Mr. Burrows was born on January 18, 1884, in Lenoxville, Province of Quebec, Canada, a son of William H. and Alzada (Nichols) Burrows, both of whom were born in Vermont. His father was also engaged in railroad work for several years and then farmed until he retired, and died in St. Johnsbury in 1924. He was agent at Lenoxville at the time of his son's birth. The mother is now living in St. Johnsbury.

Clayton A. Burrows was educated in the public schools of Brownington Center, and later in Derby Academy, Tilton Seminary, and the Eastman Business College. When he completed his education, he began work as a telegraph operator for the railroad company, his connection with them continuing for a period of about twenty-three years. Mr. Burrows' highly satisfactory services were rewarded by merited promotion, and for seven years he served as general freight agent at St. Johnsbury, and then for ten years, as general agent. In 1926 he resigned this position, to enter into partnership in the insurance business with Allen N. Beattie, under the firm name of A. B. Noyes, Insurance Agency, Incorporated, this arrangement continuing until the present time.

Politically Mr. Burrows is a member of the Republican party, and he is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which organization he is a member of all bodies of the York Rite, and an Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Mason of the Thirty-second Degree, and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce, and a member of several clubs, including, the Fish and Game Club, the Rotary Club, and the St. Johnsbury Country Club. He and his family worship in the faith of the Congregational church, attending the North Congregational Church of St. Johnsbury.

Clayton A. Burrows married Clara M. Powell, who was born in Barton, Vermont, a daughter of Frank L. Powell of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Burrows are the parents of one son, Ronald P. The family home is at No. 5 South Street, St. Johnsbury.

**ALFRED H. BOUSFIELD**—Equipped with the fundamentals of a mechanical education which he has constantly and consistently broadened, Alfred H. Bousfield came from the other side of the world, settled in Pennsylvania, where he worked and studied, then removed to St. Johnsbury, to accept an important position in his profession. He is a man of unusual attainments, attractive personality, industrious temperament and deep civic interests that have all appealed to the people with whom he has been brought into contact, making him many friends and prospering him in his career. Quickly interesting himself in the activities that appeal to all virile citizens, he became a popular member of the body politic of this district and a valuable addition to the active workers of Vermont.

He was born in Victoria, Australia, March 3, 1877, a son of John M. and Mary E. Bousfield, both natives of England, his father having been for many years executive head of a mining machinery business in Australia. Alfred H. was educated at the Bendigo School of Mines in his native land and came to the United States in 1905, where his first work was in railroad locomotive and car manufacture at the great shops of the Pennsylvania



Railroad at Altoona, Pennsylvania. He remained there for five years and then came to St. Johnsbury, where he entered the service of the E. & T. Fairbanks Company and is now the chief engineer of that establishment. In politics he is a Republican and has served as a member of the St. Johnsbury Board of Selectmen. He is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and of the Society of American Military Engineers and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Fraternally he is affiliated with the order of Free and Accepted Masons, Blue Lodge; Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Council, Royal and Select Masters; Commandery, Knights Templar; Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, and Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His clubs are the Rotary and Country, his church the Congregational.

Alfred H. Bousfield married Florence B. S. Sargent, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**ROBERT J. BENNETT**, a member of the firm of Robert Bennett & Son, dealers in groceries, meats and provisions, is one of the substantial young business men of St. Johnsbury. The store was established by his father and himself in 1922, and the management and its offerings have since continued to grow in favor with a desirable line of customers. Robert Bennett, the father, was born in England, September 17, 1862, the son of John and Hannah (Carter) Bennett. He learned the meat business in his native country, and for many years was manager of a store there. In 1907 he came to the United States, settled in St. Johnsbury and entered the employ of E. and T. Fairbanks and Company, with which concern he remained until he and his son opened their store for the sale of groceries, meats and other foodstuffs.

Mr. Bennett, Sr., is an independent in the exercise of his suffrage. He is much interested in the common effort of the people to keep step with commercial and civic progress, and is a willing assistant in worthy causes of the community. He married, in England, Mary Jane Green, a native of the mother country, and they are the parents of six children, all born in England: 1. Robert J., received a high school education in England; now engaged in business with his father in St. Johnsbury. 2. Maude A., married James Allen. 3. Florence. 4. George A., married Marie Beauregard, and they have two children: George Arthur, and Robert Edmond. 5. Fred E. 6. Lillian.

**JOHN GILLANDER**—For many years a prominent and prosperous farmer in Barnet, Vermont, John Gillander now resides here, retired from active endeavor, but in possession of a forty-acre tract of land, part of which he cultivates in order to occupy his time. Until a few years ago he owned and operated two farms, the home farm of two hundred and forty acres, situated on the main road from Saint Johnsbury to Wells River, and the other in Barnet, comprising one hundred and fifty acres of valuable property. He has disposed of both of these, however, and is enjoying a well deserved period of rest after having spent six months in California.

Mr. Gillander was born in Leeds, Province of Quebec, Canada, on May 21, 1864, a son of Robert and Rachel (Anderson) Gillander, both of whom were natives of the Province of Quebec. John Gillander received his early education in the common schools of Leeds, and then worked for a time on the home farm with his father. When he was twenty-one years old he came, however, to Barnet, Vermont, where for four years he served as a hired hand and then bought his first farm. That property was situated on Joel's brook, and he continued for thirteen years to operate it until, in 1902, he sold it and purchased his farm at the Saint Johnsbury-Wells River

Road. This farm he kept until 1921, operating it with sustained success, winning favor and custom among his fellow-citizens for miles around, and building up for himself a large business in the products of fields and dairy. Mr. Gillander, always actively interested in religious affairs, is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

John Gillander has been twice married: (first) to Mary McLaren, born in Barnet, Vermont, died in 1908, daughter of William and Margaret (Stevenson) McLaren; and (second) to Blanche Charlton, who died in 1927, a daughter of Norman G. and Ann (Keith) Charlton. By the first marriage there were four children: 1. Herbert A. 2. Benjamin L. 3. Margaret E., who is the wife of W. J. Weeks, and lives in Monroe, Michigan. 4. Alice M., who is employed as a stenographer in Monroe, Michigan.

**HARRY M. RICKER**—For more than a century the lumber plant and sawmill operated by Harry M. Ricker has been in existence here, and this village was named for Mr. Ricker's father, who was Ricker Mills' first postmaster and who purchased the plant soon after the Civil War. The finishing of both soft and hard woods is done in the plant now, and a fair-sized number of employees are used in its operation. Having been connected with the conduct of this enterprise since his father's death, Harry M. Ricker, while being a large contributor to the industrial life of Ricker Mills, has become a figure of note in civic projects and has held various town offices.

Mr. Ricker was born in December, 1866, at Ricker Mills, son of Amaziah H. and Marcie (Dascomb) Ricker, the father being generally known as A. H. Ricker. He was born at Groton, while the mother was a native of Hillsboro, New Hampshire. The post office and railway station here were named in honor of him, and he was the first postmaster, continuing to occupy that office until his death. Shortly after the close of the Civil War, A. H. Ricker purchased the mill now operated by his son, it having been in existence for more than one hundred and thirty-five years. Soon after taking over the plant, A. H. Ricker changed it from an "up-and-down" to a "circular" mill. He was a Republican, a zealous worker in town affairs, although not an office-seeker. Amaziah H. and Marcie (Dascomb) Ricker had three children: 1. Mary E., who married Edward L. Rowe. 2. Harry M., of further mention. 3. Edmund D., a merchant of Groton, Vermont.

Harry M. Ricker, after completing the town schools, entered Peacham Academy, and after graduating from this institution, became associated with his father and brother in the conduct of the mills here. After the death of the father, the concern was carried on by the two sons for a number of years, but eventually Harry M. Ricker purchased his brother's interest therein and since has been sole owner. His enterprise is utilized for the finishing of many varieties of wood, and about ten employees are constantly employed in carrying on the business. Having become a member of the same political party to which his father gave allegiance, Mr. Ricker has been one of the paramount influences in Republicanism in the town of Groton, having held many minor offices, was town auditor at one time, and now (1928) is serving as lister. He also was assistant postmaster at Ricker Mills, and after his father's death served as postmaster until he resigned this office to become a candidate for representative to the General Court. He was successful in being elected to this office and for one term served therein to the satisfaction of his constituents. Several fraternal organizations have enrolled Mr. Ricker, among them being Groton Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

Harry M. Ricker married Fannie Burnham, born at Hillsboro, New Hampshire, daughter of Ericson and



Martha (McClintock) Burnham. In early life Ericson Burnham was a foundry worker, but eventually took up agriculture. At the time her husband resigned the postmastership at Ricker Mills, Mrs. Ricker assumed the duties of that office and since has occupied this position. They have two children: 1. Milton Burnham, born in December, 1904; graduated from the University of Vermont, in 1927; took a post-graduate course in Forestry, and matriculated at Yale University. 2. Raymond Amaziah, born in June, 1908; graduated from Northeastern University, specializing in electrical engineering. The Ricker family worships at the Baptist Church.

**GEORGE LEROY HALL**—Among those hardy pioneers who contributed so much to the history of the Far West during those colorful days of the "Gold Rush," the late George Leroy Hall is worthy of especial mention, he having traveled to California soon after the first discovery of the precious yellow metal in the Sacramento River. However, he later returned to New England, located in Vermont, and here spent the remainder of his life in developing the natural resources of the Granite State, wherein he became a figure of import in political, industrial and financial spheres.

Mr. Hall was born February 5, 1831, son of William A. and Marion (Miller) Hall, who had one other son. Mr. Hall was orphaned at an early age, however, his father dying in his thirty-sixth year, and the mother passing away when she was twenty-six years old. Mr. Hall was taken into the family of his aunt, Mrs. Lillian (Miller) Lumsden, and her husband, and as was the custom at that period, he was compelled to remain with them until he was twenty-one years of age, assuming the duties of manhood when he was a mere boy. Upon attaining his majority, Mr. Hall heeded the call of adventure and in 1851 made the hazardous trip to California, which at that time was the scene of great excitement, due to the discovery of gold in that State. He made this journey by way of Panama, and was forced to cross the Isthmus on foot. Reaching the West, he there remained for about five years, during which time he was engaged in mining near Sonora. Mr. Hall returned to Ryegate, Vermont, in 1856, and purchased a one-half interest in the store owned by James White, who also was postmaster of South Ryegate. This partnership continued until 1868, when Mr. White disposed of his interest to Mr. Hall, who conducted the business thereafter as an individual enterprise. About that time he was appointed postmaster and held that office until 1886, when he was succeeded therein by his daughter, Marion Jean.

While Mr. Hall was possessed of unusual talents in making money, he was so devoted to the development of his State, that much of his wealth was dissipated through pioneer work of this kind. As is usually the case, many institutions fail to return a profit to the originators thereof, and while Mr. Hall assisted materially in a financial way toward the building of the Montpelier & Wells River Railroad, and was instrumental in starting the granite industry in South Ryegate, he was unfortunate enough to suffer from the above mentioned conditions.

Mr. Hall married in 1862, Isabella Lauder, who was born in 1840 at Topsham, and passed away March 14, 1921. She was one of eleven children of George and Jean (Laird) Lauder, both natives of Scotland. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hall: 1. Marion Jean, who graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1885; she succeeded her father as postmaster in 1886, serving in that office until her resignation on May 29, 1928; from 1908 until 1928 Miss Hall was secretary of the Postmasters' Association. 2. Elizabeth Lauder, graduate from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1888, and then completed a special course at Boston University; for

seven years was principal of Teachers' Training School at Lewiston, Maine; supervisor of the primary schools of Schenectady, New York, for five years; and now assistant superintendent of public schools at Minneapolis, Minnesota, which position she has held since 1911. 3. George LeRoy, born in 1871, died in 1872. 4. Mabel Cochrane, graduate from Wells River High School and Randolph Normal School; she passed away October 30, 1922. All members of the Hall family are attendants of the Presbyterian church.

George LeRoy Hall died August 14, 1903, and with his passing Vermont lost one of its most substantial citizens. He had led a life that was full of unusual experiences and of good deeds to his fellow-men. The many industries that now go to make up the progressive State of Vermont, in which he had so important a part, will serve as lasting monuments to his efforts, and he will long live in the memory of the many friends he possessed in this State.

**HERMAN M. OSGOOD**—It is extremely doubtful if the public service record of Herman M. Osgood is excelled by any citizen of this community. For many years he has been the choice of his townsmen for offices of trust and responsibility, and now (1928) in addition to carrying on his transfer business, which includes transportation of the United States mail, he is serving as constable and tax collector of Danville, and is overseer of the poor. Mr. Osgood, although born on his father's farm, early in life began railroad work and followed this for five years. Among his other occupations may be mentioned that of hotel proprietor. He is conspicuous in the works of many local organizations, civic, commercial, and fraternal, and also is active in church circles. Mr. Osgood was born April 6, 1867, at Walden, Vermont, son of John S. and Mary S. (Perkins) Osgood. Both parents are now deceased, the father having been a farmer throughout his mature years.

Herman M. Osgood was educated in the public schools and until twenty-one years of age remained on his father's farm, aiding in the operation thereof. Upon attaining his majority he broke the home ties and obtained a position in railroad work. This vocation he followed for a five year period, at the end of which time he accepted a position with the Elm House as clerk. After ten years as an employe of this hostelry, Mr. Osgood rented the hotel and operated it for another twelve years. In this vocation he obtained many close contacts, not only with his fellow-citizens but with guests of his hotel from surrounding communities, and steadily rose in the esteem and respect of his townsmen. This led to his being drafted into many public offices and for twelve years he was deputy sheriff here. Twice Mr. Osgood was the choice of the Democratic party to represent this district in the Legislature, but was unable to survive the overwhelming Republican vote which obtains here. He now holds the offices of constable, tax collector, overseer of the poor, and has charge of the Danville Cemetery. He has been health officer for the past four years, his appointment expiring in 1930. As part of his express business, Mr. Osgood has transported the United States mail from the local post office to the railroad station for more than eighteen years. A review of the foregoing responsibilities and accomplishments of this man will justify the statement made in the opening paragraph that his record of public office is unequalled in Danville, but Mr. Osgood has not been satisfied with these achievements. On the contrary, he has applied himself zealously to the good works of civic associations and similar societies. He is a member and Past Master of Washburn Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; a member of the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Council, Royal and Select Masters, and the Commandery, Knights Templar. Among his civic connections, is membership with the Village Improvement



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Association, of which he is vice-president, and he has been one of the three members of the prudential committee of this district for fifteen years. Danville's Chamber of Commerce has been a signal factor in the development of this community and many of its accomplishments are freely credited to Mr. Osgood's participation therein. He and his wife attend the Methodist Church.

Herman M. Osgood married Corilla M. Bovee, native of Danville, and daughter of Silas K. and Mary M. (Oderkirk) Bovee. One son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Osgood, Harold S., who died at the age of nine years.

**CHARLES STEPHEN CRAY**—One of the successful business men of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, is Charles Stephen Cray, of the firm of Cray Brothers, distributors of Texaco oil products, the largest individual distributors of Texas oil products in New England, with distributing points at Woodsville, Bethlehem, and Lancaster, New Hampshire; Bellows Falls, St. Johnsbury, and Newport, Vermont. The brothers also sell at retail in St. Johnsbury, and in addition to their interests in the oil product business operate moving picture houses in St. Johnsbury and Bellows Falls. They are well known in this borough and in both lines of their business interest are achieving success.

Stephen Cray, father of Mr. Cray, was born in Ireland, and was brought to this country when he was nine years of age. He received his education in the schools of this country and finally located in Bellows Falls, Vermont, where for many years he was engaged in the meat and grocery business. Later, he extended his interest to the packing business, operating in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine, and in both lines he was successful. He is a prominent citizen of Bellows Falls and has many friends there. He married Delia Quarters, and both are actively interested in community and civic affairs in Bellows Falls.

Charles Stephen Cray, son of Stephen and Delia (Quarters) Cray, was born in Bellows Falls, Vermont, February 12, 1892, and received his education in the local public schools. With his brother he came to St. Johnsbury and established the business which operates under the name of Cray Brothers, and which distributes the Texaco oil products. The brothers do a thriving retail business in St. Johnsbury, and their cinema ventures in St. Johnsbury and in Bellows Falls materially add to their resources. Both brothers are men of enterprise and of pronounced energy, and their success is well deserved. Mr. Cray is not one who gives his allegiance to political parties. He casts his vote independently, preferring to give personal fitness for office the prime consideration, rather than party affiliations. Fraternally, he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Loyal Order of Moose, and Knights of Columbus, and his religious membership is with the Catholic church.

Charles Stephen Cray is married to Mary Pheur, who was born in North Walpole, New Hampshire, daughter of James Pheur. Both are members of the Catholic church, and both have a large circle of friends in St. Johnsbury.

**ARTHUR G. SPRAGUE**—Since the year of the Spanish-American War one of the prosperous insurance enterprises of St. Johnsbury has been energized in part by the activity of Arthur G. Sprague, who has been in this line of business since his graduation from school here. A native of the district, he comes of an old and substantial family, his forebears all having been notable for their constructive achievements and for their sturdy Americanism. Fealty to tradition is thoroughly ingrained in the nature of this citizen, whose business is conducted on principles of the highest probity and whose affiliations

with civic and fraternal affairs have won him the esteem of his fellows in all walks.

He was born in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, August 12, 1880, a son of William Wallace and May (Wentworth) Sprague, his father having been the founder of the insurance business known as the W. W. Sprague Agency in 1895. Arthur G. Sprague was educated in the public schools here and graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1898, when he became associated with his father in the business, and the partnership of W. W. Sprague & Son was founded in 1905. The founder died June 12, 1912, when his son took over the business and conducted it independently until January 1, 1923, when he entered into a partnership with Fabian S. Reed but did not alter the name of the firm from its title of W. W. Sprague & Son. Arthur G. Sprague holds the general agency for the National Life Insurance Company of Montpelier, while Mr. Reed holds a one-half interest in the Fire & Casualty Insurance business. The business is conducted in the same building in Eastern Avenue where it was established in 1898 and deals in general insurance in addition to the specials named. Mr. Sprague is a Republican in politics and is a director of the Phenix Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Concord, New Hampshire, and of the St. Johnsbury Country Club. He is affiliated with the order of Free and Accepted Masons, being Past Master of Passumpsic Lodge; Past Master of Caledonia Council, Royal and Select Masters; Past Commander of Palestine Commandery, Knights Templar, and a member of Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and to the Rotary Club, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the United Commercial Travelers. The family attends the North Congregational Church.

Arthur G. Sprague married Elizabeth D. Merrill, born in West Brattleboro, Vermont, daughter of the late Rev. C. H. and Laura B. (Merrill) Merrill. Their children are: 1. Richard M., a graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy and student at Bowdoin College. 2. William W., student at St. Johnsbury Academy. 3. Arthur G., Jr., student. 4. Margaret E., student.

**EDWIN F. GRIMES**—Born and reared on a farm, later engaging in various occupations all related to constructive work, Edwin F. Grimes, of St. Johnsbury, is now the sole proprietor here of the Somers & Grimes building and finished lumber business. It is, under his expert guidance, a prosperous enterprise and a decided addition to the commercial activities of the district, meeting the demands of progress satisfactorily and co-operating in that manner that begets the sincere appreciation of the people. Mr. Grimes is a citizen of reliability, who conducts his business with due regard for the rights of others, who puts into his work material of full value under his obligations and exacts nothing beyond what he extends in reciprocal commercial relations. He is interested in the civic affairs of the people among whom he has cast his lot and fraternally affiliated with organizations appealing to the better element, a good churchman and a factor of substantial value to the body politic, with legions of friends and possessing the sincere regard of the whole people.

He was born in Franconia, New Hampshire, July 24, 1876, a son of Alvin and Sarah (Elliott) Grimes, both natives of that State, where his father had been a farmer all his life. Both are now deceased. His education was attained in the public elementary schools and at the Franconia academy, after which he worked on the farm until he was twenty-one years of age, when he went to Boston and obtained employment with the B. F. Keith theatrical enterprises in the advertising de-



partment. After two years in that occupation he came to St. Johnsbury and worked for one year for the Fairbanks Scale Company. He then became associated with A. L. Bragg in carpentry work, remaining there for eight years and then going with Varnum & Gilfillan, where he was foreman for twelve years. This was followed for several years by railroad construction work, in which he was foreman in the building of dams and bridges. In turn he became associated with H. P. Cummings & Company and worked independently here as a journeyman carpenter, eventually entering into a partnership with H. H. Somers, Jr., in the contracting and building business which they purchased from R. C. Merrill and operated together until January 10, 1928, when Mr. Somers died and his partner assumed independent control. He also operates a lumber mill and employs half a dozen hands on outside construction work. In politics he is a Republican and in religion a Methodist. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Grange and other organizations.

Edwin F. Grimes married Winnie A. Woods, daughter of Daniel Woods, of Danville, Vermont.

**FOREST EARL BAILEY**—Railroading at St. Johnsbury, a junction point of great importance, where three transportation systems, one of them being of transcontinental scope, have trackage rights and property interests, is raised to the status of a profession and in its operation is reduced to a science under the expert administration of Forest E. Bailey, general agent. Mr. Bailey, an experienced railroad man in the operating department of many years' association, exercises also administrative powers at St. Johnsbury, where he has charge of the immediate interests of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, the St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain Railroad Company and the Maine Central Railway Company.

Forest Earl Bailey was born in Bath, New Hampshire, October 19, 1893, the son of Clarence E. and Lillian F. (Chamberlain) Bailey, who operates a farm in his native village. He was graduated from the grammar school at Thetford to Thetford Academy, from which he received his diploma on finishing his course in the class of 1912. The urge to be a railroad man was not to be denied; in fact he had fostered it through the years of his youth, and when the opportunity presented itself, he connected with the industry, having received the appointment of assistant agent. On he went, from position to position, always advancing as his thoroughness and quickness to learn merited promotions. Eventually he rose to the place of train dispatcher for the Boston & Maine Railroad at Lyndonville. Here his work came under the observation of keen-eyed railroad men high up in the executive or operating departments of other systems, and they were very favorably impressed by the ready, able, accurate, energetic young dispatcher to whom the work seemed to be his second nature. It was a foregone conclusion that a man of his type and accomplishments would not remain isolated at a minor point, even on a great system.

When the three railroad lines at St. Johnsbury coordinated their local administration departments under one head with the title of agent, the appointing powers fixed upon Mr. Bailey as the man for the place. On November 16, 1925, he was installed in office at St. Johnsbury, where his discharge of the responsibilities devolving upon him has demonstrated to the respective managements the wisdom of their choice.

Mr. Bailey at once entered wholeheartedly into his work and into the various activities of St. Johnsbury community life as well. The people have reciprocated his kindly interest by giving him every cooperation within their power and welcoming him into the circles of his election. In politics he is a faithful citizen of Republican leanings but with a pronounced independent stripe, espe-

cially in local affairs. He is affiliated with the St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce, being one of its valued members; Valley Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Orleans; Keystone Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Barton; Palestine Commandery, Knights Templar, of St. Johnsbury; Mount Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Montpelier; the Order of Railway Telegraphers; the Rotary Club of St. Johnsbury; the Congregational Church of St. Johnsbury, in which he and his wife are active members; and the Men's Brotherhood, of which he is also vice-president.

Forest Earl Bailey married Cassie Wing, daughter of Nathan and Annie (Hill) Wing. Their children are: Stanley Russell and Kenneth Robert.

**CHARLES VICTOR WARNE**—Though born under the British flag and still bound to the mother country by the ties of kith and kin, Charles Victor Warne, junior member of the Moose River Granite Company, St. Johnsbury, has been established in this country for more than a quarter of a century, or long enough to have been assimilated into the great American commonwealth, of which he is happy to call himself a loyal unit.

Born in England, December 18, 1886, Charles Victor Warne is the son of Henry and Kate (Palmer) Warne, his parents having always lived in the homeland and never have crossed the sea to America. Their son has, however, made several trips back to his native place to see father and mother, thus compensating them in part for his becoming a resident of this land. Charles V. Warne received a good common school education under the English system and then set himself to learn the granite business. After he was "given his time," he sailed for America, thinking to ply his trade in a more remunerative connection. He was twenty-one years old when he arrived at Quincy, Massachusetts, and settling there, obtained employment in one of the great granite works for which the city of Quincy is famous.

Having determined to confine himself to the line of business which he best knew, he was constantly on the lookout to better his connection with it. The opportunity came with an offer from the Moose River Granite Company at Concord, this State, and he accepted. There he became an associate of William J. Oliver (q. v.), and the two combined their interests as owners of the business, which they conducted under the same style at Concord for a number of years. In 1921, the partners moved their plant and offices to St. Johnsbury, where they have prospered, the company doing a wholesale business in granite the country over, receiving all their orders for the product by mail. Mr. Warne devotes practically all his time and attention to his end of the establishment. He is also practically interested in the community progress of St. Johnsbury, commercially and civically. He is affiliated with the Blue Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Royal Arch Masons, Royal and Select Masters, Knights Templar and Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is an attendant of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Charles Victor Warne married Beatrice L. Dawe, born in England, and they are the parents of a son, Paul Ewart Warne.

**JOHN ROGERS LEE**—A member of one of the oldest and most prominent families in Vermont, the late John Rogers Lee who died at Kansas City, Missouri, in 1912, was one of the Caledonia County's best-known business men for many years until he moved to Missouri where he was actively engaged until the time of his death. The original Lee farm which has been in the family since 1801 is still held by Mr. Lee's daughter, Bertha Mary Lee, who manages this immense farm of







*Chas. D. Brainerd*

three hundred acres and, since the advent of the automobile and its attendant tourist travel, uses the original Lee homestead as a lodge for tourists during the summer months.

Mr. Lee was born in Waterford, March 4, 1838, son of Nathaniel and Isabel (Johnson) Lee, both of whom were born in Vermont. Nathaniel Lee was born on the old family farm and was a son of the original owner, John Lee.

John Rogers Lee was educated in the local district schools and later became connected with the contracting and building trade. His business operations caused him to go West and while in Michigan, he enlisted for service with the Union Army; the Civil War having started in the meanwhile. Upon the cessation of hostilities he returned to his home State, and entered the lumber business in association with his father. This partnership continued until 1883 when Mr. Lee again went West and entered the contracting and building business in Missouri in which State he continued to reside for the remainder of his life. He achieved considerable success in the building field and many splendid buildings stand as testimonials to his expert supervision and thorough dependability. Mr. Lee saw active service during the war between the States as a member of the Fifth Michigan Regiment for two years. He and his wife were members of the Congregational Church all their lives.

John Rogers Lee married Katherine Houghton of Lyndon, daughter of Henry and Caroline (Cook) Houghton, both of whom were members of respected and prominent families of Caledonia County. Mr. and Mrs. Lee were the parents of three daughters: 1. Caroline, educated at St. Johnsbury Academy, died at the age of twenty. 2. Mabel Lavanah, died at the age of nine months. 3. Bertha Mary, of whom further.

Bertha Mary Lee was educated at St. Johnsbury Academy and Western Reserve University, graduating from the latter institution of learning with the class of 1903. For eleven years, she was a valued member of the teaching staff of the East High School of Cleveland, Ohio, after which she returned to Vermont where she takes an active part in the business and social affairs of St. Johnsbury. Miss Lee retains possession of the family farm which is operated by a tenant farmer. The original Lee homestead is in charge of a caretaker and during the summer season is one of the most popular and attractive lodges for tourists in this scenically beautiful locality. On the farm are kept about fifty head of Guernsey cattle besides which they produce general farm products and make butter which is sold in the local markets. An efficient sawmill is also operated. In the village of East St. Johnsbury, where Miss Lee makes her home, she conducts a thriving poultry business, having about nine hundred hens and selling eggs principally in New Hampshire. Miss Lee has made a pronounced success of her various business operations. In her religious adherence, she is a member of the Episcopal Church, and in all civic affairs takes an interested and constructive part.

**CAPTAIN CHARLES D. BRAINERD**—In the thin blue line, tenderly cherished remnant of that splendid array of brain, brawn and patriotism which was the glory of the Green Mountain State on many a hard-fought and bloody field of the Civil War, there survive in the town of Danville but two veterans, one of whom is Captain Charles D. Brainerd, aged, respected and retired citizen. In these golden days of the sunset of life, Captain Brainerd and his comrade, Hiram Hawkins, often call up the stirring scenes in which both were principals in action, and in which the former advanced from private to company commander, brevet captain, for gallantry in the field.

Born in Danville, September 11, 1842, Captain Charles

D. Brainerd is the son of Hiram and Mehitabel (Brown) Brainerd, both parents natives of this State, his father having been a butcher. The public schools and Phillips Academy in Danville afforded the son, Charles, an excellent education of the practical kind. Hardly had he left textbooks and the halls of learning behind to enter in the way of making his own livelihood than the tocsin of war was resounding ominously throughout the land, sending the surge of patriotism tingling through the veins of every red-blooded son of America who would defend the integrity of the Union. One of those to whom the call to arms appealed with telling effect was Charles Brainerd of Danville. He enlisted forthwith, in 1862, and was accepted as a private and assigned to the 15th Regiment of Vermont Infantry. His command was soon ordered to the front, after a period of intensive training, and in short order had received its baptism of fire in the very center of the theatre of war.

Private Brainerd proved his worth and demonstrated his prowess as a soldier. Fearless, aggressive and efficient, he attracted the favorable notice of his superior officers, who had observed his bravery in action and under galling fire of the enemy. In the battle of the Wilderness, that gory field of honor, he especially distinguished himself, as was true of his participation in the entire campaign directed by General Ulysses S. Grant. He was mentioned in dispatches and recommended for promotion. On April 9, 1864, he was commissioned second lieutenant of Company G, 15th Vermont Infantry. On June 17, 1864, he was wounded in action. On November 1, 1864, he was advanced to first lieutenant, in merited recognition of his services. On April 2, 1865, he was brevetted captain for gallantry in the assault on Petersburg, which was made on that date. He was honorably mustered out of the service July 14, 1865.

From the smoke and carnage of battle, Captain Brainerd came back to his native Danville, where as was befitting the occasion, his fellow-citizens gave vent and voice to their pent-up feelings in a grand-welcome-home reception. To the arts of peace he quickly turned his attention by pursuing the quiet and productive avocation of the farmer, and beginning to carve out for himself a career of honorable civic service in behalf of his township and county. His major activity, of course, was the farm, in the cultivation of which he achieved a gratifying measure of success. Then came the day when he felt he might retire from heavy responsibilities and he disposed of all his realty holdings with the exception of the home place of some fifteen acres, which he continues to make his place of abode, amidst many memories of historic and personal associations.

The civil service rendered by Captain Brainerd has been important, varied and of wide range. He has always given his suffrage under the standard of the Republican party. He was called to the office of associate judge of the Caledonia County Court and filled that post with distinction for one term. His district elected him to the State Senate and returned him for a second term in appreciation of fine work in behalf of the State and his constituency. He held the office of town agent for several years, and has been justice of the peace for sixty years and is still holding that position, although he has asked to be relieved several times, and has been honored with many other offices in the gift of his fellow-citizens.

Captain Charles D. Brainerd married Emma A. Morse, who also is a native of Danville, the daughter of Walter and Lucinda (Lovewell) Morse. In their younger years both were actively engaged in the work of the Methodist Episcopal church, and still contribute to it. They are respected and well-to-do residents of the community, whose people have for them a real affection for their sterling worth and substantial interest in all things that make for the common good.



**GEORGE H. MILLIS**, postmaster of Groton, Vermont, having been appointed by President Harding to this position in September, 1922, is one of the leading citizens of this place. The office is one of the third-class variety, and has one clerk and four rural delivery routes; and Mr. Millis, during his term of office, has done not a little to increase its service and efficiency. Being a native and a lifelong resident of this town, he is thoroughly acquainted with the people who live here, while as a result of his pleasing personality he lists among his friends all who know him.

Mr. Millis was born in Groton, Vermont, on April 14, 1866, a son of Wesley J. and Phoebe (Goodwin) Millis. His father was a native of the northern part of Vermont, while his mother was born in Groton. His parents, both of whom were farmers by occupation, are now deceased. They had a family of three, of whom George H., of this record, was the eldest. He was educated in the grade schools of Groton, and later attended Peacham Academy. For a time he was a teacher in the schools of Groton—in fact, he continued for more than eighteen years with his work of teaching, which, along with farming, always constituted his principal lines of endeavor. Long before he entered the post office at Groton, he had been closely identified with the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he had ardently supported in many elections, and on whose ticket he was elected school director, a position which he held for six years, and village treasurer, in which capacity he served for eight years. Both he and his wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Millis married Lizzie Baldwin, a native of Groton, Vermont, daughter of John and Miria (Plummer) Baldwin, who were throughout their lives farmers highly respected in this community and are now deceased.

**BRUCE VARNEY WAKEFIELD**—As proprietor of a general store and postmaster of the village of East St. Johnsbury, Bruce Varney Wakefield holds a place prominent in the life and affairs of his community. The office of which he is postmaster is a fourth class office according to the classification of the United States postal authorities, and he has served in it since his appointment in 1921.

Mr. Wakefield was born in North Danville, Vermont, on June 17, 1890, son of Harry V. and Isadora (Bruce) Wakefield. His father, who is now deceased, for many years was a merchant in North Danville, and later was engaged in business in Lyndonville, Vermont, where his widow now lives. Harry V. Wakefield was very prominent in this part of the State, and was highly regarded by all whose privilege it was to know him. The son, Bruce Varney Wakefield, of whom this is a record, attended in his boyhood the district schools of this region, and then became a student at Lyndon Institute. Subsequently he studied at Cushing Academy and at Syracuse University, from which he was graduated in the class of 1915. For two years he was in the law offices of Enright, Costello and Devine, at Syracuse, New York, and at that period intended to study law. In 1917, however, upon the entrance of the United States into the late World War, Mr. Wakefield enlisted in the aviation service, in which connection he was stationed at Mineola, Long Island, New York. For about a year he studied at the Cornell Aviation School, in Ithaca, New York, and held the rank of first-class private.

Upon leaving the service of his country, he was for two years with his brother, Sherman, in the bakery business, at Lyndonville, Vermont. Then, desiring to go into business for himself, he bought the general store which he has since conducted, in a bankrupt sale. By his own hard work, sound judgment and untiring efforts, he has converted this institution from a losing enterprise to one whose profits might well be envied by many men

engaged in a similar line of business. In all his work he has made a consistent attempt to study the needs of his community and to meet them with the greatest possible efficiency and spirit of service, with the result that he has aided both himself and his fellow-men.

Mr. Wakefield has for years been identified with some of the foremost organizations and societies of the St. Johnsbury region of Vermont. For a long time he has been a member of the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he regularly supports. He holds membership in the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order his affiliation is with the St. Johnsbury Lodge; the Delta Chi Fraternity; and the Moose River Fish and Game Club, of Caledonia County, of which he is president. He is a member of the Congregational Church. Mr. Wakefield has always maintained an active interest in athletics, and was in his college days captain of the freshman team at Syracuse University, while for two years he played on the Varsity football team. He was captain also at Cushing Academy before he went to the university, and in Syracuse was coach of the Central High School football team.

Bruce Varney Wakefield married Maude Wetherbee, a native of West Lebanon, New Hampshire, who had spent most of her early life in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and in Lyndonville, Vermont, daughter of Alson and Elizabeth (Thompson) Wetherbee. Her father is a manufacturer of wood-turning novelties. Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield have become the parents of three children: Mary Elizabeth, Bruce Alson, and Howard Varney.

**JAMES FREMONT NELSON**—More than one hundred and fifty years ago there settled near what is now the town of Ryegate a rugged pioneer, William Nelson, who took up land here and devoted his life to its cultivation and improvement. Today, this acreage is known as Wayside Meadow Farm, and one of the direct descendants of this early pioneer owns and operates the estate, whereupon he conducts general farming, the breeding of live stock, and engages in dairying. This descendant, James Fremont Nelson, is one of the most successful men in his line in Vermont, due in part to the fact that he uses scientific methods in his business, with which he familiarized himself through special studies in institutions devoted to agriculture and allied industries. Mr. Nelson has carried on those traditions founded by his ancestors and has become a factor of note in public life of his community.

Mr. Nelson was born August 2, 1893, son of Fremont and Jennette (Esdon) Nelson, the latter having passed away in December, 1927. The first member of this family, William Nelson, as heretofore stated, came to Ryegate more than one hundred and fifty years ago, being one of the first settlers in this section. He had a son, John Nelson, who married and also had a son, John F., father of Fremont Nelson and grandfather of James Fremont Nelson, of further mention. Fremont Nelson was born at Ryegate, and married Jennette Esdon, a native of Wheelock, Vermont. He passed away in 1925, and he and his wife were the parents of three boys: 1. Harry, associated with the International Paper Company and a resident of New York City. 2. John E., a teacher of vocational training at Barre, Vermont. 3. James Fremont, the subject of this biography.

After completing the course prescribed by the town schools, James Fremont Nelson studied at St. Johnsbury Academy, thence matriculated at the State Agricultural School, in Randolph, and completed his scholastic training with a special course at Cornell University. Mr. Nelson had long since determined upon his life's career, and that he refused to be deviated from his course is attested by the fact that after completing his theoretical education he at once returned to the family home and became a partner with his father in the conduct of



Wayside Meadow Farm, which is comprised of two hundred acres of land. After his father's death, in 1925, Mr. Nelson purchased the property from the estate and since has carried on his activities as an individual owner. At Wayside Meadow Farm he cultivates the usual products found in this State, and in addition thereto, has a herd of sixty cattle, all of them Guernseys and one-half of registered stock. Dairying constitutes a material portion of Mr. Nelson's activities, and his dairy products have a high reputation in this community. As is to be expected of a man of his standing, he has devoted freely of his time to public affairs and, a Republican in political beliefs, has been a preponderant figure in local circles of this organization. In 1925 Mr. Nelson was chosen to represent his district in the Vermont State Legislature, filling this rôle most efficiently; for six years was school director here, and now (1928) is serving as auditor. He and his wife are conspicuous figures in the Presbyterian church, and Mr. Nelson, in addition to giving substantial aid to the benevolences of this denomination, is clerk and treasurer for the local congregation.

James Fremont Nelson married Edith Mitchell, native of East Meredith, New York, and daughter of Howard and Emma (Henderson) Mitchell, her father being a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson have three children: Howard Fremont, James Harold, and Janette Mitchell.

**ARTHUR E. SMITH**—The grocery business has been the life work of Arthur E. Smith, of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, and how well he has succeeded in this line is indicated by the fact that he began business for himself with a capital of fifty dollars and now (1928) after twenty years, is the owner of six stores, each of which is doing a flourishing business. Quite an achievement that, for only a score of years, and Mr. Smith is still young enough to enjoy the fruits of his success, being still in his early fifties. Three of his grocery stores are located in St. Johnsbury, and all six are cut price cash grocery concerns. Four are "cash and carry" and from two Mr. Smith delivers goods. All carry a full line of groceries and general provisions, and all enjoy a liberal patronage.

Arthur E. Smith was born in Canada, October 29, 1875, son of Fred J. and Adelia (Rash) Smith, the father a native of Canada and the mother of the States, and both now (1928) living in Barton, Vermont. After attending the public school of Barton, including the high school, he secured a position as clerk in a grocery store, and continued to serve as a clerk until he established his own business. That was in 1908, twenty years ago. He began in a small way, with only fifty dollars cash capital, and built his foundation firmly, increasing his facilities for business only as his patronage grew, keeping down expenses and giving his customers a share in the benefits of his economical management. He operated on a cash basis, cash and carry entirely at the start, and he has continued the policy of cash payment in all his stores, though now he delivers from two of them. As success was achieved in one store, he expanded his interests locating other stores in localities where there seemed to be a good opening, until now he has a chain of six prosperous grocery stores, three in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, one in Lyndonville, one in West Burke, and one in Woodsville. A general line of groceries and provisions is carried in each, and for the service of all six stores he employs about sixteen people. Such a development from a total cash capital of fifty dollars is evidence enough of the ability of the owner and seems also to be a verification of the truth of the old German Proverb, "Build on economy and you build on success." A noticeable feature of the success of Mr. Smith is the fact that in cut prices his patrons have been enabled to "build on economy," even as the owner himself, securing the necessities of life in so far as they are secured from a grocery store at the

most economical rates. Politically, Mr. Smith is a Republican, and fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His religious membership is with the Congregational church, in which both he and his wife are active workers.

Arthur E. Smith is married to Myrtle A. Stewart, daughter of Alex and Mary (Moulton) Stewart. Mr. Smith has his central office on Portland Street, in St. Johnsbury.

**MILO S. McLAREN**—A prominent and prosperous farmer in the town of Barnet, Milo S. McLaren owns a 150-acre farm, as well as a back pasture of 100 acres, and is one of the most widely and favorably known citizens of his community. Although he receives his mail through the Ryegate post office, all his property and the family residence are situated in Barnet, where he engages in general farming and dairying, keeps about forty or fifty head of cattle, part of which are registered Guernseys and the rest Grade 1 stock, and takes a prominent part in the life of Barnet and its environs.

Mr. McLaren was born on the farm where he now resides, on April 24, 1859, a son of James and Catherine (Somers) McLaren, and grandson of Alexander, and great-grandson of John, known as "Honest John" McLaren, who landed in New York from the other side of the world without money, his pocket having been picked on the way, and settled on the farm now occupied by Milo S. McLaren as early as 1776. "Honest John" was a ship's carpenter by trade, but upon coming to the United States from Scotland, his native land, became and remained a farmer. For many years he lived alone, then married and spent the rest of his life in Barnet.

Milo S. McLaren, of whom this is a record, received his early education in the common schools of this, his native district, and then spent two terms at the Peacham Academy. At the end of his school days, he became associated with his father on the farm, and finally bought the property, rebuilt the house, making it into the present beautiful structure, and set up a new barn and out-buildings. Much of the success which this farming enterprise today enjoys is due, therefore, despite the fact that the land has been in the family's possession for generations, to the careful management and progressiveness of Milo S. McLaren himself, who never relaxed in his efforts to modernize it in every possible way. In addition to his work as farmer and dairyman, he is an important figure in the civic and social life of his town, being prominently identified with the Republican party, and having represented his town at the General Court for one term, and having for two terms held the office of selectman. Both he and Mrs. McLaren are members of the United Presbyterian Church, in whose affairs they are untiringly active, and in which he is an elder.

Milo S. McLaren married Luvia Somers, a native of Barnet, Vermont, daughter of Alexander B. and Jeanette (Ferguson) Somers, both of whom were born in Vermont. By this union there were the following children: 1. Lura, a graduate of Peacham Academy, now employed in Boston, Massachusetts. 2. Carroll, who received his early education in the schools of Barnet, was graduated from Peacham Academy, became employed with his father on the farm, and married Catherine Hooker, by whom he has three children: Merrill, Martin and Duncan. 3. Elsie, educated at Peacham Academy, now the wife of William W. Crown, of Barnet. 4. Hester, educated at Peacham Academy, also took a commercial course, and is now a stenographer in a bank at Lowell, Massachusetts.

**WILLIAM ARTHUR TAPLIN**—For nearly a half century the concern which operates under the name of Steele, Taplin & Company has been selling clothing and



men's furnishings to the residents of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, and vicinity. The store on Main Street has become a landmark to old residents of the place, and though it has changed its name several times it has for some years now borne its present title. Since the retirement of Mr. Steele in 1911, the business has been owned and operated under the name of Steele & Taplin, and is still doing business under that name (1928).

William Arthur Taplin was born in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, November 19, 1865, son of Guy Harrison, who was engaged as a mechanic during his life, and of Mary Jane (Dearth) Taplin, both natives of this State, and both now deceased. Mr. Taplin attended the public schools of St. Johnsbury and St. Johnsbury Academy, and then began his active life as a clerk. He has continued in mercantile life to the present time eventually entering the employ of earlier owners of the business which is now his. This old clothing and men's furnishing business was founded in 1870 by John A. Moore. When the concern was well established Mr. Moore formed a company and the business was continued under the name of Moore & Company. Later, L. B. Atwood became the owner and operated under his own name, finally selling to E. D. Steele. It was while Mr. Atwood was owner that Mr. Taplin became identified with the business, and eventually he was admitted to partnership under the name of Steele & Taplin. In 1911 Mr. Steele retired from active business life, and when, in November, 1920, his death occurred, the name remained unchanged, Mr. Taplin continuing the business under the old name, though he is now the owner of the enterprise. He does a large business in general lines of clothing and men's furnishings, and the business has been so long established that it has a very large following, some of its patrons having traded here for nearly a half a century, and some of its younger patrons representing the third generation to clothe itself at this well stocked emporium. Mr. Taplin is a man of sound business ability and has the respect of his many business associates in the village. He is a Republican and for several years he served as town committeeman. He is a member of Passumpsic Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Haswell Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Palestine Commandery, Knights Templar; Mount Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and of the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias. As a member of the St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce he actively forwards the interests of the village, and he has for years been one of the progressive citizens who desire for St. Johnsbury steady improvement and growth. His religious membership is with the South Congregational Church, in which he and his wife are very active.

William Arthur Taplin married Grace Hubbard, who was born in Candia, New Hampshire, daughter of John R. and Lydia (Collins) Hubbard, and they have two children: 1. Frank H., who was educated in the St. Johnsbury Academy, married Ethel M. Goss, and has one child, Charles A. 2. Carl H., also educated in St. Johnsbury Academy, married Vera G. Goodrich, and has one son, Robert H.

**JOHN D. STEVENS**—Loyal to the State of his birth which gave him the opportunities that made it possible for him to retire from an active business life at an age when most men are still reaching for fortune, John D. Stevens makes his home in St. Johnsbury but elects to spend his winters in the National Capital, enjoying there the relaxation afforded by its unusual political and social atmosphere. From the year of his graduation from the public schools of Vermont until he retired he was in constant employment of versatile character, in all of his engagements displaying a high order of ability that commended him to those with whom he was associated. He

won the respect of men by his devotion to duty, his industry and his shrewd business conceptions, and made a legion of friends through his pleasing personality and considerate thought for the rights of others. In public affairs he has been a citizen ever interested in the progress of the people, ready to give his full share of labor to the tasks that are undertaken for the general welfare and the promotion of public contentment.

He was born in Brattleboro, Vermont, August 22, 1860, a son of Joseph Addison and Jane (Wells) Stevens, his father having been engaged in railroad and teaming work for many years. His education was acquired in the elementary and high schools of Brattleboro, at the conclusion of which preliminary scholastic training he became bookkeeper for a wholesale grain house in Greenfield, Massachusetts, and then in a similar position with the E. Crosby Company. This work brought him into contact with a number of Brattleboro persons who were owners of a cattle ranch in South Dakota and he was invited to become manager of the property. He accepted and for thirteen years remained on the ranch and conducted its affairs with full satisfaction to the owners, resigning to accept the posts of secretary and treasurer of the Butler Manufacturing Company, of Kansas City, Missouri, and remaining there for sixteen years, when he retired and returned to St. Johnsbury to make his permanent residence.

John D. Stevens married Edith (Nichols) Flint, widow of Alvin Flint, of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, and daughter of Charles W. and Caroline (Fairbanks) Nichols, of Massachusetts. She was educated in the schools of Templeton, Massachusetts; the Massachusetts Normal Art School and the Boston Conservatory of Music, with additional summer courses in other educational institutions. Coming to St. Johnsbury, she entered the school system and for ten years was supervisor in charge of music and drawing in the public schools and St. Johnsbury Academy. She and her husband attend the North Congregational Church.

**ALFRED KELSEY MOORE**—A member of one of the oldest families in Ryegate, Alfred Kelsey Moore, with his brother, Henry M. Moore, is well known as a substantial and public-spirited citizen and progressive farmer. Alfred Kelsey Moore was born on the old homestead in Ryegate, adjoining the village of McIndoe Falls, September 4, 1859, a son of Alanson and Laura (Nelson) Moore, his father a native of Ryegate and the mother of Lyman, New Hampshire, the former a well known farmer and lumber dealer in his section. Of the three children, of whom Alfred Kelsey was the second, Charles, the eldest, died in California, May 8, 1908; and Henry M., is associated with his brother in the operation of the ancestral acres. There are in the old home farm a total of three hundred and sixty-eight acres, while in another tract devoted to grazing purposes there are one hundred and seventeen acres.

The education of Alfred Kelsey Moore was received in the public schools of McIndoe Falls and at St. Johnsbury Academy. Ever since he left school he has given his attention principally to the development of the Moore farming interests in cooperation with his brother, Henry M. Mr. Moore is a firm adherent of the Republican party, and by the exercise of his suffrage and the discharge of his citizenship responsibilities he has broadened and at the same time has defined his influence in the community and upon its people. He is deeply interested in the agricultural and civic advance of his town and the surrounding district. His fraternal affiliation is with the Knights of Pythias, and he and Mrs. Moore are attendants of the Congregational Church, whose various activities are encouraged through their substantial support.

Alfred Kelsey Moore married Mary E. (Bailey)



*John B. Leonard*





McClay, widow of Joseph McClay, and daughter of George and Ann (Felch) Bailey. Mrs. Moore, by her former marriage, is the mother of two children: 1. Jane, married Warren Bennett, and they have a son, Richard Albee. 2. Marion A., who is a stenographer at Woods-ville, New Hampshire.

**VERNON B. TICEHURST**—As secretary of the Northern Lumber Company, of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, Vernon B. Ticehurst is officially identified with one of the well-known wholesale lumber concerns of this State. For nearly forty years the Northern Lumber Company has been handling in wholesale quantities vast amounts of lumber, buying and selling on their own account and also on a commission basis. While the home office is here in St. Johnsbury, the company also has an office at No. 10 High Street, in Boston, Massachusetts. Mr. Ticehurst is a native of Glover, Vermont, but was educated in Barton, Vermont.

Vernon B. Ticehurst was born in West Glover, Vermont, August 1, 1885, son of Edwin L. and Margaret (Mitchell) Ticehurst, the father a farmer who was born at Smith's Mills, Vermont, and resides at St. Johnsbury, and the mother a native of Greensboro, Vermont, now deceased. Mr. Ticehurst attended the public schools of Barton, Vermont, including the high school, also Barton Academy, and then finished his preparation for a successful business life by taking a one year course in Barber's Business College. After the completion of his commercial course Mr. Ticehurst secured a position as clerk in a grocery store, and there he continued for a period of four years. At the end of that time he associated himself with the Northern Lumber Company, of St. Johnsbury and Boston, and since that time his connection with this prosperous concern has been continuous. As the years passed he was given more and more responsibility and finally was made secretary of the company, which office he is still (1928) filling. The Northern Lumber Company was founded back in 1890, by James A. Hamilton, who was its president to the time of his death, which occurred in May, 1928. Loren V. Hastings, an account of whose life appears elsewhere in this work, is vice-president and treasurer, and F. G. Newton is sales agent. The home office, which handles accounts, settlements, and financial matters in general, is located in St. Johnsbury, but the selling office is in Boston, Massachusetts, located at No. 10 High Street, where the concern has long been known as one of the reliable lumber concerns of New England. Long association with the lumber business has made Mr. Ticehurst an expert in this staple business of the State of Vermont, and both as a business man and as a lumber expert he is well known in this section. He is a Republican in his political faith, is active in the local Chamber of Commerce, and fraternally is identified with the Knights of Pythias, in which order he has taken all the chairs. He and his family are affiliated with the South Congregational Church and both he and his wife are active in its affairs, Mr. Ticehurst serving as assistant superintendent of the Sunday School and as a member of the board of deacons.

Vernon B. Ticehurst is married to Winifred Clark, a native of Massachusetts, daughter of Cyrus and Kizzie (Howes) Clark, and they have two children: Amos Clark and Ruth Marjorie.

**ELMER S. BAILEY**—One of the most prosperous and important figures in the life of the town of Barnet, Vermont, Elmer S. Bailey is sole owner and proprietor of the William Roy Farm, one hundred and twenty-seven acres of land beautifully situated on the banks of Harvey's Pond. Here Mr. Bailey raises all general farm produce and does some dairying work in a very successful way, his thorough knowledge of the most modern methods and his efficient management bring him a

highly profitable return. With the recent re-modelling of all the buildings, and the finishing of the house in fine birch wood cut from his own trees, Mr. Bailey has made his farm one of the finest and most beautiful in every particular which the vicinity affords.

Mr. Bailey was born at Townsend, Vermont, April 5, 1867, a son of Samuel Bailey, who was born in Vermont, and of Augusta E. (Stowe) Bailey, a native of Massachusetts, both parents being now deceased. His father was well-known as a carpenter throughout this part of the State until his death.

Elmer S. Bailey attended the public schools of his birthplace, but when he was only twelve years old his father died, and he was forced to put aside his textbooks, making his own way in the world from that time on. He early acquired, however, the habits of industry and thrift, and the love for self-improvement, which have remained with him in all his later life. As a boy, for one year, he lived with his uncle, and then for several years he was able to work for local farmers in the summers, while in the winters he went once more to the common schools of Townsend and Westminster, Vermont. As he grew older Mr. Bailey continued the farm work in which his life has been spent, gaining valuable experience while working for others. Finally, when he was thirty-one years old, he came to the William Roy farm, at Barnet, in the capacity of manager, and since that time has made this place his home. Very successful as superintendent of the farm, he was later able to take over its ownership and for many years now has been sole proprietor of the land and buildings. On the one hundred and twenty-seven acres of fertile producing land, large quantities of farming produce are raised for disposal in the large markets of the East, while Mr. Bailey also has a herd of about thirty head of Guernsey cattle, taking milk daily to the creamery at South Peacham.

Mr. Bailey has always maintained a keen interest in the problems of government and in the general welfare and growth of the community, heartily supporting many worthy movements which he has considered in the best interests of the town and State. He has never consented to hold public office, however, preferring to give his attention to his own affairs and to do his civic duty in less spectacular ways. With his family Mr. Bailey attends the Presbyterian Church at West Barnet, taking an active part in all church work.

Elmer S. Bailey married Jennie Roy, daughter of William and Samantha (Gilfillan) Roy, both now deceased. Her father was until his death the proprietor of the farm which bears his name. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey are the parents of one son, Henry Roy, born in 1900. Following his education at Peacham and St. Johnsbury Academy, he returned to the home farm, where he now resides, assisting his father in the conduct of its affairs.

**JOSEPH G. CORRIVEAU**—The Star Granite Company, Incorporated, of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, has for some years been sending its products to all parts of the United States, handling both rough and finished stones, in wholesale and retail quantities, and establishing for itself a reputation for quality products and reliable service. The proprietors of this well established concern are William A. O'Clair, Gustave Asselin, and Joseph G. Corriveau, all of whom are experienced men in the granite business. All three have worked in granite from boyhood, and all three are able business men who are rapidly forwarding the interests of the company. The granite works are located on Bay Street, opposite the depot in St. Johnsbury, that street being a part of what is known as Granite Square.

The Star Granite Company was founded by G. E. Veilleux, who later sold it. For a year and a half following the sale the business was operated under the name of Roberg & O'Clair, and then the present company was



formed by William A. O'Clair, senior member of the firm, Gustave Asselin, and Joseph G. Corriveau, under the name of the Star Granite Company. The concern was incorporated in March, 1928, under the same name, and since its incorporation has been rapidly expanding. All parts of the country receive both rough and finished stone from this concern and at the present time (1928) seven employes are required to handle the business.

William A. O'Clair, senior member of the firm, was born in Canada, February 13, 1884, son of John and Julia (Boulder) O'Clair, but was brought to the States when he was an infant nine months old and has spent his life here, mostly in Vermont and New Hampshire. He attended the schools of Franklin, New Hampshire, and when his schooling was finished learned the trade of the stonemason, at Hardwick, Vermont, beginning his apprenticeship when he was seventeen years of age. All of his life to the present time has been spent in the granite business, and after purchasing, with Mr. Roberg the granite business founded by G. E. Veilleux, in St. Johnsbury, he joined Mr. Asselin and Mr. Corriveau in the formation of the Star Granite Company, as related above. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Modern Woodmen of America, and his religious membership is with the Catholic Church. William A. O'Clair married Clara Roberg.

Joseph G. Corriveau was born in Litchfield, Maine, in June, 1894, but came to St. Johnsbury as a child, attending school here and then learning the trade of the stonemason with Goss & Conly at West Andover, Vermont. For several years he followed his trade, and then for a period of several years prior to his connection with the Star Granite Company he was engaged in conducting a jobbing business on his own account. He is a man of ability and enterprise and is an important factor in the success of the Star Granite Company. As men who have spent their years in the granite business, beginning as stonemasons, both he and Mr. O'Clair have the advantage of long practical experience, and there is every prospect that the Star Granite Company will continue to grow, adding new achievements to its already substantial success.

**JAMES W. BLAIN**—Among the farmers who are prominent in the life of Barnet, Vermont, and its environs, few hold a more important place than James W. Blain, who owns one hundred and sixty acres of land on Harvey's Lake. The site of the Blain farm is a most beautiful one, with three-quarters of a mile of property fronting on the water—a beautiful spot for summer cottages and for the agricultural activities in which Mr. Blain engages. Here he conducts a general farming business, selling butter and dairy products and marketing them in St. Johnsbury. His cattle include forty or fifty head of mixed breed—Jerseys, Guernseys and Holsteins.

Mr. Blain was born on January 24, 1860, in the town of Barnet, Vermont, a son of William and Jane (Roy) Blain, both of whom are now deceased. William Blain was born in Scotland, and his wife in Barnet, Vermont, while the land on which they lived had been in the possession of the family for about seventy-five years.

James W. Blain, their son, received his early education in the common schools. At an early date he went into farming, and, building up the properties which he acquired as time went on, established one of the most noteworthy agricultural enterprises in this part of the State. Although Mr. Blain at all times showed a thorough public-spiritedness of character while he was busily engaged in the upbuilding of his business, he never sought nor held public office, and actually refused the positions tendered him which he thought might in any way throw him into the limelight. He has been a consistent supporter of the Republican party's program and candidates in both State and nation. He is a member of

the Grange, in whose affairs he takes an active part; and, although he was formerly affiliated with both the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, he has withdrawn in recent years from these orders. He and his wife are both active members of the Presbyterian Church at West Barnet.

James W. Blain married Ella E. Carter, a native of Peacham, Vermont, daughter of Orlando B. and Cornelia (Wheeler) Carter. Although born in Peacham, she spent the greater part of her life before her marriage in Ryegate. James W. and Ella E. (Carter) Blain became the parents of the following children: 1. Iona, wife of Arthur Roy, whose biography appears elsewhere in this work; she was educated at Peacham and McIndoes Academy. 2. Theresa, who received her education at Peacham, and is now the wife of D. Stewart Stevenson, of Groton, Vermont.

**DUDLEY A. BLAIN**—A prosperous and prominent farmer in the town of Barnet, Vermont, Dudley A. Blain owns two farms, one of one hundred and fifty acres, the home farm, and another of one hundred and fifteen acres in Peacham. He conducts a general farming and dairy business, and keeps sixty head of pedigreed Jersey cows and young stock. In the many years in which he and the other members of the Blain family have been engaged in agricultural pursuits in this part of Vermont, he has come to be known as one of the leading citizens of Barnet and the neighboring communities of the State, and stands out as one who has rendered important public service to his fellow-men.

Mr. Blain was born on the home farm in Barnet, on June 6, 1867, a son of William and Jane (Roy) Blain, both of whom are now deceased. His father was a native of Scotland, and his mother was born in Barnet, Vermont; and the home farm which Dudley A. Blain now occupies has been in the family for about seventy-five years.

In his early boyhood, Dudley A. Blain attended the public schools in his native vicinity, but for only a short time; for his family was at that time poor, and it was necessary for him to work on the farm along with the other children. At that period, the farm was just being cleared and the foundations for the present modernly equipped properties were being soundly laid, with the result that everyone, parents and children without exception, had to work. Since that time Dudley A. Blain has taken firm hold upon these farmlands, has erected upon them the most up-to-date type of buildings and barns, and has acquired additional property in Peacham, with the result that to-day he is one of the outstanding farmers of this part of Vermont.

In addition to his own work, he takes a lively interest in the civic and social affairs of his community, being especially active in politics. His affiliation is with the Republican party, whose program and candidates he supports; and it was on this party's ticket that he was elected town selectman, an office which he held for three years, as well as to the positions of member of the School Board, where he remained for twelve years, town lister for six years, and road commissioner for six years. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Both he and his family attend the Presbyterian Church at West Barnet.

Dudley A. Blain married Maud Wood, born in Peacham, Vermont, a daughter of William and Hattie (Southwick) Wood, farmers of Peacham, both of whom are now deceased. Of this marriage the following children were born: 1. Ruby A., who was educated at Peacham Academy, as well as at Goddard Seminary, at Barre, Vermont, and is also a graduate of the University of Vermont; now a teacher in the high school at Orleans, Vermont. 2. Marion, educated at Peacham Academy and St. Johnsbury Academy, and who studied music at the







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New England Conservatory of Music, in Boston, Massachusetts. 3. Dudley A., Jr., born in 1915, a student at Peacham Academy in 1928.

**MARTIN VAN BUREN DOW**—Having devoted the greater part of his adult life to the business of hardware merchant, in which he achieved a marked success so that he was enabled to retire to enjoy the fruits of his labors, Martin Van Buren Dow, of Danville, by no means lives an idle life, for he is the popular representative of his district in the Vermont Legislature, in which he has been elected to serve for the term of 1927-28. He has other interests which come within the range of activity of a retired business man of his standing, being a director in one of Caledonia County's leading banks, and having important fraternal and religious associations, to all of which he gives considerable attention.

Martin Van Buren Dow was born in Walden, Vermont, March 2, 1868, the eldest of three children of John C. and Ellen (Huntress) Dow. His father lived in Boston, Massachusetts, for many years, and was employed on the old East Boston horse-car lines, the latter years of his life having been spent as a farmer. The son, Martin Van Buren, acquired a good education in the public schools and at Phillips Academy. Following the death of his mother, he went to live with his maternal grandfather, Ephraim Pierce, who was the principal hardware merchant in Danville, and active in that line of business until he was eighty-eight years old. So it was that Mr. Dow was taken into the business by his grandfather and actually grew up with hardware merchandising in Danville, attaining marked success, to the point where other aspirants for the business made it possible for the owners to dispose of their interests to good advantage. Mr. Dow has since been inactive in merchandising pursuits.

As a member of the Democratic party, Mr. Dow has always maintained his faith in the principles of that political organization. That staunch adherence has not hindered him—in fact it has been of marked assistance—in coming before his people for their indorsement of his candidacy for various public offices in Danville and the district. He is held in high regard for his pronounced political belief, which has given basis and force to long years of eminent public service. His intense public spirit has always been expressed by a lively participation in municipal affairs. He rendered a fine service to the town of Danville as a member of its Board of Selectmen for nine years, and many recall with admiration the excellent administration he helped give the community during his terms of office. He has also been honored with numerous other town offices, including that of justice of the peace, in all of which he discharged his responsibilities with faithfulness, integrity, intelligence and earnestness. The acme of his political career to date (1928) was reached with his being made the majority choice of the voters in his representative district for a seat in the House at Montpelier. It is in good form to state in this connection that if he would give the word, his followers would see to it that he is, in due time, elevated to the upper branch of the Legislature.

Mr. Dow has taken the Master Mason degree in Freemasonry, and is affiliated also with the Order of the Eastern Star, and the Knights of Pythias. Through his membership in the Danville Chamber of Commerce, he exerts a very helpful influence in carrying out the organized program for the general benefit and improvement of the community's various interests, commercial and civic.

Martin Van Buren Dow married Ella (Sherburne) Crane, widow of Henry Crane. Mrs. Dow is active in community affairs, and with her husband is an attendant of the Methodist Episcopal church, of Danville, in the work of which both are much interested, Mr. Dow being a member of its board of trustees.

**LOREN V. HASTINGS**—The entire period of the active life of Loren V. Hastings, to the present time (1928) has been associated with The Northern Lumber Company, of which he is president and treasurer. Mr. Hastings is a native of Concord, Vermont, and is an expert in the lumber business. The Northern Lumber Company has its home office in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, and its office for distribution in Boston, Massachusetts, at No. 10 High Street.

Loren V. Hastings was born in Concord, Vermont, September 16, 1872, son of Horace, who was engaged as a farmer and as a drover, and of Mary (Kellog) Hastings, both natives of Vermont and both now (1928) deceased. After attending the local public schools Mr. Hastings took a business course in Portland, Maine, and immediately afterward became associated with The Northern Lumber Company, of which he is now president and treasurer. From the time of his first connection with the company to the present time he has been devoting his energies to the advancement of the interests of this concern, and he is an important factor in its present prosperity. The company was established back in 1890 at Granby, later moving to St. Johnsbury, by Charles H. Stevens, who was its president to the time of his death, and who placed the concern upon a firm foundation of good faith, prompt service, and strict integrity in representation. At the present time (1928) the official personnel of the company is as follows: President and treasurer, Loren V. Hastings; secretary, Vernon B. Ticehurst (q. v.); sales agent, F. G. Newton. The concern handles lumber in wholesale quantities, buying and selling outright and also handling on a commission basis, and for many years now has been one of the well-known and well regarded lumber concerns of this part of New England. In the Boston office large quantities of the best lumber are handled, on paper, but the home office in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, attends to all accounts, settlements, and to all financial affairs in general. Lumber of quality, exactly as represented, is assured to patrons of this old established concern, and is sent to all sections of the country. Mr. Hastings is a Republican in his political interests, and is interested in local civic affairs. His company is a member of the State Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Hastings is known as an able and successful business man. In Granby, Vermont, he served as a member of the board of selectmen, and wherever he has lived he has been interested in the advancement of the general welfare of the place. He is identified with the Masonic order, being a member of the Blue Lodge, of the Royal Arch Masons; the Royal and Select Masters, and the Knights Templar; and his club is the Rotary Club. He is also a member of the local Fish and Game Club, and his religious membership is with the Universalist church, in the affairs of which both he and his wife take an active part.

Loren V. Hastings is married to Flora Cobleigh, who was born in Concord, Vermont, daughter of O. D. and Martha (Richardson) Cobleigh. Mr. and Mrs. Hastings have one son, Frank H., who is a veteran of the World War, in which service he incurred disabilities which have left him in poor health to the present time (1928). Mr. and Mrs. Hastings and their son are well known here in St. Johnsbury and are active in its social and civic affairs.

**BERNARD A. JOHNSON**—Among the enterprising and successful business men of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, is Bernard A. Johnson, junior member of the firm of Moore and Johnson, haberdashers, whose establishment is located on Eastern Avenue. Though he was born in Lunenburg, Vermont, Mr. Johnson has been a resident of St. Johnsbury from early childhood, was educated here, and has spent his active business life here to the present time (1928). He is a member of the board of directors of the Citizens' National Bank and of



the Building and Loan Association, also of the Chamber of Commerce; and he is a thirty-second degree Mason, both York and Scottish rites.

Bernard A. Johnson was born in Lunenburg, Vermont, May 12, 1882, son of Albert K. Johnson, who is now living retired in St. Johnsbury, and of Annette (Phelps) Johnson, who is deceased. The parents removed to St. Johnsbury and as a boy Mr. Johnson attended the public schools of this place and St. Johnsbury Academy. When he left the academy he found employment on a milk cart, and later he was a driver in the employ of John M. Allen. Alert and industrious, Mr. Johnson kept a sharp look-out for opportunities to make his way to a successful business life, and eventually he secured a position as clerk in a grocery store. There he remained for a period of five years, saving his money and making himself as familiar as possible with general business operations and conditions. At the end of five years in this connection he resigned and, with Mr. Moore, became a junior partner in the firm of Moore & Johnson, haberdashers, located on Eastern Avenue. Mr. Johnson had purchased an interest in the business, and during the years in which he has been a member of this successful firm he has made himself known as a reliable and able business man, whose word can be depended upon, and whose goods are always as represented. Careful attention to details, honest business policy, and prompt and courteous treatment of patrons have brought increasing volume of business, and both members of the firm have fairly earned the prosperity which has come to them. As a successful business man and a substantial citizen, Mr. Johnson has contributed much to the community in which he lives, and though he has never sought the responsibilities and the emoluments of public office, he has always been generous in his support of all projects planned for the advancement of the general welfare of St. Johnsbury. Mr. Johnson and his family attend the South Congregational Church, and both he and his wife are active in its affairs.

Bernard A. Johnson was married to Julia B. Higgins, who was born in St. Johnsbury, daughter of Clark and Bessie (Farrow) Higgins, and they have two children: 1. Bernard Clark, who is a graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy, and a student at Middlebury College. 2. Ruth P., who is a student in the St. Johnsbury Academy.

**RICHARD C. BAKER**—About forty years ago a boy of fifteen years, just out of the graded schools, was given a small position in the Passumpsic Savings Bank at St. Johnsbury, Vermont, at which he worked before and after his day at school. The connection thus made has continued without interruption until the present day. Advancement was made through the several positions until 1912 when, upon the decease of the then treasurer, the trustees of the bank elected Mr. Baker to succeed to that office.

Richard C. Baker was born in Colebrook, New Hampshire, October 2, 1873, a son of Chester O. and Mary (Haley) Baker, his father having been a carpenter and builder. Removing to St. Johnsbury in 1883, his education was continued in the local public schools, after which preliminary work, he entered St. Johnsbury Academy, from which he was graduated with the class of 1892. During his term at the academy he continued his work in the Passumpsic Bank.

He has long been a member of Passumpsic Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and of the Chamber of Commerce, as well as of the Country Club and is a director and treasurer of Colonial Apartments, Inc. In his political faith he is a Democrat, in religion connected with the South Congregational Church, in which his wife is an active worker.

Richard C. Baker married (first), in 1905, Emily A. May, who died in 1921, and (second), in 1923, Anna M. Stevens.

**JUTTEN ALLEN LONGMOORE**—One of the younger members of the Vermont bar who may be said to occupy an outstanding place in the professional activities of that State, is Jutten Allen Longmoore. He was born in the little town of Ryegate, County Caledonia, Vermont, December 17, 1892, the son of Thomas and Louise J. (MacDonald) Longmoore. His father served as superintendent of the granite quarries at Ryegate, a position held by him for forty-seven years and his family was closely bound up in the life of the town. Mr. Longmoore received his preliminary education in the schools of Ryegate and Newbury, graduating from the Newbury High School in 1912. He then studied at the Law School of the University of Southern California and, after a year and a half there, returned to his native State to read law in the office of Albro Nichols. The legal attainments of this splendid jurist were generously put to the service of the young aspirant for legal honors.

However, the Great War was ravaging the world and a promising career was interrupted by his enthusiasm to get into training and he enlisted in the Plattsburg Reserve Officers' Training Corps on May 10, 1917, returning to St. Johnsbury in October of that same year to take his examinations for entrance to the bar, examinations which he passed brilliantly. His military service was of paramount importance at this time and after being commissioned as second lieutenant at Plattsburg, he was appointed to the quartermaster's corps and sent overseas September 30, 1918. He returned July 29, 1919, and was discharged from the army August 15, 1919, free to take up his chosen profession. He went into the firm of Porter and Witters almost immediately. The fact that he was taken into this established firm as a full partner two years later—in 1921—is an eloquent testimony to the valuable professional contribution he had to offer.

Mr. Longmoore became a member of the State Bar Association and was elected secretary and treasurer of the Caledonia County Bar Association. His value to the State was recognized and he was elected as State's attorney on February 1, 1923, an office which he held until January 31, 1925. A Republican in politics, his activities in his profession preclude his partaking of any marked public responsibility. Fraternally, he holds membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is a thirty-second degree Mason.

Mr. Longmoore married Elizabeth Bassett, daughter of John Bassett. She was born in Canada but educated and brought up in this country.

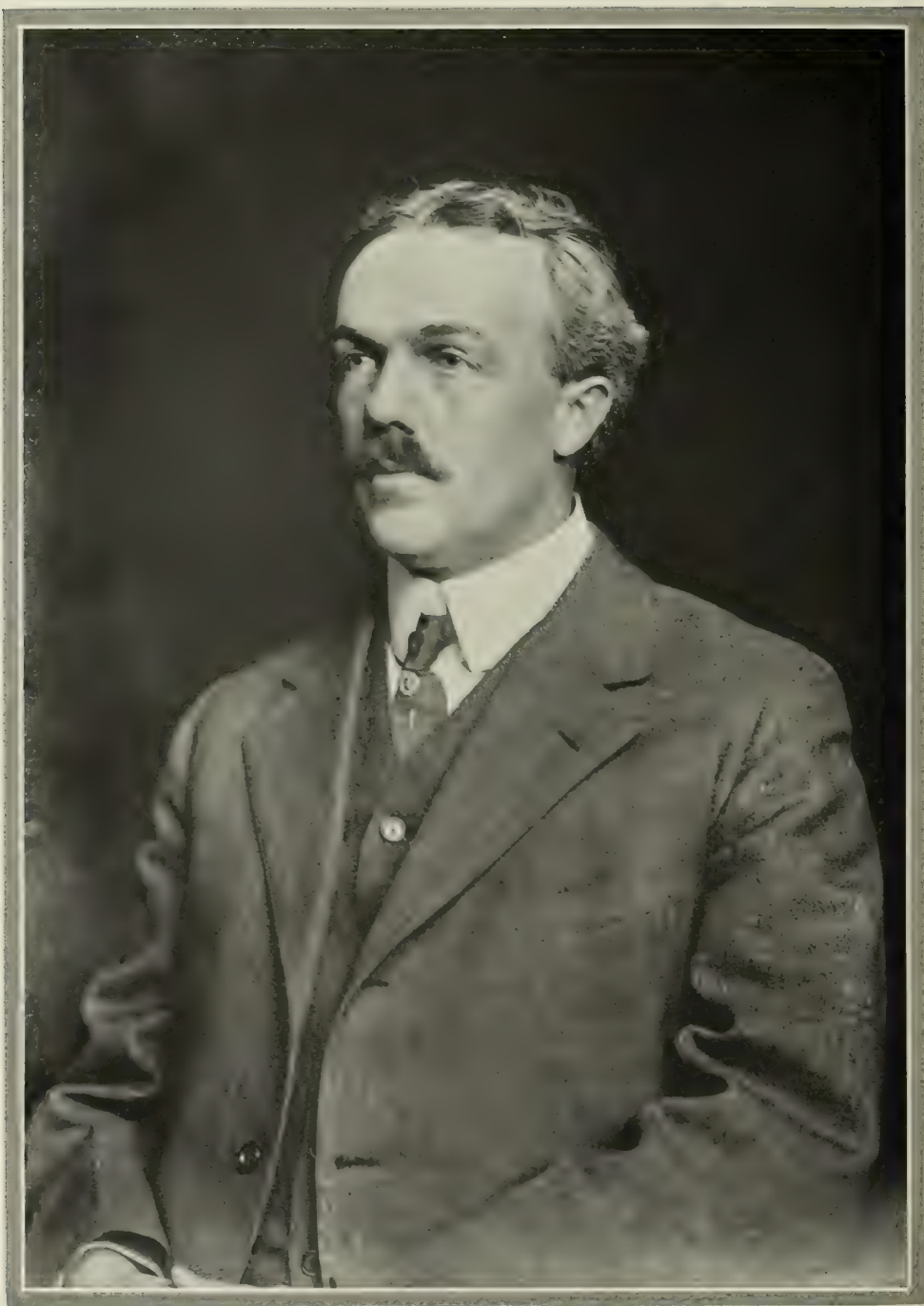
**CHARLES H. STEVENS**—An important figure throughout his long and notable life in the affairs of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, Charles H. Stevens was associated with many of the most characteristic enterprises of this section. Possessing a capacity for executive direction beyond the ordinary, and a keen judgment in the matter of business trends and property values, he was a moving spirit in the establishment of several companies, while his services to all those with which he was connected proved repeatedly of greatest worth. Able, progressive, and public-spirited, his life was a credit to the community in which he lived, and by his many successes he contributed in appreciable degree to the larger prosperity of the State and Nation.

Mr. Stevens was born May 2, 1849, on the farm in the north part of the town of St. Johnsbury which was cleared by his great-grandfather, Oliver W. Stevens, in 1796. His parents, James R. and Susan (Field) Stevens, were farmer folk, living in the ancestral home, which at the time of its sale in 1927, had remained in the family for well over a century and a quarter.

Charles H. Stevens attended the public schools of his birthplace, and following graduation from St. Johnsbury Academy, remained on his father's farm until he was nineteen years old. He began his business career as a clerk in the general store of Bacon and Ide at St. Johnsbury.







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bury Center, where he remained for three years, resigning in August, 1871, to enter the service of the St. Johnsbury and Lake Champlain Railroad, where he was a clerk in the general office. Rapidly familiarizing himself with all details of the road's operation, he discharged his duties so faithfully and with such fine ability that merited advancement came to him and in July, 1876, he was appointed general freight and passenger agent. This position Mr. Stevens retained until 1885, when the road was leased to the Boston and Lowell railroad. Recognizing his executive capacity and his knowledge of local transportation problems, he was later elected by the stockholders a member of the board of directors of the Lake road, and for a number of years was vice-president of the board. He was also a director for several years of the Connecticut and Passumpsic Rivers Railroad.

Meanwhile, in 1881, Mr. Stevens had organized the firm of C. H. Stevens and Company, in association with Colonel A. B. Jewett and Colonel William P. Fairbanks, dealing in lumber throughout the St. Johnsbury territory. Through sound business policies and the greatest care, he guided it through the critical early period along the pathway of success, maintaining the highest standards, both in quality of product and excellence of service. At the death of Colonel Jewett in 1886, the latter's interest was purchased by the two remaining partners, the firm name remaining the same. In 1890 the interest of Colonel Fairbanks was purchased by Mr. Stevens, and on November 1, 1890, the business was incorporated under the name of the Northern Lumber Company, and capitalized at \$100,000. Mr. Stevens was president of the company from the time of its organization until his death, and he was chiefly instrumental in acquiring the extensive tracts of timber land in Granby and East Haven which the corporation owned. For many years they kept three mills in constant operation, while for the transportation of the finished product to the main line of the Lake road he built a four-mile strip of railroad. In the last few years the Northern Lumber Company has devoted its energies to the wholesale handling of lumber, maintaining offices both at St. Johnsbury and in Boston. This great enterprise owed its establishment to Mr. Stevens' initiative and vision and he has been primarily responsible for its expansion and continued success. In addition to his other ventures, he purchased in 1900, with four other St. Johnsbury men, the St. Johnsbury Light and Power Company, which had been previously held by outside interests. Of this corporation he served first as vice-president and later as president until it was sold in 1912. Mr. Stevens' opinion in important matters was always highly valued and frequently sought by large financial enterprises. As early as January 14, 1890, he was elected a director of the First National Bank of St. Johnsbury, while from 1896 until the time of his death he was vice-president of the board.

Politically a staunch supporter of Republican principles and candidates, he maintained a vital interest in civic advance and the welfare of the community in spite of his own busy life. He would never consent to hold public office, although he did serve as chairman of the board of village trustees in 1894 and 1895, discharging all the duties of this position with the greatest credit, both to himself and to the municipality. He was a generous contributor to all worthy causes, whether civic or benevolent, and for years was president of the board of trustees of Sunset Home. Fraternally Mr. Stevens was affiliated with Passumpsic Lodge, No. 27, of the Free and Accepted Masons, while with his family he was a loyal supporter of the South Congregational Church.

On May 12, 1874, Charles H. Stevens married Isabella Crawford Ranney, of St. Johnsbury, who survives him with one daughter, Helen Crawford, now the wife of Gilbert E. Woods, president of the Citizens Savings Bank and Trust Company at St. Johnsbury. Mr. and

Mrs. Stevens' only son, Arthur L., died on June 1, 1926. At that time he was vice-president and treasurer of the Northern Lumber Company, and had married, his wife and one daughter, Marjorie, surviving. (See a following biography). In the happy companionships of the home Mr. Stevens found the source of one of his chiefest pleasures.

Charles H. Stevens died at St. Johnsbury on August 24, 1927. For some fifteen years past, he had avoided the cold Vermont winters, spending them at his attractive home in St. Petersburg, Florida, and to his many friends both in Florida and Vermont his passing came as a severe shock and brought sincerest sorrow. A man of the strictest integrity in all his relations with others, strong in will and character, yet always kind, he left a record of usefulness and a memory in the hearts of all those who knew him, that will survive in years to come. Many fine tributes were paid to his life and character, and from one of these the following lines are taken:

Mr. Stevens lived in St. Johnsbury for nearly four-score years and was highly esteemed by everyone in the community. He had divers business interests in his long and useful life and made many friends. His friendship was sincere and lasting. His ripe judgment was everywhere recognized and his counsel was often sought. He loved his home and its surroundings—the books in his library, the flowers in his garden, and the fertile fields on the farm of his boyhood days. He was a public-spirited citizen that gave generously of his time and his means to every good cause. His success in life was the natural result of industry, honesty, and the application of the Golden Rule in all his business relations. Such a life is indeed an inspiration to young and old.

**ARTHUR LYMAN STEVENS**—Associated during all but two years of his active business life with his father, Arthur Lyman Stevens was for many years one of the most prominent citizens of St. Johnsbury and one of the most indefatigable workers for its prosperity. Traditions of highest honor actuated his every act and he won a legion of staunch friends by his devotion to honorable principles, as well as by a magnetic personality and sympathetic nature. He was an organizer of high ability and possessed of a keen intellect and tireless industry, a combination of talents that enabled him to attain a high place in the commercial and financial activities of the city and to command the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens. Additional to his business operations, he was deeply interested in social and fraternal relaxations and devoted to the advancement of the Congregational church, of the congregation of which he and his wife were prominent members, and where Mrs. Stevens is still active. He was a notable citizen of this community, whose passing left a void not readily filled, while a multitude of sincere friends hold his loss irreparable, coming as it did in the fullness of his manhood and mental strength.

He was born in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, July 13, 1876, a son of Charles Herbert and Isabella Crawford (Ranney) Stevens, the first named deceased (see a preceding biography), and was educated in the local public schools, at St. Johnsbury Academy and at Bryant & Stratton Business College in Boston, Massachusetts. He then became associated with a photographic enterprise in Greenfield, Massachusetts, where he remained for two years, at the end of which period he returned to St. Johnsbury and entered into partnership with his father, owner of the Northern Lumber Company, which they established and which they conducted together until the death of our subject, when his father continued it independently until his death. Arthur L. Stevens was a director of the Merchants' National Bank of St. Johnsbury and one of the organizers and director of the St. Johnsbury Country Club, and a charter member of the Rotary Club. In politics he was a Republican and fraternally affiliated



with the order of Free and Accepted Masons. His death occurred in St. Johnsbury, June 1, 1926.

Arthur Lyman Stevens married Grace McLeod, a native of St. Johnsbury, daughter of Angus H. and Mary J. (Rogers) McLeod, her father being a wholesale grain merchant, member of the advisory board of the E. & T. Fairbanks & Sons Company, as well as a director, and for twenty-eight years president of the First National Bank here. They were the parents of one child: Marjorie.

**GRANT M. VANCE—OSCAR VANCE**—One of the largest and most successful agricultural enterprises in Groton is operated by Vance Brothers, Grant M. and Oscar Vance. These brothers, in addition to their extensive farm lands, own much real estate in the village of Groton, and both are ranked among the influential citizens of this community. Dairying constitutes a part of the activities of these two men, and they also have been figures of import in political and other spheres of Groton town.

Their father, Morris C. Vance, who was a veteran of the Civil War, having fought valorously for the preservation of the Union during that conflict, was one of Groton's most widely known and respected citizens. He was a Republican, and at one time represented his town in the Legislature. Later in life he took up agriculture and removed to the farm, spending the remainder of his days as a tiller of the soil. He married Elizabeth Whitehill, and in addition to Grant M. and Oscar, they had three daughters: May, Emma, and Carrie.

Grant M. Vance was born March 2, 1873, on his father's farm and was educated in the common schools of this community. After his school days were over, he remained on the family estate and has since devoted himself to its conduct. He has, however, entered wholeheartedly into community welfare projects, and, a Republican in politics, oftentimes has been sought for public office. Formerly he held the offices of auditor, lister, justice of the peace, and for thirteen years has been a selectman, now (1928) serving as chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Oscar Vance was born June 16, 1875, also on his parents' farm, and while he too has been influential in political circles, has cared little for the emoluments of public office, his sole contribution thereto being his service as justice of the peace. Oscar Vance is a member of the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

Vance Brothers' holdings include a farm of one hundred and sixty acres just outside the limits of the village of Groton, in the town of Groton. They also have another farm, consisting of two hundred and five acres, which is located on the Back Road. In addition to their farm lands, they have become interested in other real estate and own many building lots in the village. While the bulk of their farm land is under cultivation, these brothers have interested themselves in the dairying business, and are especially partial to pure-bred Jersey livestock, having about thirty head of cattle on the home farm. With their combined interests, Grant M. and Oscar Vance exert much influence in the village and town of Groton, and being citizens of deep public spirit, labor unceasingly toward the development and progress of their neighborhood, where they are esteemed and respected.

**JOHN CHARLES MCGILL**—Chief of the St. Johnsbury Fire Department since 1919, John Charles McGill is known well to the people of this community for his integrity of effort to preserve the town's buildings from the fire hazard, and for his connections with general affairs. He has lived in St. Johnsbury since he was eighteen years of age, and from earliest manhood to the present time (1928) has supported worthy movements

for the community welfare. He is today a foremost and respected citizen.

John Charles McGill was born at Leeds, Canada, September 7, 1892, a son of Thomas and Minnie (Melrose) McGill. Thomas McGill was born in Ireland; Minnie (Melrose) McGill in Scotland. They settled in Canada in youth, and there were wed. Later they came to the United States, spent some thirteen years in the towns of Danville and Burke, Vermont, and thereafter returned to Leeds. Thomas McGill was a blacksmith, but since resuming his Canadian residence has lived in retirement. While in Danville and Burke he worked as a smith.

John Charles McGill received his education in the public schools and in the Model School, of Canada, at Leeds. From the latter he graduated at the age of fifteen years, and learned the trade of smith, which he followed for three years in Canada and afterward in St. Johnsbury, until he became connected with the St. Johnsbury Fire Department, as warden. This was in 1917. From the first he distinguished himself in the department, and two years later became its chief, which post he has retained to the honor of himself and associates. Under him he has five fire wardens. Mr. McGill supports the candidates and principles of the Republican party, fraternally is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and with his family attends the Methodist Church.

John Charles McGill married Bessie Crawford, native of Canada, and their children are three: Merton Crawford, Margaret Agnes, and Richard Charles. The residence is at No. 12 Morris Square, St. Johnsbury.

**LAWRENCE P. LEACH**—For many years Lawrence P. Leach engaged in the mercantile business in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. In the course of the various enterprises in which he has been associated his ready ability, sound judgment, and strict attention to the task at hand, have made him steadily successful so that in 1924, he was able to retire from the firm of Leach and Waterman, of which he was senior partner. Mr. Leach now spends his winters in Florida returning for the summer to St. Johnsbury, where he still maintains many connections. He was born January 26, 1871, at Raynham, Massachusetts, a son of James S. Leach, who was born in Maine, and of Susan J. (Wilbur) Leach, of a Massachusetts family, both of whom are now deceased. His father engaged in the shoe business until the time of his death.

Lawrence P. Leach attended the public schools of his birthplace and North Easton High School, and when he had completed his education, began his business career as a clerk in the dry goods store of the N. H. Skinner Company, at Taunton, Massachusetts, where he remained for six years. At the end of that time he went to Laconia, New Hampshire, as a clerk for Lougee Brothers, and after a year's work there, was transferred by this company to their store in St. Johnsbury. In the course of the next six years he won merited promotions and finally became a partner in the enterprise. He resigned to purchase a business from Mr. H. H. Carr which he operated for a time under his own name and then took as a partner Mr. C. E. Rollins, this arrangement continuing for several years. When Mr. Rollins retired, Mr. Leach took as partner Mr. Zeno S. Waterman, and the subsequent reorganization was effective until 1924. At that time Mr. Leach retired in favor of his partner and has since divided his time between St. Johnsbury and Florida. In addition to his other activities Mr. Leach is vice-president and has been for many years a trustee of the Passumpsic Savings Bank, in which connection his long business experience has been of the greatest value. He is also financially interested in the St. Johnsbury Warehouse Company.

Politically, Mr. Leach is a member of the Republican party, although he would never consent to hold office.



He is affiliated fraternally with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was a charter member of the St. Johnsbury Rotary Club. He is also a member of the local Chamber of Commerce, of St. Johnsbury Country Club, and of the Fish and Game Club, and has always been active in the civic life of the community. He and his wife are members of the Congregational Church, in which both are prominent workers, Mr. Leach having served for years as chairman of the business committee.

Lawrence P. Leach married Anna B. MacLam, who was born in Ryegate, a daughter of William T. and Ella (Gibson) MacLam, of that place.

**WILLIAM HUGH DOPP**—A substantial agriculturist of the town of Ryegate, William Hugh Dopp may ascribe a great portion of his success to his wisdom in combining farming with dairying on his large estate here. Mr. Dopp, although a native of New York State and at one time a mechanical draftsman of consequence, abandoned this calling after many years therein to enter upon his agricultural pursuits in Vermont. During his early life he was a machinist, became a mechanical draftsman through private study, and during the long period he was so occupied held many responsible positions in various sections of the eastern United States. Since coming to this community, Mr. Dopp has entered wholeheartedly into the life of Ryegate and surrounding neighborhoods, and gained a reputation as one of the most public-spirited residents here.

Mr. Dopp was born March 28, 1866, at Plattsburg, New York, son of James and Sarah (Flack) Dopp, both natives of the Empire State. James Dopp was a skilled carpenter and had one other child, James W. William Hugh Dopp, after completing his education in the common schools of Bloomingdale, Franklin Falls and Black Brook, New York State, removed to Lowell, Massachusetts, and there set himself about learning the trade of machinist. He selected this trade with a view to becoming a draftsman, and in order to fit himself for this vocation attended night schools, studied at home, and familiarized himself with the various ramifications of mechanics. His conscientious devotion to his duties and his studies eventually brought about fulfillment of his ambitions, and he became a qualified mechanical draftsman. For twenty-one years thereafter, Mr. Dopp followed this vocation and during that period occupied several responsible positions. At one time he was superintendent of plants at Hagerstown, Maryland; became general foreman for the General Electric Company, at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and was master mechanic for the Westbrook Manufacturing Company, at Westbrook, Maine. Eventually Mr. Dopp came to Vermont and purchased two hundred and ten acres of land in the town of Ryegate. Here he combined general farming with dairying, maintaining a herd of about thirty-five head of Jersey cattle, from which he derives a comfortable income.

A Republican in political beliefs, endowed with natural talents, and possessing valuable qualities of leadership, Mr. Dopp has been recognized in local political circles, and now (1928) is serving his third year as selectman, being chairman of the board. He is a conscientious worker toward the development of his community, and his practical ideas often prove valuable in movements designed for the public weal. While a resident of Westbrook, Maine, Mr. Dopp joined the Masonic order and is a member of the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Westbrook; the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and Pittsfield Commandery, Knights Templar. He also is a member of the Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

William Hugh Dopp took as his bride Addie Florence Abbott, who was born at Ryegate. She is one of the ten children born to Amos W. and Elizabeth (Livingston) Abbott, both natives of the Green Mountain State, her

father combining agriculture with the carpenter's trade as his occupations. The daughter of William Hugh and Addie Florence (Abbott) Dopp is Clara Abbott, educated in the common schools and a graduate of Peacham Academy; instructed in training school at Bradford, Vermont, and taught for several years; married Ira D. Farrow, who is in the garage business at West Barnet; they have two children, Leona Marie and Inez Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. Dopp are conspicuous workers in religious circles, being members of the Congregational Church, at Peacham, Vermont. While they reside at Ryegate, their post office address is R. D. No. 4, Groton, Vermont.

**WILLIAM GRAY RICKER, M. D.**—A physician of long experience and thorough training, William Gray Ricker has practiced his profession at St. Johnsbury, Vermont, since 1911. Dr. Ricker specializes in the treatment of the eye, ear, nose, and throat, keeping well abreast of all the recent developments in theory and method in his science, and attending important clinics in many parts of the United States. He is an active member of the community in St. Johnsbury, prominent in civic and fraternal life.

Dr. Ricker is a son of Nathan H. and Carrie (Henderson) Ricker. He was educated in the public schools of Ryegate and St. Johnsbury Academy, later entering Yale University, from which he was graduated in 1900. He undertook the course of study in the Medical School at Johns Hopkins University, and upon its completion, was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, in 1904. Thereafter, until September, 1905, he served as an interne in the Montreal General Hospital, and at the end of that time opened offices in Wells River, Vermont, where he began the general practice of his profession. Dr. Ricker quickly won the confidence of his patients and was active in Wells River until 1911, in which year he came to St. Johnsbury, where he has since made his home. It would be difficult to overestimate the importance of professional services such as Dr. Ricker renders to the St. Johnsbury section of Vermont, making available skilled treatment by the most modern methods in a field of medicine too often neglected apart from the larger cities.

Politically, Dr. Ricker is a member of the Republican party, and he serves as a member of the St. Johnsbury School Board, and of the Vermont State Board of Health. He is executive secretary of the Vermont State Medical Society, a member of the House of Delegates to the Vermont Medical Association, a member of the Northeastern Vermont Medical Association, and of the New England Ophthalmological Association. Dr. Ricker is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which organization he is a member of all bodies of the York rite, and a member of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Sphinx Club, the St. Johnsbury Country Club, and the local Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce.

William Gray Ricker married Mary Beattie, who was born at Ryegate, Vermont, a daughter of the Rev. James and Sophia (Nelson) Beattie, of that place. Dr. and Mrs. Ricker attend the Congregational Church.

**JOHN FRANKLIN PUFFER**—One of the men who hold important places in the community in and near St. Johnsbury is John Franklin Puffer, who, as cashier of the Merchants' National Bank, is especially active in the financial affairs of this part of Vermont. A native of Vermont, Mr. Puffer is thoroughly familiar with both the people and conditions of this State, and consequently is well fitted for the position which he holds and to bear the duties that it necessarily imposes upon him. He is highly regarded by the business men of St. Johnsbury.



bury and the nearby towns, and more than a little active in the various phases of the social life here.

Mr. Puffer was born in Richford, Vermont, on October 7, 1876, son of Benjamin F. and Sarah (Estey) Puffer. His father was born in Vermont; and his mother, just across the international line, in Sutton, Canada. The father was a farmer by occupation, and both parents are now deceased. John Franklin Puffer studied at the public schools and high school in Richford. When, at a fairly early age, he completed his formal schooling, he became employed by the First National Bank of St. Johnsbury in the capacity of messenger boy, and from this position proceeded to work his way upward to his present status as bank cashier. With the First National Bank, in whose employ he began his career, he remained for twenty-six years, having worked his way upward in that institution to the rank of assistant cashier; but in 1921, he resigned to accept his present position, that of cashier of the Merchants' National Bank. In his connection with these two banks, Mr. Puffer has created for himself an enviable reputation for geniality of manner and a never slackening consideration of other people, as well as for his sound judgments on business and financial matters, with the result that he is to-day one of the most highly esteemed members of the banking profession in the vicinity of St. Johnsbury.

In addition to his duties as cashier of the bank, however, Mr. Puffer is active in a number of important organizations in the town, both of a business and a social nature. He is treasurer of the Essex Storage Electric Company. He is also treasurer of the Brightlook Hospital and the Fairbanks Museum, institutions whose value to the community is great. Through his membership in the St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Puffer takes part in many enterprises looking toward civic advancement and better business or industrial conditions. He is also a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge. In his political views, he is identified with the Republican party, whose principles and candidates he regularly supports; but at no time has he sought office, and regardless of the number of offers that have come to him he has refrained from forcing himself into the limelight as far as politics have been concerned. He has never hesitated, however, to sponsor movements and to advocate measures which he has believed would bring about some marked improvement in the health or prosperity of St. Johnsbury. His religious affiliations and those of his family are with the North Congregational Church.

John Franklin Puffer married Laura Mills Chadbourne, a native of Waterboro, Maine, daughter of James and Irene Chadbourne. By this marriage there have been two children: James C. and Harriett E.

**RALPH B. FOSTER**—Active in both the business and political life of his community, Ralph B. Foster is engaged in the flour, grain and feed business, and also handles building supplies in Groton, Vermont, where for many years he has lived and worked. Here he has come to be regarded as one of the leading citizens, both for the variety of service which his firm affords the members of the community and for the prominent part which he takes in all the public affairs of Groton.

Mr. Foster was born in Melrose, Massachusetts, on May 23, 1892, a son of Frank W. and Mary A. (Morrison) Foster, the former of whom was a native of Topsham, Maine, and the latter of Topsham, Vermont. Frank W. Foster died in 1912, after having spent a most useful life as manager of a factory manufacturing shaker grates in Belmont, Massachusetts; while Mrs. Foster died in 1928.

Ralph B. Foster, their son, of whom this is a record, came to Groton, Vermont, in 1913, where for one year

he served as a hired man on a farm. Then, for a year, he worked in a wood-turning shop, until, in 1915, he made his first entry into the flour, grain and feed business, as clerk for R. A. Davidson. In September, 1925, he bought the business from Mr. Davidson, and since that time has continued to operate it independently. Under his guidance, it has shown in a few years considerable growth, while Mr. Foster himself has satisfactorily demonstrated to his fellow townspeople his abilities as a business executive and his talents for recognizing and meeting the needs of Groton and its residents in this particular line of work.

In addition to his own business activities, Mr. Foster is active in town affairs, being prominently identified with the Republican party, whose candidates and policies he supports, and whose work he materially aids as chairman of the Republican town committee. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order his affiliations are with the Blue Lodge, the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and the Commandery, Knights Templar. He also is a member of the Knights of Pythias. Interested keenly in the religious work of his community, he and his wife are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is both a trustee and an elder.

Ralph B. Foster married Jessie M. Smith, a native of Groton, Vermont, daughter of James H. and Jane (Ricker) Smith. They reside in Groton, where James H. Smith has been for many years engaged in the livery business and is a highly respected citizen. By their marriage Ralph B. and Jessie M. (Smith) Foster are the parents of the following children: 1. Dorothy May. 2. Jean Elizabeth. 3. Martha Morrison. 4. Julia Helen.

**JOHN WARD GILLIS**—Traditions of New England industry have been well maintained by John Ward Gillis, of Danville, whose labors in this district of Vermont have been observed and approved for a quarter of a century as an independent merchant and agriculturist and for much longer as an employee of others. He has served in public office with honorable fidelity to the trust and has long been affiliated with civic and social affairs that attract the better element of the community. Steadfastness of purpose and a tireless energy have been harnessed effectively by Mr. Gillis in his march along the commercial and productive highway, his progress having been marked by the numerous friends he has made because of his uprightness of character and his patriotic devotion to the true principles of constructive government. He has advanced the general prosperity of the district because of his association with its commerce and his cooperation with others whose aim is the happiness of all through organized effort and fairness of business methods.

He was born in Danville, Vermont, December 20, 1867, a son of Archibald L. and Martha (Jones) Gillis, both natives of Barnet, his father having been a veteran of the Civil War, with three years of active service. John Ward Gillis acquired an elementary education in the local public schools and when fifteen years of age went to work on a farm, where he labored for seven years. He then took a position as travelling salesman of farm machinery, during which occupation he was able to put aside sufficient money to purchase a farm. Since then he has acquired two others in Danville, and in 1904 bought from the trustees of the S. O. Morse estate the general mercantile establishment that he had conducted until poor health compelled his retirement. The business originally included grain and feed, but this unit was sold by Mr. Gillis to E. T. & H. K. Ide, of St. Johnsbury, while he still conducts the main business under the name of J. Ward Gillis. He employs an average of eight persons, and in addition to this enterprise operates under contract the Danville exchange of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, with two operators



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on duty. He is at present Deputy Sheriff and has been a selectman and a member of the school board. His fraternal affiliation is with the Knights of Pythias. He is a deacon in the Congregational Church, of which his wife is also a member.

John Ward Gillis married May Perkins, a daughter of Charles and Margaret (Gordon) Perkins, who was born in Montreal, Canada, and brought to Vermont when an infant. Their children are: 1. Lettie B., married Albert Danforth, a rural mail carrier, and they are the parents of Albert Henry. 2. Clara, married Earl Fisher, postmaster of Danville and a veteran of the World War.

**ALAN E. ASHCRAFT**—Associated with the Fairbanks-Morse companies for over twenty-five years, Alan E. Ashcraft is now vice-president and general manager of E. and T. Fairbanks and Company, at St. Johnsbury, Vermont. During the period of his residence here, Mr. Ashcraft has won an important place in the life of the community, and is active alike in the civic, social and fraternal life. He was born on September 17, 1881, at Vandalia, Illinois, a son of E. M. Ashcraft, a native of West Virginia, and of Florence V. (Moore) Ashcraft, who was born in Kentucky.

Alan E. Ashcraft attended the public schools and high school in Chicago, Illinois, after which he was graduated from the Chicago Manual Training School, a private school of that place. In 1903 he was graduated from Cornell University, and soon afterwards began work with Fairbanks Morse and Company, at Beloit, Wisconsin. In this connection he displayed marked ability and an energetic devotion to the task in hand, rising gradually through a period of years to positions of confidence and trust. In April, 1916, he was transferred to the plant of E. and T. Fairbanks and Company, at St. Johnsbury, Vermont, of which he is now general manager as well as vice-president of the company. His marked capacity for executive direction has been of greatest value to him and to his company in this work.

Politically, Mr. Ashcraft is a member of the Republican party, and he has given to St. Johnsbury the benefit of his business ability and experience, serving as chairman of the Board of Village Trustees. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which organization he is an Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Mason of the thirty-second degree. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a member of the St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce, of the local Rotary Club and the Country Club. He and his family attend the North Congregational Church.

Alan E. Ashcraft married Mae Fluker, who was born at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, a daughter of John C. and Mary (Deignan) Fluker of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Ashcraft are the parents of one child, Alan E., Jr.

**JOHN M. ALLEN, M. D.**—Specialist in surgery for twenty-five years and engaged in practice of the profession of medicine in St. Johnsbury thirty-seven years (1928), John M. Allen is a native of this community, is numbered among the foremost citizens of the St. Johnsbury area, and among the leading surgeons of Vermont. His career from the earliest has been devoted to the profession of which he is a member.

Dr. Allen was born February 4, 1868, son of David S. and Abby (Alvord) Allen, his father having been employed with the E. and T. Fairbanks Company for forty years. In the public schools of St. Johnsbury he secured a sound academic instruction upon which to build higher studies, graduated from secondary school, and matriculated in the University of Vermont, graduating from the university's department of medicine in 1890, at the age of twenty-two years, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He was graduated in March,

1891, from Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York City, and was the first interne to serve at Mary Fletcher Hospital, in 1890-91. In October, 1891, Dr. Allen opened offices for general practice as physician and surgeon in St. Johnsbury, and has maintained them here continuously, having become a specialist in surgery in 1903. He has taken post graduate courses in medicine and surgery both in the United States and abroad. During the period of America's participation in the World War he served on the United States Board of Examiners, and likewise on the draft board. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and a member of the New England Surgical Association, which is limited to one hundred members, Dr. Allen being the only member from the St. Johnsbury section. Fraternally he is active in the work of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of all bodies up to and including the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and is affiliated also with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He attends the Congregational Church.

Dr. Allen was united in marriage with Frances M. Sullivan, native of St. Johnsbury, daughter of John E. and Annie (Marrion) Sullivan, November 9, 1917. Mrs. Allen is a member of the Catholic Church.

**HENRY J. GOODRICH**—One of the leading plumbing and heating concerns in the St. Johnsbury section of the State of Vermont is the one founded and developed by Henry J. Goodrich, who is located on Railroad Street in St. Johnsbury, where he operates under his own name. Mr. Goodrich is a native of this State, though not of St. Johnsbury, and came to this place as soon as his apprenticeship was finished, working for two years in the employ of F. F. Fletcher, and then establishing his own business, which has grown from a modest beginning to its present extensive proportions. Mr. Goodrich does a general plumbing and heating business and also carries a full stock of kitchen furnishings and does metal work.

Henry J. Goodrich was born in Norwich, Vermont, June 18, 1861, son of Leonard H., a cabinet maker, and Julia M. (Hubbard) Goodrich, both natives of Vermont and both deceased. He attended the public schools of Randolph, Vermont, until he was fourteen years of age, and then learned the tinsmith's trade, serving an apprenticeship of three and a half years. When his apprenticeship was completed he came to St. Johnsbury and entered the employ of F. F. Fletcher, with whom he remained for two years, resigning at the end of that time in order to engage in business for himself. He was skilled at his trade and prudent in his early business operations, beginning in a modest way and gradually expanding as time passed and excellent workmanship combined with honest business methods brought a steadily increasing patronage. As the years passed the business continued to grow and the reputation of the founder became firmly established, serving as one of his most valuable business assets. At the present time the plumbing and heating business of H. J. Goodrich ranks as one of the leading concerns of its kind in this section of the State. Mr. Goodrich is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce, also of the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, and is well known as an able and successful business man. Fraternally, he is identified with the Masonic order, holding membership in the Blue Lodge, also in the Royal Arch Masons, Royal and Select Masters, Knights Templar, and Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Politically, he supports the principles and the candidates of the Republican party, and his religious affiliation and that of his wife is with the Congregational Church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich have long been numbered among the substantial citizens of St. Johnsbury, and both have a host of friends in this place.

Henry J. Goodrich is married to Julia E. Moulton,



who was born in Concord, Vermont, daughter of Arthur and Elizabeth (Ramsey) Moulton. Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich became the parents of three children: 1. Freda, who is proprietor of The Style Shop. 2. Claude M., deceased, who was a graduate of Dartmouth College, where he completed a course in mechanical and civil engineering, and who at the time of his death was in the employ of the Fairbanks-Morse Scale Company, at St. Paul, Minnesota. During the period of the World War he was doing war work at the Greenfield Tap and Die Works. He married Jean Stanley, and they became the parents of two children: Elizabeth and Claudia. 3. Vera, wife of Carl Taplan, who is associated with his father in the clothing business, their establishment being located on Main Street, in St. Johnsbury. They have one son, Robert.

**RAYMOND E. FARWELL**—A prominent figure in the business and industrial affairs of Ryegate and this vicinity of Vermont, Raymond E. Farwell is general manager of the Ryegate Paper Company's plant at East Ryegate. He was sent on the first survey when the company was considering the establishment of a plant in this place, stayed here throughout the construction of the factory, and since that time has been general manager. The company manufactures highgrade paper, employing when operating at capacity about eighty hands. The plant, which began operations in September, 1906, has run for more than twenty-two years without a single shut-down on account of lack of orders. Its officers are: Porter Farwell, Raymond's father, president, who lives in Turner's Falls, Massachusetts; Raymond U. Smith, of Woodsville, New Hampshire, secretary; and W. D. Russell, of New York City, treasurer.

Raymond E. Farwell, of whom this is a record, was born in Turner's Falls, Massachusetts, February 6, 1877, a son of Porter and Alice (Burlingame) Farwell. He received his early education in the public schools of that place, and then went to Cushing Academy, at Ashburnham, Massachusetts, from which he was graduated. Then he became a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and for a period of one and one-half years practiced civil engineering. Then he went to work for the International Paper Company, in Turner's Falls, Massachusetts, but resigned from that organization to come to East Ryegate as general manager of the Ryegate Paper Company's plant. With the International Paper Company he had held the position of assistant superintendent, and had been held in the very highest esteem by his fellowmen for the work that he did there. And in Ryegate he has demonstrated beyond the shadow of a doubt his sound business ability and his special talents for work in the paper business, and has attracted to him a large number of friends who admire and respect him for his attainments and who like him personally.

In addition to his own work, Mr. Farwell takes a lively part in the civic and social affairs of his town and community. In his political views he is identified with the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he supports. In the village of Wells River, Vermont, he served for thirteen years as a member of the school board. He was for five years a trustee, and is now vice-president, of the National Bank of Newbury, at Wells River, Vermont. He also is district governor of the Thirty-seventh District of the Rotary International, this district comprising the States of New Hampshire and Vermont; and for a time he was president of the Woodsville and Wells River Rotary Club. Mr. Farwell is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which his affiliations are with the Blue Lodge, the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Council of Royal and Select Masters, the Commandery of Knights Templar, and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He and his wife are both members of the Congregational Church, of which he is treasurer.

Raymond E. Farwell married twice: (first) Rosina

Batson, who died in 1925, leaving four children: Thomas, Porter, Alice, and Jeannette; and (second) Ina Lou Buchanan.

**DANIEL T. GILMAN**—For many years Daniel T. Gilman was successfully engaged in farming, in association with his father, in Barnet, this State, but some years after the removal of the parents to St. Johnsbury, Vermont, Mr. Gilman and his brother, Fred D. (q. v.), established a horse and cattle business, which they operated under the name of Gilman Brothers. Under that same name, Mr. Gilman is now (1928), with his son and a nephew, conducting a horse and cattle business, but with it he has combined the real estate business. He is located at No. 127 Railroad Street, here in St. Johnsbury, where he is well known.

Nathan Gilman, father of Mr. Gilman, was a native of Vermont who for many years was engaged in farming in Lyndon, this State. Late in life he and his wife removed from Lyndon to Barnet, Vermont, where he took up farming and later moved to St. Johnsbury, where he continued to live to the time of his death. He married Mary Jane Darling, and they were the parents of Fred D., and Daniel T., of further mention. Both parents are deceased.

Daniel T. Gilman was born in Lyndon, Vermont, and received his education in the public schools of Barnet district. During his boyhood he was his father's assistant on the farm before and after school and during vacation periods, and when school days were over he remained on his father's farm. When, late in life, the mother died at Barnet and the rest of the family removed to St. Johnsbury, the two sons engaged in the livery business under the firm name of Gilman Brothers for about five years, and then, in association with his brother, Fred, Daniel T. established the horse and cattle business which they still operate under the original name of Gilman Brothers. The brothers bought and sold horses and cattle, which, in those days, were common objects of barter, and the partners remained together until the death of Fred Gilman, in September, 1926. In the meantime, real estate had been added to the original business, and had become an increasingly important part of the dealings of the firm. Since the death of the brother, Mr. Gilman has continued the business with his son, Lindol, and his nephew, Paul Gilman. For many years Mr. Gilman owned a large farm, which he made the basis of his trade in horses and cattle, but recently he sold all of his extensive acres except about twenty, retaining that small part of the farm, with the buildings, which are being remodelled into stables for the stock. As a business man and as a citizen, Mr. Gilman is one of the respected and trusted members of this community, and he has always been willing to contribute to the promotion of the general welfare of the place. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Passumpsic Savings Bank and his sound judgment in matters of investment and of general finance is much relied upon. Politically, he supports the principles of the Republican party, and for a considerable period of time he served as town trustee. He is a member of the United Commercial Travelers. Mr. Gilman and his family are members of the North Congregational Church.

Daniel T. Gilman is married to Nellie Hoyt, daughter of Charles Hoyt, who is living with Mr. and Mrs. Gilman, aged eighty-four years, and of Jane (Coffin) Hoyt, the last mentioned of whom is deceased. They have two children: 1. Arline, who is the wife of John Brodine, who has charge of Mr. Gilman's office. 2. Lindol, who is associated with his father in the horse, cattle, and real estate business.

**RALPH D. SHERRY**—As town manager of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, Ralph D. Sherry has secured to the community an administration of the highest effi-







*William Clemens.*

ciency. Mr. Sherry is a business man of wide experience and unusual ability, devoting to the duties of his office all the energies which brought him his own successes. He is also active in local social and fraternal life.

Mr. Sherry was born on July 15, 1858, in New Hampshire, a son of Daniel and Marie (Brown) Sherry. He entered the local public schools, later attending St. Johnsbury Academy, and when he completed his education began work in the mercantile business at Barnet, Vermont. For a time also he lived in Groton and Bradford, Vermont, and in 1905, retired from the dry goods business to become postmaster at Groton, a position which he retained for a period of six years. At the end of that time he became interested in real estate, and also for a period of ten years directed the buying and selling of lumber for the Riverside Lumber Company, his sound judgment in this particular proving especially valuable to his company. Finally, in May, 1923, he was appointed town manager of St. Johnsbury, filling this position to the complete satisfaction of the community since that time. Mr. Sherry is also road commissioner and overseer of the local poor.

Politically he supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party, and he is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Knights of Pythias, and a member of the St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club. He and his family attend the South Congregational Church, of which Mr. Sherry is an active member and a liberal supporter.

Ralph D. Sherry married (first) Abbie H. Ross, now deceased, and by this marriage there was one son, Paul. Mr. Sherry married (second) Carrie Leet, and they are the parents of two children: Beulah, and Barbara.

**HARRY W. WITTERS**—Active in all the public affairs of St. Johnsbury and the nearby community in Vermont, Harry W. Witters is, in relation to his city and State, more than a successful lawyer; he is a thoroughly useful and desirable type of citizen. Specializing in corporation law and in those phases of the legal profession which especially apply to the conduct of business, he contributes much to the business and industrial welfare of Saint Johnsbury and to the prosperity of its people by giving valuable advice in his capacity as counsel to several important companies. There is no sort of public improvement program in which Mr. Witters is not interested, and he is ever generous of his time and money in support of movements which he believes destined to bring about in some way a betterment of conditions among his fellow men.

Mr. Witters was born in St. Albans, Vermont, on March 18, 1889, son of Wellington B. and Mary Curtis (Soule) Witters, both of whom were natives of this State. His mother is now deceased, but the father is still living and is deputy collector of customs. As a boy, Harry W. Witters attended the public schools in St. Albans, later went to the high school there, and finally went for his professional work to the University of Michigan, from whose law department he was graduated in the class of 1911. He first practiced his profession in Saint Johnsbury, where he was associated with Judge Harland B. Howe for about two years. Then he became a member of the law firm known as Howe, Witters and Harvey. When Mr. Howe was appointed to the judgeship in 1915, the firm became known as Porter, Witters and Harvey. At length Mr. Harvey resigned from the firm, and Jutten Longmoore took his place, so that the firm is now known as Porter, Witters and Longmoore. During his many years as a member of this organization, Mr. Witters has grown steadily in the esteem of his fellow citizens, and now holds a position of

leadership in the legal profession of Vermont, where he is highly regarded by both his clients and his professional colleagues. Among his other duties, Mr. Witters is counsel for the Citizens' Savings Bank and Trust Company, as well as of the Parker Young Company.

Although he is busily occupied with his own duties, he takes at all times an active interest in the public affairs of his community. He is especially interested in political developments in Vermont and elsewhere, and is identified prominently with the Democratic party, whose candidates and principles he supports. In 1919, he was chosen on that party's ticket to serve as a representative from St. Johnsbury in the Vermont State Legislature. Always active in a fraternal way, Mr. Witters has been affiliated for a number of years with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Harry W. Witters married Grace I. Barney, a native of the town of Barre, Vermont, daughter of Louis Barney. They had four children: Virginia A., Betty Lu, Chester W., and Barbara R. Mr. Witters and his family attend the Congregational church.

**WILLIAM CLEMENT**—Appreciating the value to the agrarian population of class representation in legislative activities, William Clement, all his life a farmer, devoted himself with such assiduity to a self-assumed task that he has been chosen to represent his Danville district in both the Lower House and the Senate of the State of Vermont, as well as in minor offices of the town itself. Senator Clement knows his constituents well, for he has lived here for upward of sixty years and constantly mingled with them in all their affairs. He is a citizen of upstanding ability, keen intellect and inviolable integrity, understanding the needs of the people of small communities and rural districts and putting forth his full powers to accomplish for them such legislation as will be most beneficial to all. His industry and business ability have brought the reward of success in his private enterprises, and he stands today as a representative citizen of sound fortune and patriotic devotion to his fellows and to the government under which they find their mutual prosperity.

He was born in Danville, Vermont, August 5, 1867, a son of William and Mary Jane (Hill) Clement, both also natives of Danville, his father, a farmer, now deceased. He was educated in the local elementary public schools and at St. Johnsbury Academy, after which he began his life work as a farmer and dairyman. He is sole owner of the Jersey Hill dairy farm of thirty-nine acres at Danville and of another milk farm of one hundred and forty acres nearby. He is also the Danville representative of the Union Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Montpelier. In 1922 he was elected on the Republican ticket to a seat in the State Legislature and reelected in 1924, serving two full terms, and in 1926 being elevated to the Senate for the two-year period covering 1927-28. Prior to these offices he served as selectman and in other capacities. He is a member of the Danville Chamber of Commerce; Washburn Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Order of the Eastern Star, and Junior Order United American Mechanics. He is a deacon in the Congregational church, of which his wife also is a member.

William Clement married Lillian Kelsey, of Danville, daughter of Hiram A. and Diantha C. (Nichols) Kelsey. Their children are: 1. Frances Willard, married W. A. Hamilton, a veterinary surgeon of Danville, and they are the parents of Barbara and Beverly (twins), and of Paul and Marion. 2. Florence C., married Lyman G. Moore, a farmer of Danville, and they are the parents of Nathan and Marilyn. 3. Madeleine Diantha, a pupil nurse at the Choate Memorial Hospital, Woburn, Massachusetts.



**FRED C. BECK**—In his capacity as treasurer of the firm of E. and T. Fairbanks and Company, Fred C. Beck plays an important rôle in the affairs of the community in which he lives and works, and, through this company, renders to his fellow citizens a service of great value. He also is active in the public life of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, of which the Fairbanks organization is one of the leading institutions; and, although Mr. Beck goes about his business in a quiet and unassuming way, there is no phase of the community life in which he is not keenly interested and on which his opinion is not welcomed by his fellow townsmen.

Fred C. Beck was born in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, January 28, 1878, son of John and Veronica (Buck) Beck, both of whom were natives of Germany, where they were married, but who spent the later years of their lives in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, where John Beck was a blacksmith. Both of the parents are now deceased. As a boy, Fred C. Beck attended the public schools of his native town, St. Johnsbury, and later became a student at the St. Johnsbury Academy, from which he was graduated in the class of 1895. Soon after he completed his formal schooling, he became affiliated with the Fairbanks company, with which he has continued to work ever since that time. First he was engaged in the grocery department of the firm, and afterward worked at a number of different positions over a period of several years until he was made treasurer of the company. From the very first, Mr. Beck's business talent was readily discernible, and as time went on he came to be entrusted with more of the details of the business that required special attention and intelligent judgment, with the result that he won promotions and earned the confidence of both his associates and customers. As a result of his careful policy of conducting the Fairbanks company's affairs and the genial way in which he meets all the problems of business, few men in the vicinity of St. Johnsbury are held in higher esteem than is Mr. Beck.

He does not by any means confine his interests to E. and T. Fairbanks and Company, however; for he is active in all phases of the city's life. In his political views, he is a member of the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he regularly supports by vote and influence. He has never been an office-seeking type of man, preferring to exert what political power he may by voting quietly for the candidates of his choice, although he is a member of the school board, having been persuaded by his friends to accept this position. Active in his community's fraternal life, he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has gone through the various bodies of both the York and the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Mr. Beck holds memberships in the Rotary Club and the St. Johnsbury Country Club, and is secretary and treasurer of the country club. The religious affiliation of both himself and his family is with the Congregational Church.

Fred C. Beck married Mildred Houston, a native of Troy, Vermont, daughter of Bradley and Sybil (Royce) Houston. By this marriage there have been two children: 1. Royce, who was graduated from the St. Johnsbury Academy, and after his graduation took a course of apprenticeship at the plant of E. and T. Fairbanks and Company. 2. Sybil, who was graduated from the St. Johnsbury public school in the class of 1928.

**J. STEWART GARVIN**—A large share of the high rating accorded the schools in this section of Vermont is directly attributable to the leadership of J. Stewart Garvin, Superintendent of Schools for the union district encompassing the towns of Groton, Ryegate, Newbury, and the village of Wells River. Mr. Garvin, while he has been in charge of this school system for a comparatively brief period, has labored so zealously for its betterment that, in this time, he has accomplished almost

marvelous results. In addition to a thorough training for this profession, his qualifications have been enhanced by considerable experience in similar positions elsewhere. Before coming to South Ryegate where he now (1928) resides, Mr. Garvin had devoted almost two years to his country's military forces, serving during the emergency created by the entrance of the United States into the World War.

Mr. Garvin was born May 28, 1894, at West Newton, Pennsylvania, son of Rev. James Stewart and Wilda (Fulton) Garvin, both natives of Pennsylvania. Rev. James Stewart Garvin has devoted his life to the ministry, and now is pastor of the United Presbyterian Church at South Ryegate.

J. Stewart Garvin attended the elementary schools at West Newton, Pennsylvania; East Liverpool (Ohio) High School, being graduated therefrom in 1911, and then matriculated at Westminster University, at Wilmington, Pennsylvania. In January, 1918, Mr. Garvin ended his school days and enlisted for service in the World War. At first he was assigned to an infantry regiment, but later was transferred to the 1st Artillery Corps. He went overseas with this last-named unit, joined the American Expeditionary Forces, and remained in France about fifteen months. Enlisting as a private, Mr. Garvin was honorably discharged in August, 1919, at that time being rated as wagoner in the artillery. After being released from the military forces, he came directly to South Ryegate, and later made his first contact with the teaching profession, when he was appointed principal of the high school at Groton. Five years in this post, during which his capabilities and achievements were recognized by local school officials, Mr. Garvin severed his connections with Groton High School to become Superintendent of Schools in the union district. His duties in this position, as heretofore indicated, encompass supervision over the public institutions of learning at Groton, Ryegate and Newbury Town, and the village of Wells River. It was in 1924 that he took over this post, and the improvement of the system since that time has won for him the commendation of school officials. Mr. Garvin acknowledges allegiance to no political party, preferring to give his support to any issue or candidate, regardless of party lines. He has been found ever eager and willing to devote his time and efforts to non-professional movements designed for the public weal, and is often a decided stimulus to projects of this kind.

J. Stewart Garvin married Caroline E. Gibson, native of Ryegate, and a daughter of Martin H. and Mary Caroline (Clark) Gibson. Martin H. Gibson is a widely known figure in the granite industry of this State, owning quarries here, from which he gets much of the material utilized in his manufacturing business. J. Stewart and Caroline E. (Gibson) Garvin have one child, Jean Stewart. The Garvin family resides in the village of South Ryegate, and its members are earnest devotees of the United Presbyterian Church, and quite popular in social circles of this and surrounding communities.

**ALBRO F. NICHOLS**—Well known through Caledonia County as barrister and man of affairs, clerk of Caledonia County Court since January 21, 1888, Albro F. Nichols is a native of Vermont. He was born at Lyndon, March 24, 1850, secured his elementary education in the public schools, prepared for college at Colby Academy, and studied thereafter in New Hampton Institute, from the classical department of which he was graduated in 1871. Meanwhile his taste for the law had become strengthened, and he studied for the profession in the office of Belden, Belden and May, of St. Johnsbury. Also, he read in the office of Belden and Ide, and was admitted to the bar of the county court in 1873, at the age of twenty-three years. In 1878 he was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court.



Albro F. Nichols practiced law at Lyndon, where he was born, from 1874 until 1876; at West Concord, 1876-83, and at St. Johnsbury from 1883 until 1888, when, as noted, he became clerk of the county court. From 1878 to 1883 he was State's Attorney for Essex County, and State Senator from Caledonia County from 1890 to 1894. Throughout his extended career he has borne in mind the best interests of the people of his community, and has worked for them consistently, both in and out of office, through his profession, and otherwise. On January 21, 1920, he observed the fortieth anniversary of his service as clerk of Caledonia County Court.

Very few men have done more for St. Johnsbury, or for Caledonia County, than Albro F. Nichols. He makes his residence at No. 5 Mt. Pleasant Street.

**GEORGE CLINTON FRYE**—Native of Concord, Vermont, born September 17, 1873, George Clinton Frye received his elementary instruction in the public schools, and graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in 1892. Thereafter he took up the law, and graduated from Boston University, School of Law, in 1897, at the age of twenty-three years. Admitted to the bar in that year, he began the practice of the profession, in association with his stepfather, Albro F. Nichols, who has been clerk of Caledonia County Court since 1888. From 1910 until 1915, George Clinton Frye was referee in bankruptcy; from 1915 until 1921 he was judge of the Caledonia County Municipal Court, and for years has been deputy clerk of the Caledonia County Court. He takes an active part in affairs of the community, both as they relate to the law and to citizenship. He makes his residence at No. 5 Mt. Pleasant Street, St. Johnsbury.

**FREDERICK A. FLINT**—Firm and consistent in enforcement of the law in Caledonia County, Vermont, Frederick A. Flint has proved himself to possess marked talents for his work as sheriff of this county. Since 1923, he has held this important office, and before that time served as deputy sheriff. Well known over a wide territory in this State, where he has spent by far the greater part of his life, Mr. Flint knows better than most men the special conditions affecting this region of Vermont, and is well acquainted with the character of the people, of whom he lists a goodly number among his friends.

He was born on June 21, 1892, in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, son of Charles G. and Mabel (Stanton) Flint, both natives of this State. His father, for many years, was engaged in the drug business in St. Johnsbury; and after a career of upwards of forty years as a pharmacist, he died, leaving behind him his widow, who still resides in that city. As a boy, Frederick A. Flint attended the public schools of this, his native town, then became a student in the local high school, and finally took a special commercial course for one year at the Henry Kendal School, Tulsa, Oklahoma. For a number of years, Mr. Flint held various positions, always in some form of sales work, and became thoroughly familiar with business technique and the problems of human relationships, especially as they applied to selling. Then, on August 4, 1914, he became identified with the Pennsylvania State Constabulary, with which he remained until May, 1918, when he joined the forces of the United States Government Secret Service. Handling all the duties of this work well and effectively, he remained in the Government service until March, 1920, when he again returned to St. Johnsbury, his native town, and became salesman and member of the firm of the St. Johnsbury Grocery Company, of which he also was a vice-president. In the following year, 1921, he became deputy sheriff; and it was on February 1, 1923, that he received his appointment as sheriff of Caledonia County. Since that time, he has steadily gained the love and esteem of his

fellow men, and is regarded as one of the most capable enforcers of the law in the entire State of Vermont.

His duties of office naturally keep Mr. Flint a busy man, but never so busy as to prevent his participation in the public affairs of the community in which he lives and of whose people he is so fond. He closely follows the political developments of his county, State and nation, and is identified with the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he regularly supports by his vote and influence. He is a member of the United Commercial Travelers, which he joined when he was actively engaged in the work of salesmanship; and is also active in the fraternal life of his community, being a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His religious affiliation is with the Congregational church, which he attends regularly.

**REV. JOHN W. DWYER**—Since 1913 the Rev. John W. Dwyer has been pastor of St. Aloysius Church in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. During this period of service, he has discharged all the duties connected with his position with a completeness and a fine dignity which have won for him the affection and esteem not only of his parishioners but of the community as a whole.

Father Dwyer was born August 30, 1872, at Keesville, near Plattsburg, New York, a son of John and Catherine (Quinn) Dwyer of that place. He was educated in the parochial school at Burlington, Vermont, and later attended St. Joseph College at Burlington, Grand Seminary, in Montreal, and St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. After this careful preparation, he was ordained priest on December 24, 1895, at Burlington by Bishop Michaud, and shortly thereafter was made pastor of a parish which included the owns of Manchester and Arlington, Vermont, where he remained for nine and a half years. At the end of that time, he took charge of the parish at Ludlow, Vermont, remaining there also for about nine years, and finally, in November, 1913, coming to St. Aloysius Church, in St. Johnsbury. In his pastorate, Father Dwyer has proved himself an able executive and administrator in temporal affairs, and a constant inspiration and guide in the spiritual growth and progress of his parish, which now numbers some six hundred and fifty souls. He has always been active in the care of the sick and needy, and in addition to his other duties, serves as Chaplain of the Sheridan Council, Knights of Columbus, at St. Johnsbury.

**CORTIS J. BERRY**—Formerly active in the business life of St. Johnsbury, Cortis J. Berry is now retired from active work, but still participates to a considerable extent in the affairs of his community and State. There is scarcely any phase of public life in which he is not keenly interested, and as a result of his achievements and his public-spiritedness Mr. Berry is considered one of the most useful members of the village of St. Johnsbury Center.

He was born in Sutton, Vermont, on February 11, 1857, son of William J. and Mary (Johnson) Berry, both natives of Vermont. His father was a mill man, and was widely and favorably known in his community. Cortis J. Berry, of whom this is a record, received his early training in the public schools, and when he was only eleven years old started to earn a living. At first he served as a farm hand, remaining in this capacity until he was about eighteen years old. Then he came to St. Johnsbury and worked in a furniture and undertaking establishment for several years. At the end of that period he came to St. Johnsbury Center to work in the store of Lester D. Stiles, who was then postmaster in this village. Mr. Berry remained in this enterprise until the death of Mr. Stiles brought an end to the business. Since he has been retired (he has not been engaged in active business endeavor since 1909) Mr.



Berry has kept himself busy to a certain extent by serving as janitor in the school building in St. Johnsbury Center. In addition to his work here, Mr. Berry has taken an active interest in public affairs, especially in politics, being identified with the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he regularly supports. He and his family are attendants at the Congregational church.

On October 22, 1884, Cortis J. Berry married Lois Stiles, daughter of Lester D. and Abbie Marion (Hawkins) Stiles, both of whom were natives of St. Johnsbury. Her father was one of the earliest merchants of the town, while the families of both her father and mother were prominent people. Cortis J. and Lois (Stiles) Berry are the parents of the following children: 1. Lester S., educated at the St. Johnsbury Academy and at Dartmouth College, now engaged in the wholesale undertaking business and furniture supply business; he married Ann L. Collins, and they have four children: Lorraine, Byrne, Richard and Beverly. 2. Maud, educated at the St. Johnsbury Academy, now wife of George G. Newell, a St. Johnsbury merchant, and they have one child, Graham Stiles Newell. 3. Mildred Lois, a graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy, who spent two years training at the Lyndon Institute and is now a teacher in the St. Johnsbury schools, where she has taught for the past four years.

**STODDARD B. BATES**—Many offices have been the portion of Stoddard B. Bates, of Derby, present commissioner of highways of the State of Vermont, and in all of them he has acquitted himself with credit and ability. He has always been very active in local affairs, both business and civic, and has been very influential in promoting the general prosperity of the community through the individual work he has done by coöperation. Mr. Bates possesses the essential quality of every good citizen of taking as sincere an interest in the welfare of the whole people as in his private enterprises, a characteristic that he has displayed throughout his public career. Such attributes make friends and he has them in legions, while the State of Vermont is the richer because of his membership in its citizenship. He has always put the welfare of the people above party or individual aggrandizement and seen to it, when he was in position to do so, that they profited by his labors in their behalf.

He was born in Newport, Vermont, March 18, 1862, a son of Alonzo D. and Catherine (Benham) Bates, born, respectively, in 1827 and 1835. His father was a successful lawyer and his son received an education in the local public schools and at Derby Academy, and the Comers Commercial College, Boston, Massachusetts. He early entered into public life and also engaged in business, having conducted a profitable venture in buying and shipping produce to Boston in his youth. He acquired a farm of two hundred and twenty-five acres in the town of Derby, which he still owns. On this farm his mother's father was born in 1802 and his mother in 1835, hence this farm has been in the family over one hundred years. As a young man he went into the hay and potato business remaining therein some twenty years, and it was during this time that he was first called on to fill the office of road commissioner of the town of Derby which he held many years. In 1907 he was appointed county highway supervisor and held that office until January, 1915, when he was appointed State highway commissioner, and in 1921 he was appointed a member of the State Highway Board. He resigned in 1922 to run for State Senator and was elected and took his seat in 1923. Appointed commissioner of highways, he resigned from the Senate to fill that office which he still holds. He represented the town of Derby in the Legislature of 1910. Prior to 1910, he served as deputy sheriff and

constable. He is chairman of the executive committee of Derby Academy, a director of the National Bank of Derby Line, trustee of Norwich University, president of the Clyde Valley Creamery Association, Incorporated, and a director of the Vermont Coöperation Creamery, Incorporated. The churches of Derby are consolidated and there is one United Church, which Mr. Bates attends, although his religious preference is Congregational.

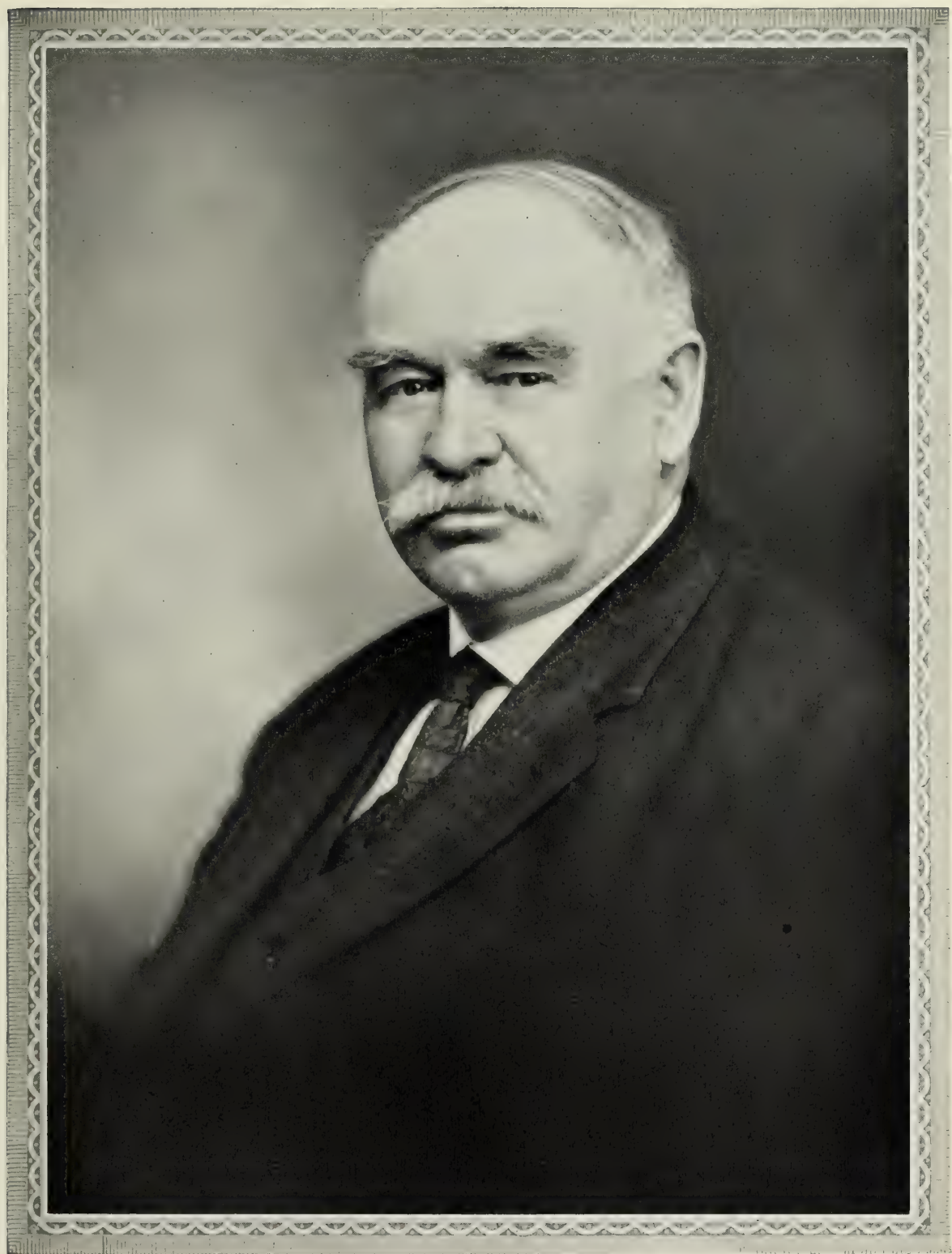
Stoddard B. Bates married Lilla Bates. Their children are: Lee Edwin Benham and Barbara Emily.

**CHARLES A. CRAMTON, M. D.**—Since the year of his majority and graduation from the medical department of the University of Vermont, 1893, Charles A. Cramton has practised as physician and surgeon in St. Johnsbury. Throughout that extended period, thirty-five years (1928), he has specialized in diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and is today accounted well forward among leading specialists of that field in this part of the State. He has retained his outstanding position for more than two decades, his offices—the same taken by him at commencement of practice in August, 1893—are known to a large clientele.

Dr. Cramton was born at Winooski, Vermont, July 1, 1872, son of J. O. and Charlotte E. (Ward) Cramton. J. O. Cramton was long a prominent physician and surgeon, having served as Surgeon-General during the Civil War. Also, he was prominent as a politician, and was known widely in New England, particularly so in the State of Vermont.

In the public schools Dr. Cramton secured a sound preparation for more advanced studies, and, following graduation from high school, at Burlington, Vermont, matriculated in the University of Vermont, taking the degree of Doctor of Medicine therefrom in 1893, as recited. Later, during the years of active practice, he took courses at the New York Eye and Ear Hospital, Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital, Chicago Eye and Ear Hospital, and the Royal Eye and Ear Hospital of London, England. More, at L'Hôpital Lambossier, of Paris, France, he studied the nose and throat, and has taken special work in various other clinics and schools, until he is informed on the most modern of discoveries pertaining to the eye, ear, nose and throat. His office is up-to-date, with all of the best medical equipment. He is a trustee of Brightlook Hospital, St. Johnsbury Academy, and for nineteen years he has been trustee of Passumpsic. Dr. Cramton is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the American Medical Association, and the medical societies of county and State. He is a Republican, possessed of a considerable influence politically, which he exerts quietly and to good effect. Fraternally he participates in the work of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of all bodies, including the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the St. Johnsbury Country Club, Sphinx Club, and Chamber of Commerce. In religious adherence he is a communicant of the Episcopal church, in which he is a vestryman, and in which both he and his wife are active.

Dr. Cramton married Gertrude H. Howe, who was born at Potter Place, New Hampshire, daughter of Benjamin C. and Nancy (Chase) Howe; and their children are three: 1. Gertrude, wife of L. L. Tower, of Wethersfield, Connecticut. 2. Marjorie, wife of A. A. Tower, Doctor of Medicine, of Meriden, Connecticut. 3. Edward A., Doctor of Medicine, of Pittsfield, Massachusetts. The family residence is at No. 100 Main Street, and Dr. Cramton's office at No. 29 Main Street, St. Johnsbury.



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**DAVID S. CONANT**—A member of the law firm of Shields and Conant, David S. Conant has practiced law at St. Johnsbury since 1917, with offices now located at No. 41 Main Street. Mr. Conant is a man of wide experience and unusual skill in his profession, and he has built up and retained a very successful practice.

He was born December 7, 1866, in Thetford, Orange County, Vermont, a son of Jonathan Josiah Conant, a farmer, who was born in the town of Lyme, New Hampshire, and of Martha (Howard) Conant, who was born in Thetford, both parents being now deceased. David S. Conant attended the public schools of his birthplace, and later entered Thetford Academy, and the St. Johnsbury Academy. He was graduated in 1891 from Dartmouth College, and in 1897 studied law at the Boston University Law School. He continued the study of law in the office of John H. Watson at Bradford, Vermont, and on October 14, 1898, was admitted to the bar and began the practice of his profession at Bradford. During the period of his residence there, he was State's Attorney, from 1900 to 1904, for Orange County, State Senator, in 1915, a member of the Republican State Committee from 1916 until 1917, resigning that position when he moved to St. Johnsbury. In the years of his residence at St. Johnsbury, Mr. Conant has won many friends, and a high place in the life of the community.

He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which organization he is a member of the Bradford Lodge, Mt. Lebanon Chapter, No. 13, of the Royal Arch Masons, and a member of the Council of Royal and Selected Masters. He is also a member of the St. Johnsbury Country Club.

David S. Conant married Mary Ellen Jones, who was born in Bradford, Vermont, a daughter of Charles and Calista (Robinson) Jones, and a graduate of Wellesley College, both of her parents being members of old Vermont families. Mr. and Mrs. Conant are the parents of three children: 1. Dorothy Stewart, a graduate of Wellesley, who married Dr. Edward A. Cramton and now lives at Pittsfield, Massachusetts. 2. Barbara Allerton, a graduate of Middlebury College and the wife of Clifford C. Oakley, and who now lives at East Orange, New Jersey. 3. Katherine Robinson, who was graduated from Wellesley and lives at home with her parents. Mr. Conant and his family attend the Protestant Episcopal church.

**LELAND C. CAHOON**—Northern Vermont is being materially aided to maintain its position of importance on the map of the State through the good offices of Leland C. Cahoon, an enterprising landed proprietor and the main supporter of the leading hotel in the charming resort town of Danville, Caledonia County. The great farm which he and his sons operate lies partly in Danville and partly in Walden. It is a source of supply, revenue and pleasure to the family interests, and constitutes one of the attractive agricultural places of the county. Mr. Cahoon the elder, an experienced hotel-keeper and a former legislator of his district when the family lived in the Empire State, is an adopted son of Vermont, although his forebears are of this State, to which ties of family happily drew him to become a settled resident. The Cahoons are a lively asset, commercially and socially, as well as politically, to Caledonia County.

Leland C. Cahoon was born in the town of DeKalb, St. Lawrence County, New York, October 6, 1853, a son of George and Salina (Brown) Cahoon. His father was the son of Henry Cahoon, who had left Vermont to settle in New York, when the latter State was little more than a wilderness. Therefore the New York Cahoons have their roots in the Vermont family of that name, and those early representatives, as well as the members of the latter generation, proved to be successful farmers.

The St. Lawrence County farm which had been cleared by Henry Cahoon was bequeathed to George Cahoon, his son, who handed it down to his own son, Leland C. Cahoon, of this review. The latter disposed of the property in 1912, and migrated to Vermont, where he acquired ownership of the present Danville-Walden farm of about eight hundred acres.

All things considered, it was a most fortunate eventuation of circumstances which brought Mr. Cahoon and his family to settle in Danville and Walden. Affairs to which he and his sons put their hands began to take on new life. Farming and other interests responded to their skillful management, and their influence had a beneficial effect upon the community in general. In 1923 Mr. Cahoon purchased the Elm House in Danville and turned the management of it over to his son, Walter, who has now become the proprietor. From his earlier experience in the management of a hotel, the elder Cahoon lends valued assistance to his son, and the former's wife also aids in the establishment, which is one of the most desirable, and at the same time one of the most popular hotels on the Boston-Montreal and Portland-Montreal routes. The combined family interests are, for business purposes, conducted under the style of L. C. Cahoon & Sons, with the senior Cahoon as the guiding spirit of the various enterprises.

Mr. Cahoon is an influential member of the Republican party, who has figured prominently in the councils of the organization. When he lived in the town of DeKalb, New York, he represented his district in the Legislature and achieved an enviable record of service in behalf of his constituents and the State as a whole. He is a Master Mason in the order of Freemasonry, and he, as well as the other members of his family, are connected with the Congregational Church at Danville, where their support and activities are of great assistance to the work in general.

Leland C. Cahoon married Clara Stacy, who was born in DeKalb, New York, the same town as was her husband, she the daughter of William E. and Emily (Percy) Stacy. Their children: 1. Gertrude, married Jesse Taylor, a landscape architect, and resides in Canton, Ohio, and they have a daughter, Pearl. 2. Walter, proprietor and manager of the Elm House at Danville, married Viola Huff, and has children, Gladys, Lawrence, Barbara and Grace. 3. Ralph, living on the farm in Walden, married October 2, 1928, Mrs. Lucy Edwards of Walden. 4. Grace, married Elmer Rogers, and resides in Vermontville, New York, and they have children, Lawrence, John, Harold, and Clara. 5. Glena, married Albert Washburn, who died in France, in his country's service; the widow married June 20, 1928, James W. Stone, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 6. George, resides in Walden, and serves his district as representative in the Vermont Legislature; married Madine Porter, and they have children, Marjorie, Paul, Ruth and George, Jr.

**LESTER A. BILL** has, since 1921, been manager of the Twin State Gas and Electric Company, at St. Johnsbury, Vermont. Though still relatively young he brought to this position wide experience in the field of electrical engineering and unusual executive ability, which have been of extreme value to his company in its business expansion and growth. Mr. Bill was born in Danielson, Connecticut, on December 12, 1890, a son of Arthur G. and Lillian E. (Chase) Bill, both natives of Connecticut, where his father has been an attorney for many years.

Lester A. Bill attended the public schools of his native State, was graduated from Worcester Academy, and later took a special course in technical subjects. He entered the Bliss Electrical Schools at Washington, District of Columbia, and was there graduated in 1912 with the degree of Electrical Engineer. Soon afterwards he entered the contracting business and from 1912 until 1917,



was engaged in this work at Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts, and at Meriden, Connecticut. When the United States entered the World War, Mr. Bill immediately enlisted as a machinist, took the examination for a commission, was sent to Annapolis, where he completed a special engineering course, and was then assigned as an officer to the U. S. S. "DeKalb," on which he remained as an engineer until his discharge in 1919. During this period of service he made seven trips to Europe and return. When Mr. Bill again resumed civil life, he came to St. Johnsbury to supervise the installation of electrical equipment for the Skinner Lumber Company, and upon the completion of this work, resigned to accept his present position as manager of the Twin State Gas and Electric Company, where his ability and sound business judgment have made him very successful.

Mr. Bill has been active generally in the life of the community where he makes his home, and he is now president of the St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the local Rotary Club. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which organization he is a member of the Blue Lodge, and he is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of the American Legion. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Vermont Electrical Association, and a member of the National Electric Light Association. He and his family attend the North Congregational Church, of St. Johnsbury, and both Mr. and Mrs. Bill are very active in church work.

Lester A. Bill married Ruth M. Skinner, of Orleans, Vermont, a daughter of Chauncey S. and Ella (Brown) Skinner, of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Bill are the parents of three children: Lillian Ella, Ruth Evangeline, and Gordon Chauncey.

**SIDNEY CYRUS HARDING**—An educator of thorough training and wide experience, Sidney Cyrus Harding has been Superintendent of Schools in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, for over five years. Under his administration, broad progressive policies have been initiated and put into successful operation, while the manner in which Mr. Harding has met and overcome all the difficulties of his position has won him the confidence of the entire community.

He was born in Vershire, Vermont, on November 25, 1876, a son of the Rev. Wilbur F. Harding, a minister of the Baptist church, and of Louise (Whitcomb) Harding. His parents having retired, make their home at West Lebanon, New Hampshire.

Sidney Cyrus Harding attended the public schools of his birthplace, and later entered Thetford Academy, from which he was graduated in 1896, the leader of his class in scholarship. For the next two years he studied at Thetford Academy and Dartmouth College after which he went to Minnesota, where he taught school for a period of three years. Returning to Vermont he served for four years as principal of the Corinth High School, and then for another three year period taught school in the Middle West, in Wisconsin. For two years thereafter he was Superintendent of Schools at Hyde Park, Vermont, and for seven and a half years, Superintendent of Schools of the towns of Fairfield, Bakersfield, and Fletcher, in Vermont. At the end of this time he became Superintendent of Schools in Concord, Vermont, but after four and a half years of able service, resigned to accept the position in St. Johnsbury which he now holds. In 1927 the town of Concord was added to his district so that he now supervises the work in the schools of both St. Johnsbury and Concord. Mr. Harding's success in all the positions he has held has been won by sheer merit and faithful attention to his duties.

Politically, he is a member of the Republican party, and for several years he served as Town Auditor in

Concord. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons in which organization he is a member of the Blue Lodge and of the Council. He has been very active in the various associations of the members of his profession, being a member of the county, State, and national Teachers Associations, President of the St. Johnsbury Educational Association, ex-President of the County Teachers Association, and treasurer of the State Teachers Educational Association. He is also a member of the local Rotary Club and of the Sphinx Club. He and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal church, of which they are active members, Mr. Harding serving for several years as president of the Men's Club of the St. Johnsbury church.

Sidney Cyrus Harding married Maud McCosco, who was born in St. Johnsbury, a daughter of Oliver and Alice (Hooker) McCosco of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Harding are the parents of one child, Wendall, now a student in high school.

**HERBERT A. SMITH**—The career of Herbert A. Smith has been one of consistent advancement in the newspaper business. Extended experience in eastern centers of population gave polish to his work in the offices of various journals and news bureaus; and as this experience augmented, his position became one of journalistic importance. It was with a most worthy record indeed that he came to St. Johnsbury, and here, more than in any other field before tried by him, he has been able to attain marked distinction, as editor and publisher of the "Evening Caledonian-Record," the only daily newspaper in northeastern Vermont, and the "St. Johnsbury Republican," one of the leading weekly publications of the northeastern area.

Herbert A. Smith is a member of a family old in the history of New England, his forebears having fought in the Revolution. He was born at Dublin, New Hampshire, July 14, 1878, a son of Horace W. and Emma A. (Atwood) Smith, and after completion of his elementary schooling in Pepperill, Massachusetts, and Norwich, Connecticut, he attended the Norwich Free Academy, of Norwich, Connecticut, from which he took his diploma in 1897. Then, at the age of eighteen years, he began at newspaper work. His first place was with the "Norwich Evening Record," soon followed by reportorial work for the "Norwich Morning Post." Ambitious to enter a larger field he went to New York City, where he worked for the "City News." He left this service, which has produced many reporters and special writers of national renown, to take a more attractive position with the "Worcester (Massachusetts) Morning Telegram." Here he secured the foundation of newspaper work that later led to rapid advancements. He left the "Telegram" for service with the "Boston Herald," where he served as marine editor, rewrite man and desk editor. In Boston he became New England manager of the International News Service, one of the most important services controlled by William Randolph Hearst, the newspaper publisher whose newspapers form a belt across the Nation. With the Hearst organization he attained to ready recognition for ability, and this led from the International News Service post to assistant managing editorship of the "Boston Evening American," one of the foremost Hearst newspapers. He continued in that position until 1919, then came to St. Johnsbury and bought the two publications which he has since operated. The "Evening Caledonian-Record" was founded as a weekly, in 1837, and became a daily in 1914. Under the guidance of Mr. Smith as publisher and editor-in-chief its circulation has moved upward almost to the possible limit. It covers its field, northeastern Vermont, in blanket fashion, and is widely quoted throughout New England. The "St. Johnsbury Republican," weekly, was founded in 1885, and of this, Mr. Smith exercises the control of



*Herbert A. Smith*





editor-in-chief and publisher. Both papers are put out by the Caledonian-Record Publishing Company. The company is incorporated under the laws of Vermont, with charter naming Mr. Smith its president.

Through exercise of editorial influence, Mr. Smith has been able to effect progressive movements designed for the lasting benefit of the St. Johnsbury area. He is personally active in all matters which interest loyal citizens, and an adherent to the principles of the Republican party, supporting its candidates and campaigns most heartily. He is a member of the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Council, Royal and Select Masters; Commandery, Knights Templar; and the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Also, he is a Past Senior Counselor of St. Johnsbury Counsel, No. 230, United Commercial Travelers, a member of Apollo Lodge, Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and a director of the Vermont Society, Sons of the American Revolution; secretary of the St. Johnsbury Rotary Club, and member of the Chamber of Commerce, Country Club, and Fish and Game Club. With his newspaper organizations, he is a member of the Vermont Allied Dailies, the Associated Press, New England Newspaper Association, American Newspaper Publishers' Association, and the National Editorial Association.

Mr. Smith married, in Worcester, Massachusetts, in 1903, Gertrude A. Shumway, who was born at Gardner, Massachusetts; and they have a son, Herbert Gordon Smith. The family attends the North Congregational Church, St. Johnsbury.

**DAVID E. PORTER**—Prominent for many years in the life of Vermont, David E. Porter is now senior member of the law firm of Porter, Witters and Longmoore, with offices in the Citizens' Savings Bank Building, at St. Johnsbury, Vermont. Mr. Porter is an attorney of thirty-three years' experience. From time to time he has filled numerous State and local offices, but he now devotes all his time to his extensive practice.

Mr. Porter was born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, July 16, 1872, a son of Perry and Electra (Trull) Porter, both members of old Vermont families. His father served in the Union Army during the period of the Civil War, was wounded on several occasions, and confined as a prisoner in Libby Prison and Vicksburg Jail. He served as Lieutenant under Captain Ford, who was so badly wounded that he was unable to return to his command, and Lieutenant Porter was then breveted Captain, and served as Acting Captain until the end of the war.

David E. Porter came to Vermont as a boy, attended the public schools at Burke, Vermont, and was graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy. Later he entered the Law School of the University of Michigan, from which institution he was graduated in 1894, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Returning to Vermont, he began the practice of his profession in association with the law firm of Bates and May, with whom he remained for two years. For three years thereafter he was in partnership with Herbert Farnham, and for six years he was a partner of Judge Frank Thompson. At the end of this time he practiced alone, his sound legal training and diligence on behalf of his clients bringing him much success. Finally, in 1915, he formed the company of Porter, Witters and Harvey, Mr. Harvey entering the United States Army during the World War, and is still in the Service in China. Later Mr. Longmoore was admitted to replace him, and the organization of the firm assumed its present form. Mr. Porter himself is one of the most popular and most trusted lawyers in this section of Vermont.

Politically he is a member of the Republican party.

He served in 1910 as a member of the Vermont State Senate, for five years as Municipal Judge of Caledonia County, and for four years as referee in bankruptcy there. He has been chairman of the St. Johnsbury School Board for many years. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which organization he is a member of the Blue Lodge, the Council, of Palestine Commandery and of Mount Sinai Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Porter is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

David E. Porter married Amelia Wolff, who was born in New Haven, and was graduated from the high school and normal school there. She is a daughter of Frederick and Isabel (Henness) Wolff, of New Haven, and a granddaughter of Theodore Hennes, who was Professor of German at Yale University for many years, and for some time before her marriage, Mrs. Porter also taught school. Mr. and Mrs. Porter are the parents of four children: 1. Isabel, a graduate of Boston University, and now teacher of English in the high school in New Britain, Connecticut. 2. Charlotte, who was graduated from the Plymouth, New Hampshire, Normal School, and is now a teacher in the primary schools of Vermont. 3. Helen E., a graduate of the Keene, New Hampshire, Normal School, and a teacher in the junior high school at Braintree, Massachusetts. 4. Margaret, now a student in Syracuse University, at Syracuse, New York. Mr. Porter and his family attend the Congregational church.

**CLINTON P. CARY**—A member of an old New England family, Clinton P. Cary is now assistant manager of the Cary Maple Sugar Company, an organization established by his father and developed by him to its present high position in the maple sugar industry. In his position as assistant manager, Mr. Cary has rendered services of extreme value to the company, displaying marked executive capacity and a fine enthusiasm for the task at hand. In St. Johnsbury, where he makes his home, he is active in the various phases of the life of the community.

The American progenitor of the Cary family joined the Plymouth Colony as early as the year 1636, the name appearing since then from time to time in the histories of New England and the Atlantic States. George C. Cary, Mr. Cary's father, was born on March 7, 1864, at Fort Fairfield, Maine, a son of Asa C. and Jessie (Priestley) Cary. In his earlier years he was engaged in business or as a traveling salesman throughout New England, but in 1904 he organized the Cary Maple Sugar Company, of which he was elected president in 1908, and to which he has since devoted all his time. He has twice married, second to Annie M. Partridge, and of this marriage Clinton P. Cary is a son.

Clinton P. Cary was born at St. Johnsbury, Vermont, on March 4, 1899. When he became of proper age, he attended St. Johnsbury Academy, and St. Luke's School, at Wayne, Pennsylvania, and later entered Dartmouth College, from which he was graduated in 1921. Soon afterwards he became associated with the Cary Maple Sugar Company, of which he is now assistant manager, and his father's personal aid. Politically, Mr. Cary is a member of the Republican party. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Blue Lodge, and the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the St. Johnsbury Rotary Club. He and his family attend the Congregational church.

Clinton P. Cary married Ruth Giffin, who was born in Laconia, New Hampshire, a daughter of George L. and Jane (Kelsey) Giffin, of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Cary are the parents of two daughters: Jane and Anne.



**JOHN T. CARROLL**—A man of wide experience in the gas industry and related fields, John T. Carroll has lived at St. Johnsbury for the past decade as manager of the St. Johnsbury Gas Company. So satisfactorily did he discharge all the duties connected with his position that when this company became a subsidiary of the Greenwich Water and Gas Company, of Greenwich, Connecticut, in 1925, Mr. Carroll was retained as manager, and has continued in this place since that time.

Mr. Carroll was born on February 24, 1873, at Laconia, New Hampshire, a son of Charles F. Carroll, a machinist, now retired, who was born in Massachusetts, and of Ellen J. (Forbes) Carroll, deceased, who was born in the Dominion of Canada.

John T. Carroll was denied the advantages of a finished education but as a boy he attended the parochial schools of his birthplace. During this early training and after it, he was employed in various capacities in the mills and other local enterprises, finally entering the gas business which has been his work for the past thirty-five years. Mr. Carroll's ability and steady application to the task at hand, won him merited promotion during a period of years. For some time he was manager of the Gas Company at Springfield, Vermont, but about 1918 was transferred to St. Johnsbury in charge of the St. Johnsbury Gas Company, with which he has remained through its later reorganization. Politically, Mr. Carroll is a Democrat, and is always ready to support any plan to promote the welfare of the community. He is a member of Sheridan Council, No. 421, of the Knights of Columbus, and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Modern Woodmen of America, the St. Johnsbury Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce. He and his family attend St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church.

John T. Carroll married Celenere Corbin, who was born in Laconia, New Hampshire, a daughter of Ephraim and Celenere (Perry) Corbin, of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll are the parents of two children: 1. Leo, who is associated with his father in the St. Johnsbury Gas Company. 2. Madeline, a stenographer in the law office of Searles, Graves, and Waterman.

**WILLIAM CHANDLER HEATH**—Alive to the value of tourist travel as promotive of the general prosperity, William Chandler Heath, of Danville, has for years advocated certain local improvements that would be attractive to visitors. He has taken an active part in civic affairs and done his full share in lending vigor to every campaign for the promotion of causes that have been inaugurated to increase the popularity of the district among those who might contemplate a change of residence. No public duty to which he has been called has been considered too much for him to attempt for the sake of the community, for he has always displayed the keenest interest in public matters and stood ready to serve whenever his name has been called. He is a citizen of much native ability, of unimpeachable integrity and unflagging industry in both his private enterprise and the public weal.

He was born in Cabot, Vermont, February 2, 1852, a son of Simon and Eliza (Morse) Heath, the first named having been a carpenter and joiner, now deceased, and descendant of a long line of New England ancestors. He attained an elementary education in the local public schools and studied at home during the Winter months when not engaged at work on a farm. He continued farm work until he grew up and then became associated with the Cabot Carriage Company, with which organization he remained for ten years, when he removed to Danville and assumed charge of the extensive estate of Dr. James McMillan Ayer, deceased, a position which he held for thirty years, until the legal settlement of the property. During this period he engaged himself as an

auctioneer and in real estate and long before the advent of the automobile he operated a prosperous livery business. In Danville he established the Farview Cottage, catering to tourist patronage, and still continues to operate it as a Summer hotel. He has been industrious in his advocacy of a golf course for Danville and of other improvements, has served on the grand jury, as truant officer and deputy sheriff and is at this writing High Bailiff of Caledonia County. He was one of the organizers of the Danville Golf Association and is a member of the Knights of Pythias and other organizations. He is now a member of the Republican County Committee of Caledonia County. In politics he is a Republican and in religion he attends the Congregational church, in which Mrs. Heath is a member and both he and his wife are active.

William Chandler Heath married, October, 1886, Lizzie M. Fellows, a native of Hardwick, but a resident of Danville, and daughter of Portus and Sarah M. (Henderson) Fellows, this his second marriage, his first wife having been Julia Peck, deceased, who left him one son, Arthur, a drug salesman, who married Florence Talbot and resides in Washington, District of Columbia.

**FRANK E. FARMER, M. D.**—During the twenty-three years of his practice in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, Dr. Frank E. Farmer has won the confidence of the community to an unusual degree. He has been active at all times in the care of the sick and injured, his personal convenience counting for nothing when opposed to his professional duties. Dr. Farmer is also vice-president and a director of the local Citizens' Savings Bank and Trust Company, which institution has found his advice in financial matters of great value.

Dr. Farmer was born on May 1, 1874, at East Burke, Vermont, a son of Alonzo C. Farmer, who was a farmer by occupation, and of Susan E. (Jenkins) Farmer, both natives of Vermont, and both now deceased.

Frank E. Farmer received his early education in Lyndon Institute and North Yarmouth Academy, Yarmouth, Maine, where he was graduated in 1896, and after completion of the course of study in the Medical School of the University of Vermont, he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine there in 1899. For one year thereafter he was a member of the staff of the Criminal Insane Hospital, at Bridgewater, Massachusetts, and for two years attached to the Insane Hospital, at Waterbury, Vermont. At the end of that time, he began private practice in Middlebury, Vermont, where he remained for three years, after which he removed to St. Johnsbury where he has since made his home. Dr. Farmer's obvious ability brought him almost immediately a successful practice to which he has devoted his time and attention. He has kept abreast of modern developments in his profession by post-graduate work at Harvard Medical School and in the New York Post Graduate Hospital.

Dr. Farmer has been active among medical men. He is a member of the Northeastern Vermont Medical Society, a member and past president of the Vermont State Medical Society, and a member of the American Medical Association. Politically he supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party, although he would never himself hold office or solicit it for others. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons in which organization he is a member of all bodies of the York Rite, and a member of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of the Sons of Veterans, a member of the local Chamber of Commerce, of the St. Johnsbury Country Club, and a member and the newly-elected president of the St. Johnsbury Rotary Club. He and his family attend the Congregational church.







*J. Winford Parker*

Frank E. Farmer married Lula A. Baldwin, born in St. Johnsbury, a daughter of William C. and Margaret (Lamb) Baldwin. Her father was for many years a railroad engineer, and is now a machinist at St. Johnsbury. The mother is also living. Dr. and Mrs. Farmer are the parents of two children: 1. Edward B., a member of the junior class at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. 2. Howard J., a student at St. Johnsbury Academy.

**JAMES WINFORD PARKER**—Varied and of wide general interest, the business career of James Winford Parker has carried him extensively through the cities of New England. His experience has been with nationally and internationally known organizations, and he is at the present time State representative and agency manager for the Burroughs Adding Machine Company, whose products are distributed throughout the world. This post he has retained many years, now being one of the most responsible factors within the great organization. Resident of Burlington, he is counted prominent among the city's commercial factors, and participates liberally in local movements for community advancement.

Born July 11, 1878, at Hyde Park, Lamoille County, Vermont, Mr. Parker is a son of James M. and Olive C. (Crocker) Parker, both of whom were born in this commonwealth. James M. Parker, for a score of years sheriff of Lamoille County, lived to the age of seventy-five years, death occurring in 1910. He was prominent in the public life of the county, and is recalled today with the deepest of affection by former associates. Olive C. (Crocker) Parker, who survives her husband and is now (1928) aged eighty years, is a native of Lamoille County.

Mr. Parker secured his academic instruction in the public schools of Hyde Park, graduated from high school in 1897, thereafter took the course offered by Eastman Business College, from it graduated in 1899, and for the next three years, until 1902, worked with Swift and Company as an accountant, attached to the company's branch at St. Johnsbury. His studies had admirably equipped him for the profession of accountancy, but in 1902 he saw fit to sever the connection with Swift's in order to take a place with the Montpelier "Journal," as business manager—a position of large responsibility which he fulfilled with credit to himself and appointees from the outset. He continued as the paper's manager five years, leaving it in 1907 to become travelling representative for the Baker-Vawter Company, dealers in office supplies, whose wares are known throughout the western hemisphere. For Baker-Vawter he covered the Vermont territory during the next five years, leaving the organization only when a more favorable opening presented with the Burroughs people, in 1912. For two years he was their travelling representative in this territory, but made himself so valuable to them that in 1914 he was advanced to the post of State agent and manager, for Vermont and parts of New Hampshire and New York State. He maintained a central headquarters and service in Burlington, and has branch offices in Montpelier. He has added materially to the Burroughs company's business.

While the activities heretofore outlined in much curtailed manner have taken the major portion of Mr. Parker's time and direction, he has by no means neglected affairs of general interest to citizens of Burlington, but indeed is well known for the public-spirited liberality with which he meets all demands upon him for civic, social and economic assistance here. He is a member of Washington Lodge, No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons; Vermont Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the Burlington Rotary Club, in which he is an active member; to the Burlington Country Club, where he is a figure

of sincere popularity; is a communicant of the First Congregational Church of Burlington; and in political adherence supports consistently the principles of the Republican Party.

J. Winford Parker married, in 1901, Anna Beauchemin, a daughter of Charles Beauchemin, of Burlington; and they have a son, James Winford, Jr.

**WELCOME B. EASTMAN**—Reliability in name, reputation, and of service, constitutes the main appeal by Welcome B. Eastman, registered pharmacist, to the people of St. Johnsbury for their sustained confidence and continuous patronage. For nearly two-score years Mr. Eastman has ministered to the requirements of the customers of one of the leading drug establishments in that community, and always the basic principle on which he has been the recipient of the people's favor has been "reliability." The Reliable Pharmacy has, therefore, come to be a sort of institution with St. Johnsbury folk, who have pinned their faith on the style or trademark which Mr. Eastman so happily adopted and consistently lives up to the meaning of.

Welcome B. Eastman was born in Sutton, November 3, 1867, the son of Edwin N. and Ella F. (Bemis) Eastman, both parents descended from good old Green Mountain State stock and substantial farmers. The son Welcome is indebted to the public school system of Sutton for his earlier training and to St. Johnsbury Academy for his finished education, having been a member of the class of 1886 in the latter institution.

From the academy course, Mr. Eastman turned his attention to teaching school, but followed this profession for one year only. He then went to Boston, Massachusetts, where he was occupied for the succeeding year. A connection with the Merchants National Bank, of St. Johnsbury, was maintained for five years, and many were of the opinion that he had elected a career in finance. But he had his mind set on a larger field of service by which he might get nearer the people, and he believed that the drug business offered him that opportunity. Mr. Eastman had a method in making his entry in the drug business, in which he was destined to become an acknowledged leader. He knew absolutely nothing, professionally, about the business, but formed a partnership with C. F. Boynton, a registered pharmacist, the two having signed articles of agreement in which Mr. Eastman's future was assured. It was agreed that during the first year of his novitiate he was to receive a specified salary, which was to be increased during the second year, and again the third year, and so on, until he should have been certified as a registered pharmacist, when Mr. Boynton was to accord him a one-half interest in the business. This agreement was carried out, and the partnership remained in force for five years. At the end of that period, Mr. Eastman purchased Mr. Boynton's interest and became sole proprietor. Then it was that the new owner adopted the slogan, "The Reliable Pharmacist," which for the past thirty-five years has been both trademark and landmark for people of the community or transients who seek with confidence to have their wants supplied from the dependable stocks carried in the reliable store. Mr. Eastman's happy thought and ideal have worked out with remarkable success, and the name of his store and his own name have become, as it were, synonyms for honest goods, safe ingredients and superior service. A force of two clerks, carefully trained in the precepts and purposes of the store, assist in maintenance of a fine tradition.

Mr. Eastman's reputation in the drug trade is far wider than the limits of his home town. He was one of the founders and the first to serve as third vice-president of the Vermont State Pharmaceutical Association, and has since served as president of the association; he is affiliated also with the American Pharmaceutical Asso-



ciation and the National Association of Retail Druggists. He was one of the original stock holders and State agent since 1909, of the American Druggist Fire Insurance Company of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The political preferments of Mr. Eastman are generally those of the Democratic party, whose principles and policies he has made his own. He belongs to the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Royal Arch Masons, Royal and Select Masters, Knights Templar, thirty-second degree Scottish Rite, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and is a Past Master of Passumpsic Lodge and a Past Commander of Palestine Commandery, of the Masonic order. Mr. Eastman has been active in former years in the Young Men's Christian Association and director for twenty-five years and recording secretary and treasurer for many years. He and his family are members of the Congregational Church of St. Johnsbury.

Welcome B. Eastman married Carrie F. Frost, born in St. Johnsbury, a daughter of Irving H. and Candice (Pierce) Frost. Children: 1. Beulah F., graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy and Massachusetts College of Pharmacy; and is with her father in the "Reliable" pharmacy. 2. Irving W., educated at St. Johnsbury Academy and Middlebury College; district traffic superintendent of the American Telegraph and Telephone Company, New York City; married Christine Webster, and they have two sons: Irving W., Jr., and Robert Webster.

**CECIL E. PALMER**—Thoroughly mastering the delicate art of fur preservation before assuming the responsibility of caring for valuable articles of apparel, Cecil E. Palmer, of St. Johnsbury, has built up an establishment of high value to the allied commercial activities here and engaged the favorable attention of a large clientele. He is a man who does not sanction half way measures in his dealings with the public, a word of guarantee being the equivalent of a bond. His ancestry is old and substantial, generations of his forebears having helped to hew the pathways which have been followed by the progressive business and professional workers of Vermont. Honest and industrious himself, he sheds the radiance of this estimable characteristic over those with whom he becomes associated, a happy circumstance that forwards the general progress of the community that makes him one of the valued units of our civic body.

He was born in Hinesburg, Vermont, November 18, 1878, a son of David E. and Carrie Elizabeth (Ellis) Palmer, both now living in Orleans, Mr. Palmer having retired after many years as a railroad agent in Canada. The son acquired his early education in the district schools and when a boy undertook the study of the tailor's trade, eventually establishing a shop in Morrisville. He was ambitious to be at the top and, in order to achieve this place, was in the habit of making frequent visits to New York City, where he studied in the cutting schools and graduated from two of the best, also learning the arts of dry cleaning and steaming, as well as the care of furs. Seeking a promising field for his work, he came to St. Johnsbury in 1913, where he established a plant that is one of the finest examples in this district, equipped with the most modern of machinery and appliances and a cold storage vault of latest construction, having accommodations for hundreds of garments, on which he carries insurance to the full value of the article stored. The enterprise is conducted under the firm name of Palmer Brothers, with its headquarters at Nos. 72-74 Eastern Avenue. Mr. Palmer is a Republican in politics and takes a sincere interest in local civic affairs, although not an office seeker. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary and Country clubs and is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, Free and

Accepted Masons; Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Council, Royal and Select Masters; Commandery, Knights Templars, and Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a director of the Vermont State Young Men's Christian Association and a member of the National Association of Cleaners and Dyers, of which he was State secretary for a number of years.

Cecil E. Palmer married Mary Lunt, of Derby Line, Vermont, daughter of Charles and Hattie (Wilson) Lunt. Their children are: 1. Charles Ellery, a graduate of St. James Academy and now a student at the New Hampton School for Boys. 2. Frances Carlotta, a student at St. Johnsbury Academy.

**ALBERT FREELAND ACHILLES**—The life of Albert Freeland Achilles has been devoted to farming and to lumbering, and on his well cared for farm acres in West Barnet he not only raises general crops but also takes care of a fine maple grove, and also deals in cattle. He has a fine herd of pedigreed stock, and is successful both as farmer and as stock dealer and owner. Mr. Achilles is a member of the local Board of Selectmen, in which capacity he is serving his second term, and he is active in the Presbyterian Church.

Albert Freeland Achilles was born in Brighton, Vermont, March 21, 1880, son of E. H. Achilles, a native of Stanstead County, Province of Quebec, Canada, a traveling salesman, and of Ida M. (Hancock) Achilles. There were four children in the family, and Albert Freeland Achilles attended the local district school, acquiring there the practical education which the district afforded, and then engaged in farming and lumbering. From boyhood, Mr. Achilles was interested in live stock and after locating in West Barnet, he gave an increasingly large share of attention to the raising and handling of pedigreed stock. He now (1928) has a fine herd of forty-two head of pedigreed cattle, and in addition to the operation of his general farming business also conducts a prosperous cattle business, buying and selling. He has long been known as an expert in this special field of stock raising and handling, and within the course of a year he buys and sells a large number of the finest cattle. He has, too, a maple grove, from which he secures a large amount of marketable syrup and maple sugar. Though he has always given close attention to the management of his business interests, Mr. Achilles also finds time for active interest in local affairs, and at the present time is serving his fifth year, the second year of his second three-year term, as a member of the Board of Selectmen of Barnet. As a business man and as a citizen he has the confidence and the high regard of his fellow townsmen, and both he and his wife are well known in this locality. Both Mr. Achilles and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church of Barnet, he serving as a member of the board of trustees.

Albert Freeland Achilles was married, at Ryegate, Vermont, May 24, 1909, to Eva Nan Buchanan, daughter of David and Martha (Nelson) Buchanan, farmers, and both natives of Ryegate, Vermont. Mrs. Achilles was one of three children.

**E. H. COWLES**—St. Johnsbury, Vermont, has to its credit a long list of honorable and capable business men who have achieved success along useful lines and who also give freely of their time and their ability to the work of local administration. Among those who have developed valuable business enterprises here is E. H. Cowles, president of The Cowles Press, Incorporated, Printing and Gift Shop, located on Eastern Avenue. The business was incorporated in 1908, after its purchase by the present owners, but previous to that time had been in existence as a one man shop for more than forty years. Mr. Cowles is active in town and church affairs, and has served on the school board.



E. H. Cowles was born in Craftsbury, Vermont, August 25, 1871, son of Russell W. Cowles, a farmer, now deceased, and of Amanda (Kinney) Cowles, who is still living (1928). After attending the local public schools, Mr. Cowles continued his studies for two terms in the Craftsbury Academy, and then went to work on a farm in the town of Hardwick, this State, where he continued for a period of three years. At the end of that time he came to St. Johnsbury and entered the employ of E. T. and H. K. Ide, in their mills. Soon afterward, however, he decided to learn the printing business and made a change, entering the office of the old "Republican," a local news sheet of St. Johnsbury. When his apprenticeship was finished he worked as a journeyman in Hyde Park, Vermont, for three years and then came back to the "Republican," where he had learned his trade. Ten years in this connection gave him ample experience and enabled him to lay aside some capital, and in 1908 he purchased the printing business of L. W. Rowell, who had conducted a one man printing shop for some forty years. In 1921 the business was incorporated, with Mr. Cowles as president; about two years later E. R. Mackay became financially interested in the concern and was made vice-president and assistant manager, and Lizzie G. Cowles as treasurer. Along with a general printing business Mr. Cowles conducts an exclusive and attractive gift shop which has long ago established a reputation for its line of useful and artistic articles appealing to persons of discrimination and taste. The printing plant is modern in every sense of the word, equipped with the best and newest machinery, and is located in the same building with the gift shop. About eighteen people are employed there the year round, and each year that passes is bringing expansion in various lines, so far as the gift shop is concerned, and a decided increase in the volume of business done by the printing plant. Mr. Cowles is a Republican in his political principles, and he is actively interested in the affairs of the town, serving where he can be of the most use. He has been a member of the village school board, and he is always a generous supporter of all projects planned for the advancement of the welfare and the general prosperity of St. Johnsbury. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic Order, being a member of Passumpsic Lodge, also of Chapter and Commandery; and he is also a member of the Knights of Pythias; and of the Sons of Veterans. He is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce and of the local Rotary Club, and his religious interest is with the South Congregational Church, which he serves as a member of the board of deacons. Both he and his wife are active in the general affairs of the church, and both have many friends in St. Johnsbury.

E. H. Cowles is married to Lizzie Gile, who was born in Newark, Vermont, daughter of Noah and Ellen (Smith) Gile. Mr. and Mrs. Cowles make their home in St. Johnsbury.

**GEORGE H. CROWE**—Local manager of the Turner Center System, an organization which is one of the largest purveyors of milk, cream, and ice cream in St. Johnsbury, George H. Crowe, while he has held his present position for only a little more than two years, has been connected with this firm in a similar capacity elsewhere for many years. He is thoroughly well versed in the duties of his position, having started in the creamery business in early boyhood, and during his career has been employed in many different sections of New England. He occupies a place of respect and note in St. Johnsbury, and ranks high in the Masonic organization.

Mr. Crowe was born May 5, 1882, at South Ryegate, son of George and Helen (Perry) Crowe. George Crowe was a horseman and conducted a livery business for

many years. He is now (1928) living at the advanced age of eighty-four years. Helen (Perry) Crowe is now deceased.

George H. Crowe received his education in the district schools, but when still a boy began work in a creamery, a vocation which was to be his life work. His first employment was with the old South Ryegate Creamery, but he has since been connected with this industry in many sections of New England. For several years before coming to St. Johnsbury, he was associated with the Turner Center System at Littleton, New Hampshire, in the capacity of manager. About 1926, he was transferred to the local plant of this concern and has supervision over about twenty-five employees. His extended experience has aided him much in enlarging the operations of the Turner Center System here, and the local plant practically has a monopoly for dairy products in this community. Mr. Crowe is an independent voter, preferring to cast his ballot for the candidate best qualified for the office which he seeks. He is a member of the Masonic order, having attained the third degree therein. Both he and Mrs. Crowe are active church workers.

George H. Crowe married Hortense Nutter, born at Bath, New Hampshire, daughter of Joshua and Nina (Prescott) Nutter, both natives of New Hampshire. The children of George H. and Hortense (Nutter) Crowe are: Dorothy Mina and Esther Adine, both students at St. Johnsbury Academy.

**EDSON N. RANDALL**—In November, 1928, Edson N. Randall celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of continuous occupation as a merchant in St. Johnsbury and received the congratulations of hosts of friends upon an unbroken and successful career for a longer period than any other business man in the city. Mr. Randall's life here has been one of high value to the people, co-operating as he has with others in the general development of local commerce and thereby adding materially to the progress of the district and the State of Vermont. He has always been a man of most exemplary character, operating his business along the lines of a code of ethics that has left nothing to be desired, thus commanding the respect of his fellow citizens and gathering to himself an army of staunch friends and a valuable clientele in his business. Of unimpeachable rectitude, nothing more than his word was ever necessary to assure faith and no business deal in his hands ever bore less than the highest stamp of honorable intent. He has been active in the religious affairs of the community, as well as in fraternal, social and political activities that engage the interest of the highest class of citizens and has endeared himself to all by virtue of his personality and substantial endowments of character.

He was born in St. Johnsbury, April 4, 1859, in the very building where for fifty years he has conducted his department store, the structure having been purchased by his father, Sias Randall, in 1857 and remodelled in 1868, the elder Randall having been for many years a prosperous and respected druggist in St. Johnsbury. His mother was Laura A. (Weed) Randall, both she and her husband having been natives of Vermont. Their son was educated in the public schools here and at the academy, after which he was engaged by his father as a clerk in the drug store, where he worked until he was twenty years of age, at which time, having a capital of \$200, he established his first general store, with space of about 900 square feet. This was the E. N. Randall department store and today its space is upward of 9,000 square feet in area, with a force of some seven employees. He is a Republican politically and a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal church. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias.

Edson N. Randall married, in St. Johnsbury, Vermont,



Olive A. Thompson, daughter of Daniel A. and Olive A. (Armington) Thompson, and they are the parents of: 1. Pauline, an accomplished young woman. She was graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy in St. Johnsbury, afterward taking a kindergarten course under Miss Fisher of Boston, and for many years she was a prominent first grade teacher in St. Johnsbury. She is now the wife of S. A. Chandler, associated in business with her father. 2. Madeleine I., a graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy and of the Emerson School of Oratory of Boston, Massachusetts, where she was the winner of a post-graduate course for highest standing in her class, a distinction which she also attained at the local academy. She was the writer of the Pageant for the new American Shrine at Concord, Vermont, director and supervisor of the production.

**JOSEPH GAUTHIER**—In the career of Joseph Gauthier there is an illustration of the value of concentrated effort along a certain pathway that leads to prosperity. More than half a century ago he established himself in business in St. Johnsbury and, in twenty-three years, built it up to a point where he was able to sell at a substantial profit and devote his talents to the care of valuable properties which he had acquired. He was a valuable citizen of this community, adding to its general prosperity through the operation of his enterprises, which were of a character necessary to modern progress. His interest in politics was that of the conservative man, who believed in leaving to trained minds the work which each was best qualified to perform and casting his own ballot with sole regard for the upholding of sound government or the improvement of general conditions. His faith in the future of this district and in the whole State of Vermont was lifelong and never shaken, proof of which he gave by his investments in properties that rewarded him by the returns they brought. His reputation for industry and integrity was unblemished, all his life he was a hard worker, giving to each task he set for himself the full strength that lay in him, a citizen of high rank, a staunch friend and admirable character.

He was born at Three Rivers, Province of Quebec, Canada, January 18, 1846, was educated there and at sixteen years of age went to West Troy, New York, secured employment at the United States arsenal at Watervliet and remained there for two years, working thirteen hours a day as a harness maker. He then removed to Concord, New Hampshire, where he entered the employ of the Harris & Hill Company and remained with them for seven years. Being by this time an expert in his trade, he returned to his native town and continued his work in association with his uncle, Albert Gilmore, who later established a business at Derby Line, Vermont. In Quebec young Gauthier was one of the active volunteers who put down the Fenian uprising, receiving as a recognition of his services a silver medal from the Government of the Province. He afterward moved to Newport, Vermont, and in 1874 came to St. Johnsbury, where he purchased the harness business of George W. Cook and added to it a stock of boots, shoes and men's clothing. He was successful and conducted this enterprise until 1897, when he disposed of the business and retired from all active work except the care of his real estate which he had accumulated here. His natural vigor, however, called for an outlet and for a number of years he was a silent partner in the real estate business of Rickaby & Company. In January, 1903, he purchased the business and good will of the St. Johnsbury Woodyard and conducted that enterprise with much success, making an ever widening circle of friends by the fairness of his transactions. His death occurred at his St. Johnsbury residence, No. 10 Washington Avenue, September 15, 1925.

Joseph Gauthier married, May 18, 1875, Carrie Therrien, a native of St. Patrick, Quebec. The issue was one daughter, Mamie, a talented and cultivated woman, now residing in the old homestead. She is a teacher of the piano and violin, who acquired her early education in the parochial schools of St. Johnsbury and studied the violin under the tutelage of Professor Sanders, of New York City. Mrs. Gauthier was born April 7, 1857, in St. Patrick de Beauvillage, Province of Quebec, the seventh in a family of fourteen children born to E. S. and Marie (de Burron) Therrien. She came to the United States at the age of sixteen years and located in Concord and one year later moved to St. Johnsbury where she lived until her death, October 16, 1921.

**ALBERT A. DANIELL**—Beginning his life as an apprentice to the carpenter's trade, Albert A. Daniell, of West Danville, has followed this line of endeavor in various capacities, gradually increasing his activities until now (1928) he is one of the conspicuous figures in industrial life of this community. Here he operates a grist-mill and sawmill, and in connection therewith conducts an electric plant which supplies light and power to West Danville and Joe's Pond, operating under the name of A. A. Daniell. During his active career Mr. Daniell has been identified with various industries in this State, and since locating in West Danville has contributed materially to development of this community's resources, and at the same time has participated in many projects outside of his business, including social, fraternal and civic organizations. Having been connected with lumber and its by-products for many years, his authority in this branch of industry is unquestioned and his natural talents and ingenuity also have been fully recognized here.

Mr. Daniell was born September 26, 1868, at Lenoxville, Province of Quebec, Canada, son of Thomas H. and Elizabeth (Tonkin) Daniell, both natives of England where they were married. They were the parents of eleven children, several of whom were born in England; the father and mother are now buried at McIndoes. Thomas H. Daniell was a miner during his life, working in the copper mines. After immigrating to Canada with his family, he later came to the United States when the son, Albert A., was a boy.

Albert A. Daniell was educated in the schools of McIndoe, graduated from McIndoe's Academy there, and then completed a course at Barber's Business College, St. Johnsbury, Vermont. Soon thereafter he apprenticed himself to the carpenter's trade, familiarized himself with all the ramifications thereof, and after seven years in this trade established a wood-working shop at Hardwick, which he conducted for one year. After ten years he formed a partnership with Asa Wesson, for the purpose of conducting mills at West Danville and Marshfield, and Cabot, Vermont. In 1903, Mr. Daniell came to West Danville and in the years that have passed has devoted himself assiduously to building up his large and prosperous business here. His holdings here comprise a grist-mill and a sawmill, located at the outlet of Joe's Pond, and here he also generates electricity, operating a plant that supplies light and power to West Danville and to Joe's Pond. This establishment, owned entirely by Mr. Daniell, operates under the firm name of A. A. Daniell. He is a Republican in political convictions, but qualifies himself as an Independent, refusing to be bound to any issues or candidates that fail to meet his approval, and he ever places the individual candidate's abilities and qualifications above partisanship. Mr. Daniell and his wife are communicants of the Methodist Church.

Albert A. Daniell married Elizabeth (Tonkin) Wheeler, widow of James Wheeler. Mrs. Daniell, by her first marriage, became the mother of two children: Charles and Jennie.



*Joseph Gauthier*





**WILLIAM F. DOLE**—New England is especially noted for the number of estates that have been retained by descendants of immigrant ancestors, who braved the hardships and dangers involved in settling the New World, and worthy of especial mention is the Dole farm, located on the Roosevelt Road, between St. Johnsbury and Danville, Vermont, now (1928) owned and conducted by William F. Dole. This homestead, comprising one hundred and sixty acres, has been owned and cultivated for two centuries by members of the Dole family, and the present occupant has proven himself a worthy representative of a family long honored and respected in the history of this section of the State. Mr. Dole has confined his entire career to the development of his heritage, with the exception of a period of ten years, during which he was engaged in mercantile pursuits.

Mr. Dole was born June 17, 1874, on the family homestead, son of Eleazer and Mary (Farnsworth) Dole, the mother also having been descended from a family conspicuous in America almost since the coming of the original pioneers. She, too, was a native of Vermont, having been born at Walden.

After obtaining the meager education provided by the district schools at the time of his early youth, William F. Dole, through economic pressure, was compelled to relinquish his ambition for higher education, and soon thereafter had shouldered a man's responsibilities in the conduct of the Dole farm. He was thus occupied until he reached the age of twenty-three, at which time, in association with his brother, Charles Dole, he founded a store at Danville Green, dealing in general merchandise. This enterprise was conducted with substantial success for a decade, when the Dole brothers had the misfortune to lose their store and contents in a disastrous fire. Charles Dole rebuilt the establishment, but William F. Dole returned to the soil and since has been engaged in cultivating the land hallowed by his forefathers. Here he has attained fair success, has at all times filled his duties as a citizen, and has reared a family that has attained distinction in this and other sections of Vermont. A Republican in politics, Mr. Dole has not sought the emoluments of public office, but has given full support to the candidate and principles of his party through conscientious exercise of his suffrage. He and his family attend the Congregational Church, and have a large circle of friends and acquaintances in the community. Mr. Dole also is a member of Washburn Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons.

William F. Dole married Anne Howe, daughter of Silas and Julia (Gilman) Howe, and the children of this union were: 1. Eleazer J., a graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy and the University of Vermont; taught school for five years; served in the military forces of the United States during the World War, and now professor of Botany at the University of Vermont. He married Harriet K. Haslam, of New Haven, Connecticut, and they have one daughter, Elizabeth Lea. 2. Lawrence, died at the age of fifteen years. 3. George, married Ethel Arlene Fellows; they have one son, George Fellows, and reside on the ancestral estate. The Dole family post office address is Danville, although the farm is located between Danville and St. Johnsbury.

**WILLIAM A. WRIGHT**, a resident of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, for many years, is well known in local business circles. He is treasurer and manager of the Wright Motor Corporation, Inc., a general automobile and repair company at St. Johnsbury, which employs from eight to ten men, and holds the agency for Ford cars and products in Caledonia County. Mr. Wright's long experience in the automobile trade, and his general executive ability have made this venture very successful.

Mr. Wright was born in St. Johnsbury, on December 7, 1878, a son of George Wright, who was born in St.

Johnsbury, and of Mary J. (Hoyt) Wright, born in Danville, Vermont, both parents members of old and distinguished Vermont families. Mrs. Wright's father, William Hoyt, operated a chair factory in Danville for many years.

William A. Wright was educated in local public schools, and also attended McIndoes and St. Johnsbury academies. When he completed his education, he began work in a grocery store, later accepting successive positions in the dry goods stores of Lougee & Smythe, and the Berry Ball Dry Goods Company. At the end of this time, in 1906, he became associated with W. W. S. Brown in the automobile business, this partnership continuing for about a year, after which Mr. Wright engaged in this work independently until the time of the organization of the Wright Motor Corporation in 1924. Besides Mr. Wright the other officers of this company are B. B. Scribner, president, Arthur Laughton, vice-president, and A. R. Minut, secretary. As manager, Mr. Wright directs the operation of the business, and a large portion of its present prosperity is due to his sound judgment and knowledge of every detail of the trade.

Mr. Wright supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party, and is generally active in local civic affairs. He is affiliated, fraternally, with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is also a member of the United Commercial Travelers.

William A. Wright married Laura Suitor, born in Canada, a daughter of George and Elizabeth Suitor, and for several years a graduate nurse at the Brightlook Hospital, in St. Johnsbury. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wright are active members of the local Baptist Church, in which Mr. Wright has held various offices, and is now a member of the finance committee. They reside at No. 42 Pearl Street, St. Johnsbury.

**DAN W. FULFORD**—There are many natives of Vermont who have spent their lives in farming and in the lumber business, and among those who have achieved pronounced success in the lumber manufacturing business is Dan W. Fulford, junior member of the firm of Roy Brothers, of East Barnet. Mr. Fulford has been identified with this concern for about seventeen years and since 1918 has been a partner in the business. Though the plant is located at Inwood, the post office address and express station are located at East Barnet, where Mr. Fulford makes his home. The concern is the largest in the world manufacturing croquet sets and has been in operation since 1888. Mr. Fulford is serving his first term as member of the local board of selectmen.

Dan W. Fulford was born in Barnet, Vermont, January 16, 1875, son of Edwin, a native of New Hampshire, who was engaged in farming, and of Ann (Hoag) Fulford, a native of Waterford, Vermont, both deceased. There was a family of three children: Charles, Maude, and Dan W., and as children all attended the local public schools. Dan W. later continued his studies in St. Johnsbury Academy, where he remained for three terms, and then helped his father on the farm. In common with many of the natives of this well forested State, he early became interested in the lumber business, and about 1911 he became associated with Roy Brothers, manufacturers of croquet sets and of numerous games, handles, butter boxes and stamps, rolling pins, swing cow stanchions, and of hard and soft lumber. In 1918, when Elmer E. Roy, one of the founders of the business retired, Mr. Fulford purchased his interest, and since that time he has been junior partner in the concern. The business was founded back in 1888 by John G. and Elmer E. Roy, under the name of Roy Brothers, and had been operated by the brothers for thirty years when Elmer E. Roy retired. The original name is continued, and during the ten years which have passed since Mr. Fulford purchased a half-interest the business has con-



tinued to grow. Long association with the special needs and conditions of the business, natural ability, and close application, have brought to Mr. Fulford a very substantial success, and he is known to be one of Barnet's able business men.

Politically, Mr. Fulford supports the principles of the Republican party, and he is actively interested in local public affairs, serving, at the present time (1928) as a member of the Board of Selectmen. He is generous in the support of plans for the advancement of the general good, and is known as a public-spirited citizen who is always ready to give his full share of time and ability for the improvement of the town of Barnet. He and his family are attendants of the Congregational Church.

Dan W. Fulford married Myrtle Potter, who was born in Johnson, Vermont, daughter of John and Jennie Potter, and they have two children: 1. Ann, who is a student in St. Johnsbury Academy. 2. Thelma, also a student in St. Johnsbury Academy. The family home is in East Barnet.

**FREDERICK M. WILLEY**—Since taking over his present business, Willey's Food Shop, located at No. 65 Main Street, St. Johnsbury, Frederick M. Willey has extensively enlarged and improved this establishment, installing modern equipment which is sanitary and up-to-date in every detail. Mr. Willey's business career has encompassed experience in various hotels, during which time he became an accomplished cook, specializing in pastry. Previous to his purchase of the St. Johnsbury establishment, he had conducted a similar establishment in Massachusetts. Mr. Willey is in the forefront of all progressive movements for the benefit of his community, holds high rank in the Masonic organization, and is a valued worker in the ranks of other organizations, civic and otherwise.

Mr. Willey, a native of Canada, was born at Danville, Province of Quebec, December 26, 1886, son of James Herbert and Abbie (Burbank) Willey, both parents having been born in Quebec, although they spent most of their lives in St. Johnsbury, the father having died here in 1925, survived by his wife. Frederick M. Willey was educated in the common schools of this town, graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy, and immediately thereafter began his commercial career as an employee in the hotel. For the ensuing fifteen years he held various positions in hotels, during the last five years becoming a skilled pastry cook. Desiring to escape the restrictions of a salaried position, about 1920 Mr. Willey launched a bakery at Brookline, Massachusetts, and was occupied in the conduct of this concern for about one year. He then came to St. Johnsbury and purchased his present establishment from Clarence Pope, and then conducted it under the name of Willey's Food Shop. Since taking over this shop, Mr. Willey has added extensive improvements and, assisted by his wife, has built up a trade that now requires seven regular employees, including two bakers, two assistants, and a wagon driver. Deliveries are made throughout the confines of St. Johnsbury, and the products of Willey's Food Shop are well and favorably known in this town. A member of the Republican party, Mr. Willey has been active in his support of the members and candidates of this political division, and he has also given inestimable aid to many other organizations, including Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Council, Royal and Select Masters; the Commandery, Knights Templar; the Rotary Club; the United Commercial Travelers, and the Chamber of Commerce. Many other public welfare movements and associations appreciate the assistance that has been given them by Mr. Willey, among them the North Congregational Church, which he attends.

Frederick M. Willey married Edna Bowman, who was born at Bar Harbor, Maine, daughter of Frank and

Josephine (Brewer) Bowman, and they have one son, James Frederick.

**ROY D. SKINNER**—Treasurer and manager of the Skinner Lumber Company, of St. Johnsbury, Roy D. Skinner is given much credit for the present success and standing of this company in St. Johnsbury, which was founded by his father, who heads the concern as its president. Mr. Skinner has been associated with this company since completion of his college training, although during the early part of this affiliation he resided in Maine. While devoting himself to his duties as manager of the Skinner Lumber Company in St. Johnsbury, Mr. Skinner has been remarkably conspicuous in his associations with many fraternal, civic and political movements here.

The Skinner Lumber Company is headed by Chauncey S. Skinner, as president, the other officers including Roy D. Skinner, treasurer and manager; A. K. Butler of Skowhegan, Maine, clerk; and the Board of Directors comprises, in addition to the aforementioned officials, Ray B. Skinner and Mrs. Lester A. Bill. This company when first organized was known as Skinner, French & Company, a partnership that lasted for an extended period until the elder Mr. Skinner purchased the interests of Mr. French and conducted the firm as an individual, under the name of the Skinner Lumber Company. In December, 1918, the firm was reorganized and incorporated and this change marked the beginning of an extended expansion throughout New England. In 1924, however, all interests outside of Vermont were disposed of and the company now confines its activities to this State. The Skinner Lumber Company has a dressing and finishing mill at St. Johnsbury, and also operates portable saw mills.

Mr. Skinner was born August 2, 1884, at Orleans, Vermont, son of Chauncey S. and Ella A. (Brown) Skinner, of Orleans, the former, as heretofore mentioned, having been instrumental in the organization of the Lumber Company, of which he is now president. Roy D. Skinner attended the public schools at Orleans, thence entered the University of Vermont, which graduated him in 1906. He then began his association with the lumber business, residing in Maine for a period of ten years. In 1917, Mr. Skinner moved to Orleans, but remained in that town only one year, coming thence to St. Johnsbury to take up his duties as treasurer and manager of the Skinner Lumber Company. He is a Republican, but not a bitter partisan, using his judgment in voting, placing a man's qualifications above his party affiliations. Deeply interested in Masonic affairs, he is a member of the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Council, Royal and Select Masters; the Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Skinner performs many of his public duties through his membership and participation in the affairs of the Rotary Club and of the Chamber of Commerce, while both he and his wife are conscientious members of the Congregational church.

Roy D. Skinner married Helen Allen, born at Craftsbury, Vermont, daughter of John C. and Lida (Miles) Allen, and to them have been born: 1. Doris, student at the University of Vermont. 2. Katherine, a graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy, and is now attending the University of Vermont.

**ELBRIDGE SENECA ADSIT**—For fifty years a coal merchant and leader of affairs in the financial circles of Burlington, Elbridge S. Adsit continues to be a foremost citizen of this city, interested sincerely in its welfare. Here he made his distinguished career, and here has lived continuously since the attainment of his majority, save for a period, 1911, when he took a trip



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around the world. He is recognized by the townspeople as a most valued force in the progress of Burlington.

Born September 15, 1850, at Chesterfield, in Essex County, New York State, Mr. Adsit is the son of Hollis and Mary (Bigelow) Adsit. His father, who died at the age of forty-three years, 1863, spent a part of his life as farmer, and was master and owner of sailing vessels on Lake Champlain. In 1867 the family removed from Chesterfield to Burlington. Elbridge S. Adsit was then seventeen years old, and had pursued the earlier part of his schooling in Chesterfield. Here he attended the Free Academy, and took further work of commercial character in Langsley's Business College. Then, employed by his uncle, Luther Whitney, a bridge building contractor, he learned much more of business in actual practice, remaining with Mr. Whitney until February 28, 1875, when he left his place as Mr. Whitney's foreman to engage in the coal business. Associated with John J. Bigelow, he bought out the business of S. K. Wells, in Burlington, and they organized a firm to deal in coal under the style of Adsit and Bigelow. After eighteen years, however, Mr. Adsit purchased the Bigelow interest, and re-styled the firm's name to that of E. S. Adsit, under which it has functioned prosperously and continuously through the years that have followed (1928 being the date of this writing). In 1905 Mr. Adsit filed articles of incorporation, the charter style of the firm becoming E. S. Adsit Coal Company, with Mr. Adsit named as president, from which office he retired in 1925 on the fiftieth anniversary of his engagement in the coal business.

Mr. Adsit has interested himself in all major movements designed for the benefit of Burlington. In 1907 he laid out and built a street named Adsit Place. For eight years he was a member of the Board of School Commissioners, and served as chief of police under the administration of Mayor Woodbury. He was elected alderman in March, 1896, and again in 1898, serving two terms, retiring in 1900. Fraternally active, he holds the thirty-second degree as member of the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, and is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Burlington Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar, and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the Society of Colonial Wars, is a communicant of the Unitarian Church, and adheres to the principles of the Republican party.

In 1883 Mr. Adsit was united in marriage with Mildred C. Cleary, daughter of John Cleary, of Deerfield, Massachusetts; and they have a daughter, Dorothy, wife of Dr. R. N. Blake, of River Edge, New Jersey. The family residence is at No. 337 Pearl Street, and Mr. Adsit's offices are at No. 154 College Street, Burlington.

**DR. HENRY C. STETSON**—Fifteen years of successful veterinary practice in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, have brought to Dr. Henry C. Stetson a reputation for more than usual skill in relieving and curing the sufferings and diseases of domestic animals, and there are many of his dumb friends who seem to have developed a personal feeling of gratitude for his ministrations. At any rate, the owners of his many patients know that if veterinary skill can avail, Dr. Stetson is the man to call, and the people of St. Johnsbury and vicinity keep him busy. Dr. Stetson is a graduate of the Veterinarians' College of Ontario, and has been located in St. Johnsbury since 1913.

Born in Lyme, New Hampshire, May 21, 1885, Dr. Henry C. Stetson is a son of Charles F. and Hattie E. (Warren) Stetson, both of very old New Hampshire families, the mother being descended from John Alden. The father was a successful farmer, respected by all his friends and neighbors, and both hold a high place in the

esteem of the people of Lyme. Young Henry C. attended the local district school and then continued his studies in Thetford Academy, Dean Academy, and Goddard Seminary. From boyhood he had been interested in animals and liked to try to relieve their sufferings. His natural liking and understanding of his four-footed friends remained with him as he grew to manhood, and some time after he had passed his majority, he decided to prepare himself for the work of the veterinary profession. Accordingly, he entered the Veterinarian's College at Ontario, where he finished his course with graduation in 1911. After graduation he spent six months at White River Junction, and for six months he was in the employ of the State, following his profession. Then, in 1913, he came to St. Johnsbury, Vermont, where he has since been taking care of the animals owned by residents of this city and of the neighboring rural districts.

Dr. Stetson is a Republican in his political faith. He is a member of Mt. Cube Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Alton, New Hampshire; St. Johnsbury Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; St. Johnsbury Commandery, Knights Templar; and Montpelier Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of St. Johnsbury; and of the Rotary Club, also of the Fish and Game Club. Professionally, he is identified with the State Veterinary Association and with the American Veterinary Association, and his religious interest is with the South Congregational Church, of which he and his family are attendants.

Dr. Henry C. Stetson is married to Flora E. Barclay, who was born in Barre, Vermont, daughter of William and Mary (Monroe) Barclay, both natives of Scotland, the father engaged in the granite business in Barre. Dr. and Mrs. Stetson have four children: Harvey, Mary, Paul, and Jane. The family home is located at No. 5 South Street, where Dr. Stetson also has his office.

**JERRY ABBOTT**—The Brookledge Egg Farm is well known in Barnet and vicinity—and so is the family which operates it. With Jerry Abbott as manager and his two sisters, Mrs. Phoebe Johnson and Mrs. Mary Gilfillan, as co-proprietors, the farm is exceedingly well looked after, and is responding to the abundant care which it receives by copious production. The high grade eggs marketed from the farm are shipped by express to Springfield, Massachusetts and Boston, while the poultry is sold mostly to hotels in the White Mountains and in the Green Mountains, giving to tourists and summer residents the top notch of quality in Vermont chicken.

Jonathan D. Abbott, father of Mr. Abbott and of the other two owners of Brookledge Egg Farm, was born in Barnet, Vermont, where the Abbott family have been located for more than a century, and where, as farmer, merchant, and public-spirited citizen, he took an active part in the life of the community, serving as town clerk and town treasurer and generously forwarding all projects planned for the good of the community. He was one of the substantial citizens of the place, honored and respected by his associates, and always helpfully interested in all that pertained to the town of Barnet. He married Sarah Gill Stevens, who was born on the farm which is now known as Brookledge Egg Farm, in Barnet, now deceased, and they became the parents of seven children, only three of whom are now living (1928): Phoebe, wife of Walter Harvey Johnson, has one son, Edward; Jerry, of further mention; and Mary, wife of Claude Harvey Gilfillan, who has one son, Sumner Abbott. The family are all members of the Congregational Church, except Jerry.

Jerry Abbott, son of Jonathan D. and Sarah Gill (Stevens) Abbott, and manager of Brookledge Egg



Farm, was born in Barnet, Vermont, in 1862. He attended the public schools of his birthplace and after school days, found employment in the lumber business, and later in the bank at Woodsville, New Hampshire. Beginning as clerk, he applied himself to the work in hand, giving service which won for him successive promotions until he finally was made cashier and treasurer of the savings department. He had been in the bank for seventeen years when he gave up his responsible position there to become manager of the farm on which his mother was born. This fine farm of one hundred and thirty-five acres has been converted into a modern egg farm, which is equipped with modern devices for caring for the large numbers of fowls which are raised and cared for there, and which, as Brookledge Egg Farm, has become known as one of the successful poultry farms of this section, specializing in eggs rather than in poultry for market, but sending to the hotels of the near-by mountain resorts a large amount of first-class fowls for broiling, roasting, and fricasseeing. Tourists and summer residents know that the poultry which comes from Brookledge Egg Farm is top notch quality, and whether or not they know the source of the supply they appreciate the quality of the fowl served to them. In Springfield, Massachusetts, and Boston, Brookledge Farm eggs are equally well known and as highly valued, and Mr. Abbott has the advantage of a high reputation for quality when he comes to market his eggs.

Mr. Abbott gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Republican party. He is unmarried.

**VERNER E. LURCHIN**—The oldest retail jewelry store in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, is the one owned and operated by Verner E. Lurchin, under the name of Lurchin & Lurchin. Mr. Lurchin and his brother founded the business many years ago, and since the death of his brother the present proprietor has continued the business under the original firm name. In addition to the general jewelry business, Mr. Lurchin is also a manufacturer of Watts crystal gold, used by dentists for the filling of teeth. He is active in local public affairs, now serving as selectman and village trustee, and he is a Thirty-second degree Mason, both Scottish and York rites.

Verner E. Lurchin was born in Pembroke, Maine, September 25, 1876, son of Leonard and Joan (Hersey) Lurchin, both natives of Maine. He received his early education in the Pembroke schools, and after leaving high school entered Shaw's Business College in Portland, Maine. When his commercial training was completed, he went with his maternal grandfather, who was a jeweler, and learned the trade. John Hersey, the grandfather, was an expert in his special field and gave the boy every chance to thoroughly master the business. After learning his trade, he worked as a journeyman in Southbridge, Massachusetts; in Boston, Massachusetts; and in Albany, New York, gaining in each locality much that was to be valuable to him later in the management of his own business. He then, with his brother, Osmer M. Lurchin, established the business which he now owns and operates under the firm name of Lurchin & Lurchin, located on Eastern Avenue, in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. Upon the death of his brother he continued the management of the enterprise alone, under the original name, and during the years which have passed since that time has continued to carry forward the business along the same successful and progressive lines which had brought prosperity in the earlier years. The manufacture of what is known as Watts crystal gold is an important part of his business interests, and his output of that commodity is known to a large patronage in the dental profession. He employs, on an average, five people in the manufacturing processes and in the store, and has long been known as one of the able business men of the place.

Fraternally, he is identified with the Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of all bodies, holding the Thirty-second degree in both the Scottish and the York rites. He is a member of the local Rotary Club, and of the Country Club, and in local political affairs takes an active and responsible part, serving at the present time (1928) as a member of the board of selectmen.

Verner E. Lurchin married Mary L. Spillaine, of Albany, New York. They have no children.

**ARTHUR R. MENUT**—Among the successful business men of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, is Arthur R. Menut, who has been a resident of this place for some thirty years and who is now (1928) proprietor of the Menut & Parks Company, Coal and Wood, located at No. 8 Portland Street. In addition to the management of this prosperous business Mr. Menut is also a member of the board of directors of the Citizens' Savings Bank and Trust Company, and of the newly organized Building and Loan Association and is manager of the St. Johnsbury Warehouse Company. He is also a director and vice-president of the local Chamber of Commerce.

Arthur R. Menut was born in Coaticook, Province of Quebec, Canada, June 4, 1880, son of William Isaac and Mary (Scott) Menut, both natives of Quebec, where they spent their lives, both now deceased. Arthur R. Menut came to the States when he was ten years of age and attended the public schools of Newburyport, Massachusetts. As a boy he worked at various jobs in Newburyport, and then came to St. Johnsbury, where for three years he was in the employ of the Fairbanks Scales Company. At the end of three years he resigned to accept a position with the Telephone Company, and the last named connection he maintained for another period of three years. Always ambitious and thrifty, Mr. Menut had determined to establish a business of his own as soon as possible, and after three years spent in the employ of the Telephone Company he and his brother, E. W. Menut, with W. T. Parks, engaged in the coal and wood business, beginning in a small way, under the name of the Menut & Parks Company, but eventually Mr. Parks and E. W. Menut withdrew and at the present time (1928) the business is owned by Arthur R. Menut and his sister, Maud G. Menut. Mr. Menut has long ago been recognized as a man of more than average business ability and in his position as director of the Citizens' Savings Bank and Trust Company and of the recently organized Building and Loan Association his ability and experience are useful. Politically, he gives his support to the Republican party. He is interested in the affairs of the town and has served as village trustee. He is a director and vice-president of the local Chamber of Commerce and actively interested in the promotion of the economic welfare of the town. Fraternally, he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he is a member of the Country Club. Mr. Menut and his family attend the Episcopal church and all are active in its affairs.

Arthur R. Menut is married to Maud Duff, who was born in Canada, daughter of John and Mary (Walker) Duff, who came to New Hampshire from the Province of Quebec, Canada, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Menut have two children: 1. Edward S., who is employed by his father in the coal and wood business. 2. Eleanore M., who is a student in the Vermont Academy.

**CARL EDWIN MERRILL**—A native of Canada, Carl Edwin Merrill has become one of the most widely known telephone officials in the St. Johnsbury district, where he is commercial manager of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company, the territory under his supervision comprising eighteen exchange units and







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extending over a large section of this part of the United States. Mr. Merrill is thoroughly conversant with the details of his office, having been associated with the telephone industry for more than twenty-eight years. He takes an earnest interest in all matters concerning the progress and development of this section, and is a figure of import in Masonic circles.

Mr. Merrill was born in the town of Stanstead, Province of Quebec, December 13, 1881, son of Justin Cook and Margaret (Harris) Merrill, both natives of Quebec. The father was of English descent and the mother of Scotch ancestry, both having spent their lives in Quebec. Carl Edwin Merrill was educated in the schools of Stanstead, and attended night school at Worcester, Massachusetts. It was in 1901, at Lowell, Massachusetts, that Mr. Merrill started his career with the telephone company, his first duties being those of an installation man. Thereafter he was employed in various positions at Lowell and Worcester, Massachusetts, and Nashua, New Hampshire. On September 1, 1911, he was transferred to St. Johnsbury as commercial manager. The district of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company over which he has supervision comprises an extensive area, including eighteen exchange units, extending from the Connecticut River to the Canadian boundary, and the western line taking in Troy, North Troy, and Lowell, Vermont. Mr. Merrill has four people in his department, but approximately sixty people are employed in the district more or less under his supervision. Mr. Merrill is a member of the Republican party, and is consistent in his support of the candidates and principles of that political organization. In the Masonic fraternity he is associated with the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, the Council, Royal and Select Masters, and the Commandery, Knights Templar.

Carl Edwin Merrill married H. Evelyn Carter, born at Lowell, Massachusetts, daughter of Lorenzo and Elizabeth (Mills) Carter. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill are: 1. J. Carter, graduated from St. Johnsbury Vocational School, took a special course for one year at St. Johnsbury Academy, and graduated as a Mechanical Engineer from Tri State College, Angola, Indiana, in March, 1929. 2. Dorothy, student at St. Johnsbury Academy. The members of the Merrill family are constant attendants at the First Universalist Church, in which both Mr. and Mrs. Merrill are quite active; he was chairman of the board which erected the parish house and Woodbury memorial.

**RUSSEL S. PAGE** was born in Hyde Park, Vermont, April 19, 1877, son of the late United States Senator Carroll Smalley and Ellen Frances (Patch) Page. He attended the Lamoyille Central Academy, St. Johnsbury Academy, Phillips Andover Academy and the University of Vermont, graduating in 1899 with the degree of A. B. After graduating from College, Mr. Page was for many years associated with his father in business. In 1900 he was elected director of the Lamoyille County Savings Bank & Trust Company; in 1914 vice-president and in 1926 president which office he now holds. He became director of the Lamoyille County National Bank in 1910 and vice-president in 1918, which position he held until the merger of the National Bank with the Lamoyille County Savings Bank & Trust Co. in 1924. He has been director of the Swanton Savings Bank & Trust Company since 1920.

In politics, Mr. Page is a Republican. He represented Hyde Park in the Legislature in 1910 and by appointment in the special flood session of 1927. During the war, he was a member of the Vermont Committee of Safety and was the head of one of the subdivisions of the

War Trade Board, having in charge the New England States and part of New York State. He is a Mason, Odd Fellow, a member of the Ethan Allen Club in Burlington and a member of the Grange. Mr. Page is interested in farming and cattle breeding and has for many years owned the Page farm which has been in the family for more than a century.

In 1913, he married Hallie P. Gates, daughter of Elmer and Celia (Morrill) Gates. Their children are Russel S., Jr., and Carroll S. Page.

With the exception of a winter spent in San Antonio, Texas, and absences attending school and college, Mr. Page has spent his entire life in Hyde Park, Vermont.

**REV. GEORGE AVERY NEELD**—Inheriting a call to preach the Gospel, his father having devoted a lifetime to work in that field, George Avery Neeld had carried the story of Christianity over half the world before coming to St. Johnsbury, in 1924. Here he has shown himself to be a glowing light of religious fervor, a gallant gentleman and a public spirited citizen. Cultivated and broadly traveled, deeply versed in Biblical lore and possessed of a keen understanding of men, he has become the leader of a flock where every individual feels a pride in knowing him as friend as well as spiritual mentor. Instability of permanent residence among the clergy makes it always possible that changes may occur, but there is a unanimity of hope that the Rev. George Avery Neeld will be with the people of St. Johnsbury for an indefinite period.

He was born in Cawnpore, India, October 28, 1882, a son of the Rev. Frank Lawrence and Emma Leonora (Avery) Neeld, his father having been a minister of the Methodist Episcopal faith, who was a missionary in India for thirty-five years and whose death occurred in 1918. His widow, mother of George Avery, resides in Hartford, Connecticut. When he was seventeen years of age George came to the United States and matriculated at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, remaining there for four years where he graduated in 1905, and then going to Drew Theological Seminary, from which he was graduated in 1908. His early pastorates were in Myersdale, Pennsylvania; Pittsburgh and Claremont, California. In Pittsburgh he was for one year associate director of the metropolitan survey and for one year director of the school of religion which is a part of the Ohio State University. He was a resident student at Harvard University for one year, taking a special course in political science. He belongs to the St. Johnsbury Rotary Club, is a member of the order of Free and Accepted Masons and fraternally affiliated with the Phi Nu Theta college society. Since 1924 he has been pastor of the North Congregational Church of St. Johnsbury.

Rev. George Avery Neeld married Sarah Agnes Scudder, born in Washington, District of Columbia, daughter of Newton Pratt and Anna L. (Ketchum) Scudder. They are the parents of Leonora Agnes, a graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy, with a college course to follow.

**THOMAS MAGNER**—Numbered among the foremost of citizens of Burlington and widely known throughout the State of Vermont, Thomas Magner is a native of Ireland, where he was born, in Limerick County, December 19, 1860, son of Thomas and Ellen (Power) Magner. He received his academic instruction in the public schools and in the schools of the Jesuits, Limerick, and had matriculated, 1878, in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Dublin, when, owing to political troubles, departure from Ireland was made advisable. Thus he was eighteen years of age when he came to



America, settling in New York for a short time and then moved to Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Mr. Wagner began his business career in Lawrence, Massachusetts, first as an employe in a retail meat and grocery concern and then became a representative of Nelson, Morris and Company of Chicago at Lawrence, Massachusetts. He returned to Ireland to settle his father's estate and then returned to New England with his family, settling again at Lawrence, Massachusetts, becoming identified with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York as an agent, soliciting applications for policies. In 1892 he removed to New Hampshire, where he worked in Concord and Manchester and became assistant manager of the district. In 1894 he removed again, to Rutland, and there did notable work for the Metropolitan in reestablishment of the company's business, which had lain dormant since 1879. He remained in Rutland until 1900. In that year, when the company assumed the business of the Vermont Life Insurance Company, merging the Rutland and Burlington districts of the Metropolitan thereafter, he was appointed State manager, and had charge of the business done by the absorbing organization as well as that of the absorbed subsidiary. He continues as the Metropolitan's district manager.

Aside from the direct course of his work in insurance, Mr. Wagner has been diversely interested in general affairs. A Democrat, he served on the State Board of Charities for two years, under Jefferies. His benevolences have been considerable. During the World War he was active in the various drives of patriotic appeal, and was given recognition by the Government as having sold more War Savings stamps in his district, 1918, than any other man. The testimonial was signed under date of 1919, Washington, D. C., office of the Secretary of the Treasury, by the Hon. Carter Glass. For ten years he was chairman of the Vermont Tubercular Association, and is now the association's president, having formerly been a trustee, also, of the Vermont Sanitarium at Pittsford, Vermont. He is and long has been active in the distribution of welfare literature, through the Metropolitan, pertaining to tuberculosis and its prevention and cure, as well as all other diseases. This movement, it is estimated, resulted in the saving of sixty-five thousand lives in the United States in 1927 alone.

Mr. Wagner married, in 1889, Catherine Howard Bradley, daughter of Dennis Bradley, of Lawrence, Massachusetts. Mrs. Wagner, as her husband, is a native of Ireland. She came to this country and took residence in Massachusetts while a child, brought here by her father. Of this union were born children: 1. Thomas Howard. 2. Lillian M. 3. Helen Power. 4. Mary Patricia, wife of Judge J. A. McNamara. Helen and Mary are graduates of the University of Vermont; Thomas Howard, from Boston College. 5. Catharine, now Mrs. B. F. Garrity, of Brookline, Massachusetts. 6. Evelyn, died in 1926, while a senior in the University of Vermont. The family residence is at No. 87 North Prospect Street.

Fraternally Mr. Wagner is actively affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Ethan Allen Club and the Burlington Country Club; also the Rotary Club. In all circles in which he moves he is a popular figure, respected for his accomplishments as business man and citizen.

**W. J. SWAN**—As treasurer and manager of J. M. Swan and Son, Incorporated, W. J. Swan is actively connected with a contracting and building firm which is widely known throughout New England. This company, which was established by Mr. Swan's father, J. M. Swan, a noted engineer and water power expert, has in its employ about two hundred men, and their services are

in great demand, particularly in the States of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. A considerable portion of the company's prosperous business can be traced directly to Mr. Swan's able direction of its affairs.

Mr. Swan was born and educated in Lewiston, Maine, a son of J. M. Swan, who still makes his home in that place. The mother is now deceased. Few men have played so important a part in the development of New England water power as the elder Mr. Swan, who in the course of his life has built more than eighty dams throughout all this section.

When W. J. Swan completed his education, he began work with his father in the building and contracting firm of which he is now treasurer and manager, his father being vice-president, and S. S. Twitchel, of Milan, New Hampshire, president. In this work he has spent his entire business life, his obvious ability and energy bringing him rapid advancement.

Mr. Swan is connected with the St. Johnsbury offices of his company, and in the affairs of the community here, he takes an active part. He is a member of all bodies of the York Rite, of the Free and Accepted Masons, including the Commandery of the Knights Templar, and is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce, and the St. Johnsbury Country Club. Politically he is an independent voter, interested in all proposals, from whatever source, for the advancement of the community welfare. He and his family worship in the faith of the Baptist church.

W. J. Swan married Lena Boynton, who was born in Andover, Maine, a daughter of Benjamin H. and Alice S. (Howe) Boynton, of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Swan are the parents of one child, James B.

**ALVA W. BROCKWAY**—One of the able business men of West Burke is Alva W. Brockway. He is conducting a prosperous business in his combined furniture store and undertaking establishment, of which he has been the sole proprietor for a number of years. He was born in the little Vermont town of Sutton, October 27, 1860, the son of Josiah and Phoebe (Ryder) Brockway, both of whom are now deceased. His father was by trade a wheelwright and carriage-maker.

Alva W. Brockway's education was received in the elementary schools of Sutton, after which he sought employment in the railroad shops at Lyndonville. After six years of this work, he learned the painter's trade, and followed this kind of work for the next few years or until he had saved enough money to establish a business for himself. He then moved to West Burke, bought out a furniture and undertaking establishment, and continued in this lucrative business for the next ten years. He had previously taken a course of study in the Dodge School of Embalming, at Burlington, Vermont, having graduated therefrom. Subsequently, he sold his business in West Burke and moved to Melrose, Massachusetts, where he engaged in his former trade of painting. He did not remain at this for long, however, but returned again to West Burke, and bought out a general store, which he conducted for the following two years. When opportunity presented itself he purchased the property on which today we find his attractive furniture store and undertaking establishment. He has made for himself many friends in the community and is highly esteemed by all his fellow-townsmen. His political tendencies are with the Republican party.

Mr. Brockway has been married three times. His first wife was Sarah Jenness, who is now deceased. He married (second) Bertha Harrington, and (third) Nellie Thompson, now deceased. Of these marriages there were no children.



**JOSIAH GROUT**—Forty-sixth Governor of Vermont, and frequently elected to public office by the people of the State, Josiah Grout was ideally fitted by temperament and training for the service he was so frequently called upon to render. A cavalry officer who achieved a distinguished record during the Civil War, he was also thoroughly well grounded in the law, while no man regarded with more jealous care the welfare of the State and its people. His progressive record as legislator and head of the State Government will remain a lasting memorial to his fame.

Governor Grout was born at Compton, Canada, May 28, 1842, a son of Josiah and Sophronia (Ayer) Grout, members of well known American families, who were then living temporarily in Canada. He was a direct descendant of Dr. John Grout, first of the name in this country, who came to Watertown, Massachusetts, in 1630, while his great-grandfather, Elijah Grout, of Charlestown, New Hampshire, was a commissary in the Revolutionary Army. Theophilus Grout, son of Elijah Grout, settled in what is now the town of Kirby, Vermont, in 1799, his farm remaining in possession of members of the family until about 1920.

Josiah Grout came to Vermont in 1848, when his parents returned to this State, and here he received his education, attending Orleans Liberal Institute, at Glover, and the St. Johnsbury Academy. Before he had completed his studies, the Civil War broke out, and Mr. Grout immediately enlisted in the service of his country. He was first appointed, on October 2, 1861, second lieutenant in Company I, First Vermont Cavalry, but early in 1863 he received promotion to captain. In April, 1863, he took part in a skirmish with the Confederate raider Mosby in the course of which he was severely wounded and forced to retire from active service for some time. In the following year, however, he was appointed major in the Twenty-sixth New York Cavalry, organized in consequence of the Confederate raid on St. Albans, and in this position he remained until the conclusion of hostilities.

Upon leaving the army, he returned to Vermont, and began the study of law in the offices of his brother, General William W. Grout, at Barton, and in 1865 he was admitted to the bar of the State, beginning the practice of his profession soon afterwards. From 1866 to 1874, however, he was in charge of the custom houses at Island Pond, St. Albans, and Newport, Vermont, and in the latter of these places also practiced law. Winning success as a lawyer, he removed to Chicago in 1874 and a few years later to Moline, Illinois, where, for two years, he was a supervisor of Rock Island County. He returned to Vermont again in 1880 and for nearly forty years owned and operated a stock farm at Derby, specializing in the breeding of Jersey cattle, Morgan horses, and Shropshire sheep.

Governor Grout's first ballot was cast for Abraham Lincoln, and in the years from that time until his death, he achieved a remarkable record of public service in the Republican party, whose principles he warmly supported. In 1872 and 1874, he represented the town of Newport in the Vermont State Legislature, while in 1884, 1886, and 1888, he was elected to the same body from Derby. In 1874, and again in 1886 and 1888, he served as speaker of the House. In 1892 he was elected State Senator from Orleans County, and in 1896 his political career culminated in his election as governor of Vermont, an office which he filled most efficiently from 1896 to 1898. Governor Grout was chief executive officer of the Republican Club at Derby for many years, while he also served for four years as vice-president of the Vermont League of Republican Clubs, and for one year as its president. He expressed no religious preference. He was affiliated fraternally with Orleans Lodge, No. 55, of the Free and Accepted Masons at Barton.

In October, 1867, Josiah Grout married Harriet Hinman, daughter of Aaron and Nancy (Stewart) Hinman, of Derby. They became the parents of one son, Aaron Hinman, a record of whose career follows this.

Governor Grout's death brought to a close the life of one of Vermont's most distinguished sons, one who contributed notably to the prosperity and growth of the State and who made its problems his own. Strong in will and character, he possessed unusual warmth and charm, while he gave his allegiance unflinchingly to the highest ideals, from which he never departed in any contingency. In the annals of the State and the memory of its citizens he has won sure place, and although the immediate sense of loss at his passing may fade with time, the remembrance of his life and character will long remain.

**AARON HINMAN GROUT**—A distinguished member of the Vermont bar, Aaron Hinman Grout practiced his profession in the State for more than twenty years, and during this period, following the example of his illustrious father, he gave much of his time to service in the public interest, which he has always considered no less worthy of his best attention than his own affairs. Since 1927 Mr. Grout has been treasurer and manager of the Vermont Acceptance Corporation, at Burlington, and in the fields of business and finance he has been equally successful.

Mr. Grout was born January 18, 1879, a son of the late Josiah Grout, forty-sixth governor of Vermont (see a preceding biography), and of Harriet (Hinman) Grout. He received his early education at Derby Academy, and later attended the University of Vermont, from which institution he was graduated in 1901, with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. Soon afterward Mr. Grout began the practice of law at Newport, and here for two decades he continued his legal work. As a young man he quickly won the confidence of the community and during all this period the demands on his services constantly increased, as his brilliant ability, profound knowledge of the law and diligence on behalf of his clients resulted in many notable victories for the causes which he espoused.

Meanwhile his career as a public servant was well under way. During the administration of his father as governor, in 1896, he acted as executive messenger, while from 1906 to 1908, under Governor Procter, he was executive clerk. During the period from 1908 to 1910, Mr. Grout was secretary of civil and military affairs for the State of Vermont, and from 1912 to 1916, State's Attorney. In 1923 he was elected a member of the State House of Representatives, and in that same year he took office as Secretary of State, which office he filled most efficiently until 1927. He also served as judge advocate of the Vermont National Guard, while during the period of the World War, from 1917 to 1919, he was lieutenant colonel of the Vermont Volunteer Militia.

In May, 1927, Mr. Grout retired to private life and since that time has been treasurer and manager of the Vermont Acceptance Corporation at Burlington, which he has built into a highly successful organization through able direction of its affairs. In politics he has always supported the principles and candidates of the Republican party, standing high in party councils in Vermont. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this great order has been a prominent figure for many years. He is a member of Memphremagog Lodge, No. 65, and a member of all bodies of the York and Scottish rite, including the Consistory. Mr. Grout is also a member of Cairo Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and has been honored in the fraternity by election to the thirty-third degree of the Scottish Rite. He has served as Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of



Vermont, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Grand Master of the Grand Council, First Lieutenant Commander of the Council of Liberation, and is now Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of the State. In the life of the community generally, in which he makes his home, Mr. Grout has taken an active part, contributing liberally toward the support of all worthy civic and charitable movements.

In 1907, Aaron Hinman Grout married Edith Goddard Hart, daughter of Orrin C. Hart, of Massachusetts. Two children have been born of this marriage. Eleanor H. and Nancy S.

**GUY W. HILL**—A practicing attorney at St. Johnsbury for many years, Guy W. Hill was well known in this section of Vermont for his brilliant talent in legal work and for the extreme care which he devoted to the affairs of his clients. He was counsel for several important local corporations, served for a number of years as State's Attorney, and in addition to the time which he devoted to his profession, shared actively in the civic and fraternal life of St. Johnsbury.

Guy Willard Hill was born April 26, 1878, at Waterford, Vermont, a son of Willard C. Hill, a well-known farmer now deceased, who was born at Waterford, and of Hannah (Weeks) Hill, who was born at Danville, Vermont, and is also now deceased. Massachusetts was the ancestral home of the American branch of the family, Mr. Hill's great-grandfather coming from that State to Bethlehem, New Hampshire, from which place his son, Cyrus T. Hill moved to Waterford and later to the upland farm near the Connecticut River which for half a century afterward was the family home. It was here that Guy W. Hill, of this record, was born.

At the age of fifteen he completed the course of study in the Waterford public schools and entered St. Johnsbury Academy, where he made an excellent record and was graduated in 1897 with honors. Soon afterward he began the study of law in the offices of Dunnett and Slack, completing his legal training with David E. Porter and Thompson, and Bates, May and Simonds, and gaining admission to the bar of the Supreme Court of Vermont in October, 1901, with high rank. He immediately began the practice of his profession in Merchants Bank Building and later moved to Eastern Avenue and later to 111 Railroad Avenue, St. Johnsbury, in which he continued thereafter until the time of his death. In December, 1905, Mr. Hill was appointed State's Attorney, and in September of the following year was elected to the office which he filled most capably until his retirement to private practice in 1908. His obvious ability and the constantly increasing list of his court triumphs soon brought him a prosperous practice and additional prestige in the community, which was quick to appreciate the excellent law service he offered them.

Mr. Hill was active in the various associations of the men of his profession. He was a member, and from 1915 to 1916 secretary of the Vermont State Bar Association, a member of the county bar association, of which he was also secretary and treasurer from 1916 to 1920, and a member of the American Bar Association. Politically he supported the principles and candidates of the Republican party, and from 1905 until the time of his death, served as auditor for Caledonia County. No worthy movement for reform or progress, however, whatever its source, was ever without his hearty support, and his interest in the community welfare was constantly manifested. Mr. Hill was affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while at the time of his death he was president of the Board of Trustees of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Association. He was also secretary and treasurer of the Ni Sokiton Fish and Game Club, and first vice-president

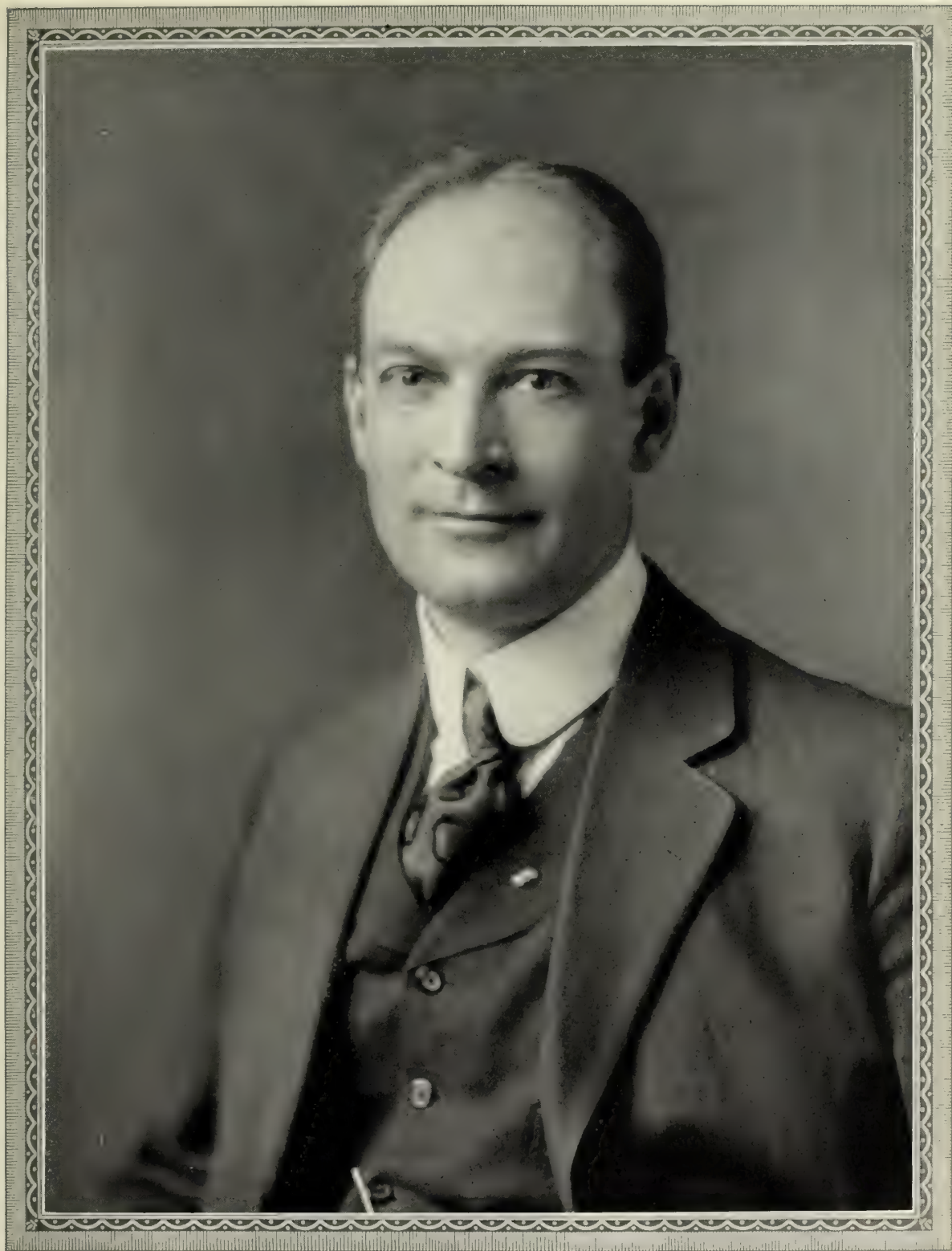
and a director of the Automobile Club of Vermont. With his family he attended the local Methodist Episcopal church.

Guy W. Hill married Sarah G. Brigham, born in St. Johnsbury, a daughter of E. S. and Cora (Jones) Brigham of that place. Mrs. Hill, who is a notary public, has been of the greatest assistance to her husband in the management of the law office. Mr. and Mrs. Hill became the parents of one son, Willard, who is now a student in the St. Johnsbury schools.

Mr. Hill's death occurred on Friday, September 14, 1928, to the great sorrow of his many friends and acquaintances throughout all this section of the State. It had seemed that he might well be spared for many more years of useful labor, but that which he had already accomplished was large and his successes have added appreciably to the greater prosperity of the State. Strong in will and character, he possessed unusual warmth and charm, and in preëminent degree the happy faculty of friendship. Among all those who knew him and in the community at large, the memory of the man and of his work will long remain, a living monument to his fame.

**CHARLES ALFRED BROWN**—Having trained himself as a telegrapher in early manhood, Charles Alfred Brown, president of the Brown Monument Corporation of Burlington, followed that vocation until he reached his twenty-sixth year, when he first associated himself with the granite industry. During that portion of his life devoted to telegraphy Mr. Brown was employed by various railways of the United States and Canada, but it was in the stone and marble industry that he made the contacts that were to lead him to success. Previous to the foundation of his own establishment, he was widely known throughout New England, through his connections with several of the large wholesale dealers in granite and marble.

Mr. Brown was born November 4, 1878, at Sheldon, Vermont, son of Alfred and Susan (White) Brown. The father, a native of Waterville, Vermont, was a successful photographer of that community until his death in 1891. His wife, too, was a native of Vermont. Charles Alfred Brown attended the public schools of Sheldon and was graduated from high school there. He then matriculated at Waterloo Academy, Province of Quebec, Canada, and learned telegraphy. He first entered the employ of the Canadian Pacific Railway as railroad telegrapher and afterwards served in a like capacity with the Central Vermont Railway, the M. and W. Railway, and the Barre Railway, until 1904. In the last named year Mr. Brown availed himself, of an opportunity to enter the granite business, accepting a position with Cook & Watkins, wholesale marble dealers, as buyer and representative in Barre, Vermont, and Boston, Massachusetts. Some time later he transferred his allegiance to Townsend-Townsend Company, wholesale granite and marble dealers of New York. With this concern he acted as manager at Barre, contracting and placing. So thoroughly familiar had Mr. Brown become with this business in 1909, that he determined to launch an individual establishment. Thus, in that year, he formed a partnership with McCall & Carroll, under the title of Brown, Carroll & Company with headquarters at Barre. The following year, in 1910, Mr. Carroll and Mr. Brown purchased the McCall interests, and two years later the Brown-Carroll Company erected a large plant off Depot Square, at Barre, devoted to the manufacture of granite products. This partnership was successfully maintained until 1915, when Mr. Brown, in association with George S. DeMerrell, of Lansing, Michigan, took over Mr. Carroll's holdings, and they operated the plant until 1923, under the title of Brown & DeMerrell. It was at this time that Mr. Brown became the sole owner of the establishment, through purchase of Mr. DeMer-



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rell's interests. Two years later, in 1925, the retail branch and store was founded in Burlington, and is still maintained at its original location, No. 102-A Church Street. The following year Mr. Brown incorporated the firm, which he now operates under the name of the Brown Monument Corporation, he being president and manager. Through his undeviating devotion to business affairs, Mr. Brown has become one of the most prosperous men in this line in Vermont, and is acknowledged to be one of the best informed authorities on granite and marble in New England.

All worthy projects devoted to the upbuilding of his State and local community receive the earnest support of this public-spirited man, and he is also well liked and popular in social and fraternal bodies. Mr. Brown is a member of the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and the Council, Royal and Select Masters, all of Barre. He also belongs to the Viricitia Club, of Barre and the Barre Country Club. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party although he has never sought the emoluments of public office, and the church to which he and his family belong is the Episcopal.

Charles Alfred Brown married, in 1900, Florence M. Harriott, a daughter of T. B. Harriott, of Oxford, New York, and they have one son: Winston B., graduate of Dartmouth University and now an instructor in the English Department of Brown University.

**JOHN K. WHITE**—Among the various enterprises which have served to bring John K. White into prominence in the village and town of Groton, may be mentioned merchandising, agriculture, live stock raising, and financial interests. Mr. White has succeeded in all of these pursuits, and as evidence of his versatility it should be noted that he also has served in public office and attained a high rank in fraternal spheres. Although born on a farm and a resident thereon until he was twenty-five years of age, after his venture into business circles, Mr. White has proven the fallacy of the old belief that agriculturists are not especially fitted for finance and commerce.

Mr. White was born February 26, 1882, on the family farm in the town of Topsham, Vermont, son of Henry B. and Hattie G. (Eastman) White, both now deceased. His parents were highly respected citizens of Topsham, Henry B. White being especially prominent in his community previous to his death in 1928 at the age of eighty-three years and five months. He was town clerk for twenty-four years and also treasurer for an extended period. His activities were carried on up until he was overtaken by death.

Educated in the common schools of the town of Topsham, John K. White remained on the farm as assistant to his father until he was about twenty-five years of age, when he purchased the estate, which comprises one hundred and seventy-five acres. After taking over the home place, he specialized in the breeding of thoroughbred Guernsey cattle, maintaining a herd of about thirty-five head at all times. About 1922, Mr. White purchased the general merchandise store in Groton that he now (1928) operates, the establishment formerly having been owned by Bernard Eastman. After taking over the concern, Mr. White proceeded to build up his trade, which bore fruit through a substantial increase in business and won many new customers for the store. In addition to his own labors in this establishment, Mr. White employs two clerks therein, and his concern is well known for the freshness, purity and high standard of merchandise. Shrewdness and business acumen brought such success to Mr. White's original pursuits that he gradually expanded his interests into financial fields, and is serving as a member of the board of directors for the Citizens' Savings Bank & Trust

Company, at St. Johnsbury. A Republican in political belief, his advice is valued highly in the local councils of this party, and while a resident of Topsham, Mr. White serves as selectman. In addition to his performances in commercial and civic causes, he has an admirable record in fraternal activities, being a member of the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Council, Royal and Select Masters; the Commandery, Knights Templar; the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and the Knights of Pythias. Both Mr. White and his wife attend the Methodist Church wherein they have given materially, morally, physically, and financially, and they are popular and well-liked throughout the entire community.

John K. White married Helene J. Taplin, who was born at Corinth, Vermont. Mrs. White is a daughter of Joseph E. and Nancy (Leighton) Taplin. Mr. White and Mrs. White are the parents of one son: Philip T.

**SAM C. BLODGETT**—A business man of ability and wide experience, Sam C. Blodgett is president of the Burlington Grocery Company, dealers in wholesale groceries, at Burlington, Vermont. To this field he has devoted his entire time and attention, rising through various positions to his present office, in which capacity he has been instrumental in furnishing the Burlington territory with an excellent wholesale service in high grade grocery products.

Mr. Blodgett was born March 15, 1875, at North Danville, Vermont, a son of Charles S. and Emma R. Blodgett of that place. His father was a farmer, well known locally until the time of his death. At the age of eighteen Sam C. Blodgett began his business career in the retail grocery trade. Five years later, in 1898, he entered the employ of the Holbrook Grocery Company, of Keene, New Hampshire, wholesale grocers, his efficient and loyal services being rewarded by gradual advancement over a period of years. For this company he became a local manager, and took charge of the branch house at Woodsville, New Hampshire, where he remained for more than twenty years, to the complete satisfaction, both of his company and of the community which he served. In 1917 he became manager of the Burlington Grocery Company, and nine years later, in 1926, he became its president, ably directing its affairs along the pathway of success. Mr. Blodgett is known as one of the most progressive and public-spirited business men of Burlington, in whose affairs he has taken a deep interest.

On June 27, 1898, Sam C. Blodgett married Susie T. Kimball, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Kimball, of McIndoe Falls. Of this marriage there is one child, a daughter, Lydia.

**JAMES C. WARREN**—As senior member of the firm of J. C. Warren and Son, James C. Warren controls the operation of the Moose River Valley farm which he owns, one hundred and ninety-five acres of land situated on the banks of the Moose River and on the Roosevelt Highway. This splendid location and the fertility of the soil make Mr. Warren's property one of the most valuable for its size in Caledonia County, a fact widely recognized by bankers of the State. In addition he is interested financially in several other local projects, while he has always been prominent in civic and social life.

Mr. Warren was born at Concord, Vermont, on December 16, 1881, a son of Frank and Evelyn (Silsby) Warren, and a member of a family which included three daughters and a son. His father, a native of New York was well known as a farmer and is now deceased. The mother, also deceased, was born in Vermont.

James C. Warren attended the public schools of his



birthplace, and while still a boy began work on the railroad. For four years he acted as passenger brakeman, after which, for a period of five years he was employed as a plumber at Gilman, Vermont, dealing all this time in horses, cattle, and real estate. Successful in his earlier work, Mr. Warren became agent at Concord, Vermont, for the Maine Central Railroad, discharging all the duties of this position in a very efficient way during the fifteen years in which he filled it. He continued his real estate operations and the buying and selling of live stock in connection with his railroad work, and he owned a general store at Concord, supplying high grade merchandise to the section until fire destroyed this property in 1925 and Mr. Warren did not rebuild. On May 5, 1927 he bought his Moose River Valley Farm, which is situated about a mile and three quarters from St. Johnsbury, and on this splendid property he and his son raise all kinds of farm produce for sale in the large eastern markets, and also import from the west carloads of horses and cattle for sale. Besides this Mr. Warren still continues active in the real estate market, and operates the Moose River Valley Camps property for tourists. In all his various activities he has displayed the same fine energy and ability which have brought him uniform success.

Politically Mr. Warren is a member of the Republican party, and while at Concord, he was justice of the peace and notary. He has always been interested in civic affairs and the growth of community, and is highly esteemed by his fellow residents as a public-spirited citizen. He is affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Pythias, at Gilman, Vermont, while he and his family worship in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church.

James C. Warren married Retta M. Smith, who was born at Concord, a daughter of Wesley and Eliza (Barries) Smith. Of this marriage there is one son, Harold Fred, who attended the local grammar and high schools and was graduated from Gray's Business College at Portland, Maine. He is now associated with his father in his business operations, living on the home farm. Harold Fred Warren married Marion Rolin, and they are the parents of one son, Richard Charles.

**WINTHROP R. BLISS**—Entering the employ of the New York Life Insurance Company almost forty years ago, Winthrop R. Bliss, who began his career as an agent, has since remained with this one company, and through devotion to duty and creditable results, has risen to a substantial position with his firm. He now (1928) is district manager and agency director for the New York Company, with headquarters in Burlington. While Mr. Bliss' rise has not been meteoric, it has been a healthy and steady development, and his standing in this community as a citizen also has been enhanced.

Mr. Bliss was born August 30, 1876, in New York City, a son of Robert and Marie (Handy) Bliss, and his education was gained in the public schools of the metropolis. Soon thereafter he obtained employment with the New York Life Insurance Company as an agent, and has been identified with this company since. In 1913, he became district manager at Burlington, having supervision over the conduct of his firm's operations in this section. Since coming to Burlington, Mr. Bliss has interested himself in the welfare of his adopted town and State, and is quite popular in social circles. He is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons and a member of the Ethan Allen Club and the Burlington Country Club.

Winthrop R. Bliss married, in 1904, Edith Johnston of Manchester, New Hampshire, daughter of John W. Johnston, a native of Manchester. Mr. Bliss has offices at No. 100 Church Street, Burlington.

**LESLIE H. THORNTON**—For the past forty years Leslie H. Thornton has been identified with the

general store in West Barnet, of which he is now sole owner. He was a lad of sixteen when he entered the employ of George P. Blair, then owner of the business, and eighteen years later he, with a partner, purchased the concern. The partnership lasted but a few years, and then Mr. Thornton purchased the interests of his partner and became sole proprietor of the business, which he has since conducted. He is also assistant postmaster, a director of the Merchants' National Bank at St. Johnsbury, and treasurer of the Mountain View Creamery Corporation; and he is a thirty-second degree Mason.

Leslie H. Thornton was born in Greensboro, Vermont, August 1, 1872, son of Dudley C., a native of New Hampshire, and Hannah M. (Hastie) Thornton, who was born in Vermont. There were three children in the family: Albert B., Alice C., and Leslie H., of whom further.

After attending the public schools of Barnet, Leslie H. Thornton continued his studies in Peacham Academy until he was sixteen years old and then secured his first remunerative position as clerk in the general store of George P. Blair, here in West Barnet. He was a lad of ability and of determination and he stuck to his job, continuing to serve as clerk for a period of eighteen years. In the meantime, however, he had thoroughly learned the business and had thriftily accumulated some capital, and in 1907 he purchased the business. For a few years he was in partnership with a Mr. Harvey, but he soon purchased his partner's interest, and since that time has operated the business alone. At the present time (1928) he has been in the store, as clerk and as owner, for four decades and has been owner of the business for twenty-one years. The Barnet post office is located in Mr. Thornton's store, and he is serving as assistant postmaster under John A. Roy, postmaster. Along with the management of his general store, Mr. Thornton has been active in other business enterprises. As treasurer of the Mountain View Creamery Corporation, of West Barnet, and as a member of the board of directors of the Merchants' National Bank, of St. Johnsbury, he is contributing the service of his sound judgment and of his general business ability to the success of those concerns, and his advice is frequently sought in other business affairs. Politically, Mr. Thornton supports the Republican party, and for the past twenty-two years he has served as town auditor. He is prominent in the Masonic Order, being a member of all bodies, both York and Scottish rites, and of the Consistory, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; and he is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Both he and his wife are active in the affairs of the Presbyterian Church, which he serves as a member of the board of elders, and both have a host of friends here.

Leslie H. Thornton married Agnes Blair, daughter of George P. and Agnes (Sanborn) Blair, the first-mentioned of whom was engaged in mercantile pursuits throughout his mature life. Mr. and Mrs. Thornton have one child, Georgia Blair, who is a graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy and of Middlebury College, and is now (1928) secretary and stenographer for a law firm in Boston.

**GUY WINFRED BAILEY, LL. D.**—Born in Hardwick, Vermont, May 7, 1876, Guy Winfred Bailey, college president, is a son of John Winthrop and Laura (Cahill) Bailey. In 1900 he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the University of Vermont, and in 1921 received the degree of Doctor of Laws from this institution, as well as from Middlebury College, Norwich University. Dr. Bailey was admitted to the bar of the State of Vermont in 1904, but has never practiced as barrister. From that year until 1908 he served in the Vermont House of Representatives, and from 1908 until







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1917 was Secretary of State, having meanwhile, as representative and commissioner, edited the public statutes of Vermont, 1906-07. In September, 1917, he became Comptroller of the University, and has continued in that capacity to present time. In August, 1919, he became acting president. In June of 1920 he became president of the University of Vermont, and has been president of this institution through the years that have followed to the present time (1928).

Dr. Bailey is president of the Kurn Hattin Homes, of Westminster, Vermont; a trustee and vice-president of the Winooski Savings Bank; a director of the Howard National Bank and City Trust Company, of Burlington; member of the American Bar Association, and of the following clubs: Ethan Allen, Burlington Country, Lake Champlain Yacht, Lake Mansfield and Lake Wapanachi Trout. Politically he adheres to the principles of the Republican party, and in religious affiliation is a communicant of the Congregational church.

On December 22, 1904, Dr. Bailey was united in marriage with Mabel Gertrude Brigham, of Essex Junction, Vermont. Their residence is at No. 203 South Willard Street, Burlington.

While a student in the University of Vermont, Dr. Bailey became a member of Alpha Chapter, Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic fraternity.

**LYMAN E. HOLDEN**—The community of Brattleboro has within it a number of the State's dominant business figures, but no one of them is better known or more warmly regarded than Lyman E. Holden, whose operations through many years have reacted to the advantage of town, county, State and Nation. A few of these operations will be dealt within the course of this narrative.

Lyman E. Holden was born in Jamaica, Vermont, May 2, 1860, son of Culwell and Filena S. (Rice) Holden, both of whom were natives of Vermont, and are since deceased. He received his academic instruction in the public schools of Wardsboro, and went to work directly after completion of this instruction—in a sawmill, at Hinsdale, New Hampshire, at the age of thirteen years. From that time to the present he has been actively engaged, and continuously so, in the lumber business, first having entered the business for himself at the age of eighteen, in Wardsboro, and coming then to Brattleboro in 1891 to continue in it here. In Brattleboro he has achieved the great successes ascribed to his record, beginning as early as 1891, when, in association with Judge James L. Martin, he formed the Holden and Martin Lumber Company. The partnership existed until the judge's demise, in 1915, when Mr. Holden incorporated the business, with himself as president, treasurer and general manager. The company's central offices and yards are on Frost Street, Brattleboro. There are complementary yards also on Flat Street, and the company owns a sawmill and third yard on Berge Street, Brattleboro. This is one of the largest lumber enterprises in the commonwealth. When business was begun in 1891 it had about twenty-four hundred square feet of operating space and employed four persons. At the present time (this is written in 1928) the four persons have been increased to twenty-five, and at the sawmill alone five acres are in use, there being also a full acre in the Frost Street yards. Several buildings are owned and occupied on this street, together with another at the intersection of Elm with Frost.

Markedly successful as lumber operator, Mr. Holden has been no less successful in other directions of affairs. He is a director of the Brattleboro Trust Company, a director of the Hooker, Corser, Mitchell Company, and president of the H. and M. Realty Company. In the last-named connection, with the realty organiza-

tion, there exists that which is typical of Mr. Holden as a man of large interests and beneficent purpose. As president of the company he has specialized in the building of modern homes in the residential section of Brattleboro. He has financed a large number of these homes, they being of excellent construction, and all have been sold to working people, and to others, for small amounts down. A mortgage is accepted for the balance, and it is noteworthy that through this whole experience no single purchaser has lost his or her home for non-payment of principal or interest thereon. Payments are received in the form of rents.

In another handsome fashion, also, Mr. Holden has been the city's benefactor. Through his individual effort and chief instigation was built Brattleboro's excellent railroad station and freight depot—admittedly among the finest in New England. And he was so pleased, so deeply gratified at the fortunate culmination of the rail stations project after several years of earnest personal work, that he caused plans to be drawn for the beautiful park and terrace opposite the station. The ornamental fountain and shrubbery were donated to the city of Brattleboro by Mr. Holden.

Mr. Holden consistently is one of the first to take hold of any new project for the communal welfare; and civic pride is one of his outstanding characteristics. His home, facing Park Place, is one of the most attractive in this region of Vermont.

Fraternally active, Mr. Holden is a member of Brattleboro Lodge, No. 102, Free and Accepted Masons; Fort Dummer Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Beauseant Commandery, Knights Templar, and Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the Brattleboro Club, the Brattleboro Country Club, attends the Congregational church, and makes hobbies of golf and whist. He is a Republican in politics.

Mr. Holden married, (first), in 1881, Ella M. Kidder, daughter of Henry M. and Maryetta Kidder; and of this union were born two children, since deceased. Mrs. Holden died in 1891, and in 1893, two years after coming to Brattleboro, Mr. Holden married (second) Grace Hildreth, daughter of J. T. and Emma (Rockwell) Hildreth. Mrs. Holden is a native of Brattleboro. Of this union was born a daughter, Gladys E., wife of Ernest E. Barre, who is assistant manager of the Holden and Martin Lumber Company.

**BURTON M. SWETT**—The first of a family of five children, Burton M. Swett, postmaster of East Hardwick has been engaged in gainful pursuits since early boyhood and his career has included employment in a gristmill, bookkeeping, live stock business, and various public offices. More than three decades ago Mr. Swett had supervision over the same post office which he now heads, although his service in that position was interrupted for a period of about eight years. In view of the fact that his schooling was so meagre, he has become exceptionally well educated, and is undoubtedly one of this community's most respected and honored citizens.

Mr. Swett is a son of Martin V. and Laura (Patch) Swett, both natives of Vermont. Martin V. Swett was born at Hardwick and Laura (Patch) Swett was born at Johnson, Vermont. They were farmers, highly respected in their native community, and reared a family numbering five children, four girls and one boy. Burton M. Swett, oldest child and only son of Martin V. and Laura (Patch) Swett, was born at Hardwick, on June 4, 1871. After a somewhat meagre scholastic training in the common schools of his native community, Mr. Swett, as a boy went to work in a gristmill at Cabot, Vermont. There he applied himself to becoming familiar with the ramifications of this industry and for about



eight years thereafter was employed in various mills. At the end of that time he severed his connections with this occupation, moved to Woodstock, New Hampshire, and was employed there as a bookkeeper for the Johnson Lumber Company. Mr. Swett remained with this concern until he was appointed postmaster at East Hardwick. This was in 1898 and he occupied that official position for the ensuing sixteen years. In 1914 he again entered private life, became interested in live stock, and attained material success in that business until in May, 1922, when he again was made postmaster at East Hardwick, and here he since has remained. During Mr. Swett's administration in the local post office the patrons thereof have been provided with the best service possible and he has a record of accomplishments that reflect credit upon himself and the local branch of the United States Postal Department. The East Hardwick post office, a fourth class establishment, distributes mail not only in East Hardwick, but two rural routes also are served from this point. A Republican since he cast his first ballot, Mr. Swett has ever been loyal to the principles and candidates of this party and has exerted much influence in local political circles. He has fulfilled the duties of citizenship to the best of his ability, and at various times has sacrificed his business interests to devote himself to public office. Among the posts of trust he has occupied may be mentioned his membership on the Board of Selectmen, valued services as a director of the local school system, and a period given over to the duties of town auditor. He attends the Federated church, and is auditor of this congregation, to which he has contributed consistently—physically, financially, and morally.

Burton M. Swett married (first) Jettie A. Farr, a native of Greensboro. Jettie A. (Farr) Swett passed away in 1904, and Mr. Swett married (second) Bertha (Ayer) Norcross, widow of Charles T. Norcross.

**FRANK T. TAYLOR**—As treasurer and business manager of the J. H. McLoud Company department store at Hardwick, Vermont, Frank T. Taylor occupies a position of importance in the business life of the community. He is a merchant of long experience and ability, his efficient direction of his company's affairs resulting in supplying to Hardwick a mercantile service of the highest type with a complete stock of ladies' and gentlemen's furnishings and shoes. In various other phases of the community life Mr. Taylor has been equally active, occupying high place in the esteem of his fellow-residents as a public-spirited citizen.

Mr. Taylor was born at Wheelock, Vermont, December 20, 1864, a son of B. F. and Amanda S. (Stetson) Taylor, both now deceased. His father was well known as a merchant in Vermont, engaging in this business at Wheelock for a period of fifty years.

Frank T. Taylor attended Hardwick Academy and later entered Lyndon Institute from which he was graduated in 1885. He began his business career in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, as a clerk in the Fairbanks store, remaining here in this capacity for about a year and a half, following which he returned to Hardwick and accepted a position in the J. H. McLoud Company store. This business was established first in 1880 by McLoud and Marsh, and was operated by them under McLoud & Marsh name until the year 1896. At this time the business was incorporated with J. H. McLoud as president, and in recognition of the fine ability and loyal service which Mr. Taylor had displayed in his work for three and a half years as a clerk, he was chosen business manager of the enterprise and became an officer of the company, holding the office of treasurer from that year until the present time. His active participation in this work was interrupted for a period of thirteen years during which he served as postmaster at Hardwick under the administrations of President McKinley and

President Roosevelt, but upon the conclusion of this service he resumed his duties, Frank T. Taylor becoming a member of the company.

Aside from his partnership in the J. H. McLoud Company, Mr. Taylor was one of the organizers and since 1914 has been vice-president of the Granite Trust Company, his sound business judgment playing an important part in shaping the policy of this organization. In political affairs he is a member of the Republican party, while he is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. Taylor is also a member of the Knights of Pythias and has filled all the chairs of his lodge, and has been active in his support of many worthy civic and benevolent enterprises in the best interests of his community. He and Mrs. Taylor attend the Hardwick Protestant Episcopal Church.

Frank T. Taylor has been married three times (first) to Flora M. Rogers, now deceased, a daughter of Charles and Mary Rogers, of Wheelock, Vermont. He married (second) Cecil Paul, of Groton, Vermont, and (third) Rose Gilkey, who was born at Stafford, Vermont, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Gilkey.

**ARTHUR W. BACON**—Entering the sales department of the automobile business shortly after his high school graduation, Arthur W. Bacon, with the exception of his period of enlistment in the military forces during the World War, has remained with this business since, and has become a figure of note in automobile circles of Vermont. In his present (1928) position, as manager of Burlington branch of Brewer Brothers, Mr. Bacon handles one of the best known automobiles in this country. His long association with the motor vehicle business has enabled Mr. Bacon to become thoroughly familiar with all the ramifications thereof, and he is an acknowledged authority on the merits of automobiles in this section. He also is a zealous worker in the projects meant for the general progress of Burlington and is a popular member of social organizations here.

Mr. Bacon was born February 28, 1896, at Shelburne, Chittenden County, Vermont, son of Henry and Belle R. (Gervia) Bacon, both parents natives of Chittenden County. Henry Bacon is now (1928) carrying on a contracting business in this city and his reputation for efficiency and thoroughness has resulted in material success coming to him. Arthur W. Bacon was educated in the public schools of Shelburne and Burlington, soon after graduating from high school entering the automobile business. His first connection was with the Van Ness Sales Corporation of Burlington, and he remained with this concern until shortly after the United States became embroiled in the European conflict. On July 15, 1918, Mr. Bacon enlisted in the military forces, being attached to Company A, 337th Battalion, Tank Corps. He went overseas with this unit, joined the American Expeditionary Forces and remained in service overseas for twelve months. While in the army he was commissioned second lieutenant and held this rank at the time of his honorable discharge on July 15, 1919. After discarding the habiliments of war, Mr. Bacon entered the employ of the Austin Garage Company. Subsequently he severed his connections with this concern and associated himself with the White Motor Company for a period of ten months. In 1926 Mr. Bacon had become a recognized and efficient factor in the automobile business which resulted in his services being sought by the Brewer Brothers Motor Corporation, who induced him to become manager of their branch establishment in Burlington. Since assuming this post, Mr. Bacon has labored unceasingly to increase the business of his employers and a substantial development has been noticed in the Burlington branch, which handles one of America's best known motor cars, the Reo, which is manufactured in Lansing, Michigan. Mr. Bacon has not confined his operations to commerce



since coming to Burlington, but has entered wholeheartedly into all worthy projects having to do with the prosperity and advancement of this community. Blessed with a refined and unaffected disposition he has made many friends here and is one of the most popular members of the Burlington Club. He also is a member of the Catholic church and contributes materially to the support of this church.

Arthur W. Bacon married in 1923, Constance M. Corley, daughter of Edward B. Corley. Her father is one of Burlington's best known public officials, serving this city as clerk. Mr. and Mrs. Bacon have one daughter, Janice Mary. Mr. Bacon's business headquarters are at No. 181 St. Paul Street, Burlington, while he and his family reside at No. 63 Adams Street, this city.

**DR. FRANCIS J. ARNOLD**, son of Joseph and Mary S. (Cummings) Arnold, was born in Burlington, Vermont. He received his education in Burlington and was graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Vermont in 1901. After graduating, he spent a year and a half as interne in the Mary Fletcher Hospital, followed by a year of post-graduate work in eye, ear, nose and throat clinics, including Dr. de Schweinitz' clinic in the University Hospital, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In 1904 he opened an office at 182 Pearl Street, in Burlington, limiting his practice to diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Dr. Arnold is on the staffs of the Mary Fletcher, De Goesbriand Memorial and Fanny Allen Hospitals and is attending specialist to the Providence Orphan Asylum and Hospital. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Oto-Laryngology, the New England Otological and Laryngological Society, the Vermont State Medical Society, and the Burlington and Chittenden County Clinical Society. He is also a member of the Ethan Allen Club and the Knights of Columbus. In religion he is a Roman Catholic.

**DR. AUGUSTUS SMITH HASKINS**—One of the most distinguished members of his profession, Augustus Smith Haskins has been an optometrist at St. Johnsbury, Vermont, for more than thirty years. Dr. Haskins personally devised what is technically known as the Red Free Ophthalmoscopy, together with the means for showing on the screen the value of this method in the early recognition of pathological changes in the fundus of the eye. He has been instrumental in introducing courses of instruction in this method in several universities, and wide recognition has come to him for his fine work. At St. Johnsbury, Dr. Haskins has consistently supplied the community with a service of the highest type to be found usually only in the largest cities.

Dr. Haskins was born on June 9, 1870, in Tioga County, New York, a son of Harrison D. and Nancy (Smith) Haskins, both members of old families in the State of Vermont. He was educated in the public schools and the high school at Ithaca, New York, following which he completed special training at Cornell University, and the Philadelphia Optical College. Later he took several correspondence courses, and finished his academic training with post-graduate work at Columbia University. Meanwhile his professional career was under way. For a time he was associated in practice with Earl J. Brown, of Chicago, but in 1895 he began independent work at Waterloo, New York. The following year he came to St. Johnsbury, and in this city has made his home since that time. His thorough training in his profession insured his immediate success, and he quickly won the confidence of the community at St. Johnsbury and built up a highly prosperous practice. In the years since that time his reputation for fine work has constantly spread throughout the vicinity, and with it the demands

on his services constantly increased. Now, of course he is nationally known, and it is with difficulty that he is able to care for the many patients who come to him for treatment.

Dr. Haskins is a member of the Vermont State Board of Examiners in Optometry, and has served in this capacity since 1909. He is also a member and was for three years treasurer of the International-American Optometric Association, and was formerly chairman of the International Board of Regents. He is a member of the Beta Sigma Kappa fraternity, and only recently there was conferred upon him, in recognition of his distinguished services to his science, the honorary degree of Doctor of Optical Science, given only to physicists, optometrists, and ophthalmologists. In the civic and social life of the community at St. Johnsbury, Dr. Haskins has always been as active as his busy life would allow, supporting every worthy movement for the growth and advancement of the section. He has contributed liberally of both his time and substance to church work and other benevolent causes, he and his family attending the North Congregational Church at St. Johnsbury.

Dr. Augustus Smith Haskins married Alice Reed of Boonville, New York, who has constantly aided him in all his work in the beautiful companionship of their home life. She has also played a prominent part in a variety of community activities at St. Johnsbury. Dr. and Mrs. Haskins are the parents of three children: Mildred, Alice C. and Harlan D.

**WILLIAM S. APPLEYARD**—In the business world of Burlington, Vermont, William S. Appleyard occupies high place. Coming to this city in 1923 for the Dodge Motor Sales Company, he established a local service and sales bureau which he has since conducted under the name of the Appleyard Motor Company in a very successful way, while as active head and sole proprietor of the Burlington Rapid Transit Company, he has given the community a completely modern bus service unusually satisfactory in supplying all its transportation needs.

Mr. Appleyard was born January 22, 1891, at San Francisco, California, a son of William and Addie (Sampson) Appleyard. His father was a woolen manufacturer for many years in the States of Massachusetts and Maine. William S. Appleyard received his preliminary education in the public grammar schools and high schools, following the completion of which he entered Dartmouth College, and from this institution was graduated in 1913, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Soon afterward he came to Boston, Massachusetts, and for a period of two years, from 1914 to 1916, he was engaged there in real estate activities. At the end of this time he removed to Worcester, Massachusetts, where he entered the automobile business and operated a Ford agency until the year 1918, building up a prosperous local trade. The three years following, Mr. Appleyard spent at Fort Worth, Texas, in the Ranger Oil Field, but in 1921, he returned to Worcester and resumed the general agency for the Ford Automobile Company, this arrangement continuing mutually satisfactory until Mr. Appleyard came to Burlington in 1923. In February of that year he opened the Burlington branch of the Dodge Motor Sales Company, supplying a complete service of the highest type for the surrounding district, throughout all of which the Appleyard Motor Company is now well known. Realizing the need of the city in its growth for a modern transportation system, Mr. Appleyard installed his fleet of busses in February, 1926, and his able direction of the affairs of the Burlington Rapid Transit Company, is directly responsible for the prosperous condition of the company, and for the high degree of its usefulness in solving the transportation problem.

Politically Mr. Appleyard supports the principles and



candidates of the Republican party, although any movement designed to promote the best interests of the community and State, is assured of his hearty interest whatever its source. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order he is an Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Mason of the thirty-second degree, and a member of Mount Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of several clubs, including the Burlington Exchange Club, the Ethan Allen Club, the Burlington Country Club, and the Burlington Yacht Club. Mr. Appleyard worships in the faith of the Congregational church.

**HARRY P. SILSBY**—A merchant of long experience and high standing, Harry P. Silsby has been active in the business life of Lyndonville and Lunenburg, Vermont, for many years. Although now devoting his entire attention to his general store at the latter place, he has been interested in many phases of local business activities, buying and selling various properties, stores, which he has bought and then re-fitted and improved, stocks of goods, and dealing extensively in raw furs.

Mr. Silsby was born at West Burke, Vermont, September 14, 1879, a son of Frank W. and Nancy R. (Watson) Silsby, both natives of Vermont and both now deceased. His father was also a merchant in the State and a well-known auctioneer.

Harry P. Silsby attended the Vermont public schools and Lyndon Institute, following graduation from which he began his business career in the employ of Cheney's drug store as a clerk. For several years he served very capably in this position, attending strictly to the tasks which came to his hand, and in a short time he was able to join his father in an independent business enterprise, a ladies' and gentlemen's furnishing and dry goods store which he conducted at Lyndonville in a very successful way for more than twenty years, for the first ten years with his father and then alone for many years. Some years after he founded his first venture, Mr. Silsby bought a general store at Lunenburg, supplying to both communities a mercantile service of the highest type, which was quickly appreciated and extensively patronized. He also did much independent buying and trading during all this period, buying up and closing out stocks of goods, taking over properties for re-sale purposes, and acquiring other stores which he later disposed of. His sound judgment in the matter of business trends and property values made him uniformly successful in these activities. For the greater part of twenty years, also, Mr. Silsby bought furs in northern New England and Eastern Canada, and he built up an extensive trade in raw furs. In 1920 he took Charles S. Hale into partnership in the operation of the Lyndonville store, devoting his time thereafter chiefly to his other interests, and when the disastrous fire of 1924 destroyed the Lyndonville property, Mr. Silsby did not rebuild, allowing the partnership to become dissolved. Since that time his only store has been that at Lunenburg, which continues to serve the community there in a highly satisfactory way. In the course of years, however, his obvious ability caused him frequently to be called into consultation by other financial interests, and he is now a director of the Lyndonville Creamery Association and of the Canadian Carbonate Company. Having spent his winters in Florida since 1913, he also became much impressed with the opportunities of that State, and for five years has been actively interested in Florida business projects and developments.

In the community life of Lyndonville, Mr. Silsby has played an important part for many years, acting always in support of civic advance and progress and contributing liberally to deserving causes. He is a member of the Republican party in politics, standing high in local party

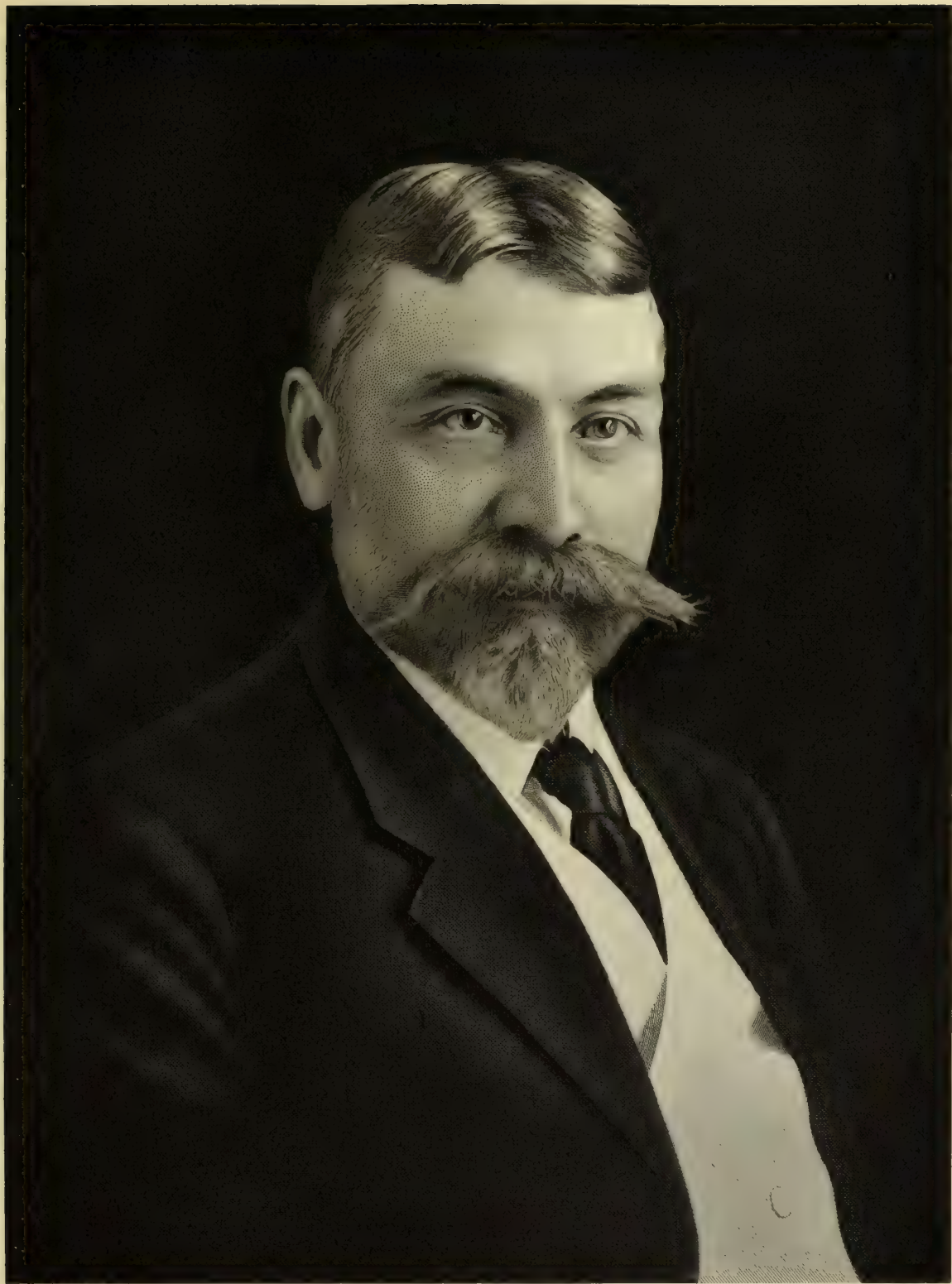
councils. Mr. Silsby is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is a member of Lyndonville Lodge, the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Council of Royal and Select Masters, the Commandery at St. Johnsbury, of the Knights Templar, and Mt. Sinai Temple, at Montpelier, of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of many local clubs and associations, including the Lyndonville Rotary Club, the local Chamber of Commerce, the St. Johnsbury Country Club, and the Lyndon Golf Club. With his family he worships in the faith of the Congregational Church.

Harry P. Silsby married Blanche E. Campbell, a daughter of George M. Campbell. Of this marriage one child has been born, Eunice R., now the wife of Oliver Morgan, Chicago district manager of the F. W. Dodge Corporation.

**HENRY WELLS**—A figure of great importance in the business and commercial life of Vermont for many years, Henry Wells was president of the Wells and Richardson Company, manufacturers of proprietary medicines at Burlington. Although most of his time was given to this enterprise, which profited enormously by his able direction of its affairs, he was also interested financially in several other ventures to which his sound judgment in business matters proved repeatedly of great value. Mr. Wells was well known and highly honored throughout the State for his many benevolences and disinterested public services in behalf of worthy civic movements.

Born at Waterbury, February 15, 1848, Mr. Wells was a son of William W. and Eliza (Carpenter) Wells of that place. He attended the public schools of Waterbury, and completed his academic training at Montpelier and Barre academies. In 1866, Mr. Wells began his business career in the employ of Henry and Company, manufacturers of proprietary medicines at Waterbury, moving to Burlington in 1868. Four years later he became a member of the firm of Wells, Richardson, and Company, this association continuing until the time of his death. Through hard work and strict attention to the tasks which came to him in minor positions, he gained complete mastery of all the details connected with the manufacture of proprietary medicines, and as a member of the firm of Wells, Richardson, and Company displayed a notable knowledge of the field, and a remarkable judgment of business trends based upon this knowledge. In 1883 the firm name was changed to the Wells and Richardson Company, of which Mr. Wells was at various times treasurer, vice-president, and at his death, president. He was also vice-president, and later, president of the Wells and Richardson Company, Ltd., at Montreal, Province of Quebec, while for more than twenty years he was a trustee of the Burlington Savings Bank. In 1890 Mr. Wells became a member of the board of trustees of Mary Fletcher Hospital, and three years later was elected vice-president of this body. He was also a director of the Venetian Blind Company, after 1894.

Always warmly interested in civic affairs, Mr. Wells supported the principles and candidates of the Republican party, while for years he was a valued member of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, at Burlington. Of this congregation, he was elected vestryman in 1879, and reelected each year until his death, except for the period between 1886 and 1893. He was also at different times, junior and senior warden, a member for years of the standing committee and of the board of trustees of the diocese of Vermont, one of the trustees of the Episcopal fund, and a deputy to the General Convention in 1895, 1898, 1901, and 1904. He held membership in many clubs and associations, including, the Algonquin Club, the Ethan Allen Club, the



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Lake Champlain Yacht Club, the Waubunakee Golf Club, the Lake Mansfield Trout Club, the Burlington Commercial Club, the Vermont Automobile Club, the Burlington Automobile Club, the Vermont Society of Colonial Wars, the Vermont Society, Sons of the American Revolution, the Vermont Forestry Association, the Vermont Historical Society, the Vermont Antiquarian Society, the Vermont Fish and Game League, the Vermont Chapter of the American National Red Cross, the Miami Board of Trade, and the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, of Miami, Florida.

Mr. Wells's death occurred on January 7, 1911, at Miami, Florida, in which State he spent considerable time in the closing years of his life. Admired and respected by all who knew him, both in business and personal relationships, his high integrity and strong will made him a leader among men, and yet he never forgot, even for a moment, his kindly consideration for others and his regard for their rights. These characteristics brought him in preëminent degree the warm friendship of those about him, who will always carry with them the memory of his life and work. His was indeed a career of achievement, success, and honor.

In 1871, Henry Wells married Mary E. Tanner, of Waupun, Wisconsin, daughter of James Dunbar and Betsey (Dodge) Tanner, who survives him. They were the parents of one son, William Tanner, who died in infancy.

**DANIEL LEAVENS CADY**—A successful New York lawyer at the age of fifty years, Daniel Leavens Cady retired then from his professional work, as he always said he should, and returned to the life of his native Vermont which he loved so well. He still remembered with perfect freshness the thousands of experiences and impressions which were crowded into his early years, and now with a simple truthfulness which concealed all art, he began to give them expression in the rhymes and verses which have made him widely-known not only throughout all New England but in the Far West as well. He had written some verse earlier. His poem read at the Champlain Tercentenary celebration on July 7, 1909, will always be remembered by those fortunate enough to hear it. But by far the bulk of his work has been done in the leisure of the last fifteen years following his retirement from the law.

Mr. Cady was born in West Windsor, Vermont, March 10, 1861, in the last house on the Weathersfield road where it crosses Little Ascutney Mountain. This house was built by his maternal great-grandfather, Rufus Leavens, who came to Vermont from Connecticut and cleared the land, and here his parents, John Wesley and Mary Ann (Leavens) Cady lived. The father engaged in agricultural pursuits and was well known locally, having held many town offices. He also served in the Union Army during the Civil War as a member of Company A, Twelfth Vermont Infantry. It is worthy of note that the West Windsor district has been the cradle of many famous men for here, within a radius of three miles, were born John P. Squire and Charles H. North, who became Boston's foremost meat packers, and the Hon. Edgar J. Sherman, who became Attorney-General of Massachusetts, and a judge of the Superior Court, while the Hon. Walbridge A. Field, who became Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, was born only a few miles farther south.

Daniel Leavens Cady attended the public school of his birthplace, and later Montpelier Seminary and Kimball Union Academy, at Meriden, New Hampshire. In 1886 he was graduated from the University of Vermont, with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. While at college he worked in vacations as a guard at the

Vermont State Prison, and also taught school for two terms, but upon the completion of his academic training he entered the employ of the Burlington Woolen Company, with whom he remained just long enough to gather sufficient funds to take up the study of law. By 1894 he was junior partner in the firm of Powell and Cady, lawyers at No. 206 Broadway, New York City, an arrangement which was continued with every success until Mr. Cady's retirement in 1912.

These law offices were in the old Evening Post Building, and Mr. Cady's room was directly below the editorial room occupied for so many years by William Cullen Bryant when he edited the "Post." It was here that he made the masterly translations of the Greek epics and wrote a great number of his poems. Mr. Cady often said that the floors and walls were fairly saturated with the spirit of poetry and that he couldn't help "trying his hand." So he began to study verse and to write it, choosing familiar Vermont themes for most of his subjects. His two earliest volumes, "Stray Breaths of North East Song," and "Maize and Milkweed," are both now out of print, as is also the Alumni Poem of the University of Vermont, delivered in 1904. In 1909 Mr. Cady was selected, with the distinguished New York poets Clinton Scollard and Percy MacKaye, to read at the Champlain Tercentenary celebration, and it is significant of the progress of his art that the New Yorkers were said by the "New York Times" to have been eclipsed by the Vermont poet. His poem, "Champlain and Lake Champlain," was everywhere highly praised—"verse simply framed, but revealing true poetic power in its sonorous lines, its vivid recreating of the discovery of the lake by Champlain":

Who saw, as with anointed eyes,  
The centuries in his train,  
Who sowed the seeds of states to be  
As sower sows the grain.

In 1916 Mr. Cady began his series of Rural Life poems in the Vermont newspapers, and these have enjoyed great vogue not only in Vermont but throughout New England and the West. They are available in three series collected and published by the Tuttle Company, at Rutland, Vermont, in 1919, 1923, and 1926 respectively. In an article in the "Vermont Magazine," Volume 29, No. 5, Professor Arthur Wallace Peach carefully analyzes the content of Mr. Cady's verse and his method. He finds that he was a pioneer in that literary movement which demands for the poet a wider range of subject matter than that usually treated, a movement which now embraces such a figure as Robert Frost and many lesser men. He finds that beneath Mr. Cady's simple style, so ideally suited to his subject matter, and apparently so artless, there lies in reality an amazing art through which he gains his effects of simplicity. And finally Professor Peach finds, by the application of the soundest critical canons, that "in all the range of American Literature, no poet busy in a similar field has rivaled the original and unique achievement of these volumes" wherein Vermont life is reflected with impressive fidelity, with no tempering with the truth, no twisting of details for effect, and with such obvious "elements of permanency as to make safe the prophecy that these simple rhymes will endure." "They are a part of Vermont's heritage in literature," writes Professor Peach, "and the years I am certain, will keep them in memory."

Many honors have come to Mr. Cady in recognition of his work, and both universities in Vermont have conferred upon him honorary degrees: The University of Vermont gave its Doctor of Humane Letters in 1909, and in 1924, Norwich University added the degree of Doctor of Letters. Mr. Cady is a member of



many clubs and associations, including the American Bar Association, the New York Rotary Club, the Society of the Army of the Potomac, the University Club of Washington, D. C., the Metropolitan Museum, of New York City, the Society of Colonial Wars, the Green Mountain Club, the Lake Champlain Yacht Club, the Isle La Motte Historical Society, the Vermont Historical Society, the Ethan Allen Club, and the Lambda Iota Society, of Burlington. Fond of travel, he has made three long tours of Europe, and has also visited Palestine and Egypt, broadening his cultural background by foreign contacts and a study of the customs and civilization of other lands.

On October 6, 1913, at Burlington, Vermont, Daniel Leavens Cady married Mary Elizabeth (Tanner) Wells, daughter of James Dunbar and Betsey (Dodge) Tanner, of Waupun, Wisconsin, where Mrs. Cady was born, and widow of the well-known Vermont manufacturer, Henry Wells (q. v.). Mr. and Mrs. Cady worship in the faith of the Protestant Episcopal church, and at Burlington, where they make their home, participate actively in the various phases of the community life.

**CARLTON DAVID STOCKWELL**—The career of Carlton David Stockwell has been varied, but in chief course confined to the development of Burlington's efficient Fire Department, of which, since 1914, he has been chief, having been assistant chief for ten years prior thereto. He is known well indeed to the citizens of Burlington, and is recognized as a major force in the city's advantageous progress, not alone through the city department of which he is in charge but also as a public-spirited citizen who supports all movements designed for the communal welfare. Mr. Stockwell is a native of Burlington. He was born November 12, 1873, son of Gilson and Sarah M. (Hare) Stockwell. His father, who was born in April, 1823, at Stowe, Vermont, and who died in 1891 at the age of sixty-eight years, was an upholsterer and carriage trimmer of pronounced skill. For more than forty years he was in the employ of the Old Bee Hive department store, of Burlington. Sarah M. (Hare) Stockwell was born at South Plattsburg, New York, May 10, 1832, and is now deceased.

After his graduation from the public schools of Burlington, Mr. Stockwell attended Burlington Business College, from which he graduated in 1894, then, for five years, until 1899, travelled for Mossman and Davis, of Boston, a jewelry and leather goods establishment. In 1899-1900 he worked as an employee in the Bee Hive department store, Burlington, in which, as noted, his father had been so long employed. It was in 1900 that Mr. Stockwell first joined the fire department, as a regular, serving two years, but leaving the department in 1903 to travel for Mossman and Rover, with which organization he was connected until April 25, 1904. On that date he resumed his contact with the Burlington Fire Department, and has retained it through the years that have followed, over a period of nearly twenty-five years, continuously. His resumption of duties carried with it the post of assistant chief, which he held until appointed chief in full in October of 1914. Mr. Stockwell has built up the department to present excellence only through diligent effort and sound planning. Formerly the department had horse-drawn vehicles and a staff of twenty men, a few of whom worked only part time. Now it is completely motorized, and has a staff of forty, all on full-time work. The Burlington department is known throughout the State as one of the best equipped and manned in the nation as compared with equipment and personnel in cities of similar size. This, in practical effect, is a tribute to Mr. Stockwell.

Mr. Stockwell's activities have varied, and he is now a participant in several enterprises. When the United

States declared war against Spain in 1898 he sought to enlist, but was rejected on physical counts. During the World War he was of valued assistance to the common cause because of his work in connection with the several campaigns of patriotic appeal. Fraternally he is of prominence in two large orders, the Free and Accepted Masons and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In the former he is a member of Burlington Lodge, No. 100; Haswell Lodge of Perfection, fourteenth degree; J. W. Roby Council, Royal and Select Masters, sixteenth degree; Delta Chapter, of Rose Croix, eighteenth degree; Vermont Consistory, thirty-second degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Rutland. In the Elks he is a member of Burlington Lodge, No. 916. He is State vice-president of the Fire Chiefs' Association, State vice-president of the New England Fire Chiefs' Association, and past president of the Vermont Fire Chiefs' Association. In religious adherence he is a communicant of the Unitarian Church.

Mr. Stockwell married, in Burlington, February 17, 1922, Alice Weddell, native of Scotland, daughter of Alexander and Mary (Milne) Weddell, natives of that country, the family having come to the United States and taken residence in New York City in 1890. They have one son, Harland David.

**WILLIAM A. RICKER**—For the past thirty-five years William A. Ricker has been a resident of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, and during that time he has firmly established himself in the business, civic, social, and religious life of the place. As treasurer and manager of the concern which operates under the name of Ricker Live Stock, Incorporated, he is at the head of a successful and prosperous enterprise, handling cattle, sheep, swine, and wool products, and he is a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of St. Johnsbury; the Caledonia National Bank, of Danville, Vermont; and of the French & Bean concern, wholesale grocers, of St. Johnsbury. While actively interested in these numerous business and financial concerns, Mr. Ricker has also been very busy with political affairs, serving in both the House and the Senate of the State Legislature. He is prominent in the Masonic Order, in which he holds the thirty-second degree, and is active in numerous other organizations.

William A. Ricker was born in Hardwick, Vermont, June 8, 1861, son of William, a farmer and livestock dealer, and Lodema (Taisey) Ricker, both natives of Groton, Vermont. He received his education in the public schools and in the Academy at Peacham, Vermont, and later Bryant and Stratton's Commercial College at Boston, and then became associated with his father in his farming operations and in the handling of livestock. Accustomed as he had been to livestock from early boyhood, he found this line of activity a familiar and congenial one and eventually established a livestock business of his own. In 1894, when he was thirty-three years of age, he located here in St. Johnsbury, and here he continued to deal in livestock. Eventually he became one of the organizers and treasurer and manager of the company, a position he still holds (1928), operating under the name of Ricker Live Stock, Incorporated, which concern was incorporated in 1921, with Gilbert M. Campbell, of Lyndonville, Vermont, as president; E. B. Greer, of Newbury, Vermont, as vice-president; and himself as treasurer and manager. These officials, with Walter Willey, of Cambridge, Vermont; and S. R. Gallagher, make up the board of directors. In addition to cattle, sheep, and swine, the company handles wool products and in this line, as well as in its livestock trade, has built up a large and prosperous business. The ability and the active interests of Mr. Ricker are not confined to this one company, however, and his associates know well that he is versatile enough to keep



several irons in the fire. As director of the French & Bean wholesale grocery concern, of St. Johnsbury, he is aiding in the development of that enterprise, and as director in the First National Bank of St. Johnsbury and in the Caledonia National Bank of Danville, Vermont, he is making his influence felt in the financial life of the community.

With all these interests, Mr. Ricker still finds ample time for political and civic service, and in 1904 he was elected to represent his district in the State House of Representatives. In 1917 he was elected to the State Senate, and in both bodies he served his constituents faithfully and well. He is a Republican, and in local affairs takes a helpful interest. He is prominent in the Masonic Order, holding membership in all its bodies, both York and Scottish Rite, including the Consistory, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; and he is a trustee of the Masonic Association of St. Johnsbury. He is also a member and Past Senior Council of the United Commercial Travelers, No. 230, and a Past Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He and Mrs. Ricker are members of the North Congregational Church.

William A. Ricker is married to Carrie Esden, who was born in Bath, New Hampshire, daughter of Robert and Eliza (Wright) Esden, both natives of Ryegate, Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Ricker have two children: 1. Alice, a graduate of Smith College, married Philip L. Thompson, and lives in Yonkers, New York. They have two children, Virginia Hughes, and Laforest H. 2. Albert A., deceased, was a graduate of St. Johnsbury High School and of Dartmouth College, was employed in the Filene Store in Boston, Massachusetts, for five years, and then became associated with the First National Bank, of Boston, in which connection he was sent to China to establish for the bank a wool business. Later, his health failed and he went to California and associated himself with the bond house of Stevens & Company, hoping that the climate would bring a return of health. He married Madeline Clay. Mr. and Mrs. Ricker make their home at No. 52 Summer Street, where Mr. Ricker also has his office.

**GEORGE CLIFTON STANLEY**—Remarkable progress in the construction of streets and highways has been made in Vermont during the past decade, and among those engineers who have carried on this work may be named George Clifton Stanley. Since completion of his theoretical training and entrance into the engineering profession, about ten years ago, Mr. Stanley has been almost continuously engaged in highway construction and maintenance, part of this time with the United States Government, which resulted in his being chosen for the responsible post he now (1928) occupies, as City Engineer and Superintendent of Streets of Burlington. With his profession and official duties ever his paramount interest, Mr. Stanley has enhanced his value to his fellowmen through his stimulating association with various other enterprises that have become almost synonymous with civic progress and welfare.

Mr. Stanley is the son of Oliver A. and Mary R. (Wood) Stanley, both now deceased. Oliver A. Stanley, a farmer and a substantial and popular citizen of Georgia, Vermont, died in 1917, survived by his wife until 1918. George Clifton Stanley was born January 15, 1892, at Georgia, Vermont, was reared on the family farm, and laid the foundation for his scholastic studies in the Bellows Free Academy. This school was located at Fairfax, Vermont, and after completing the courses therein, Mr. Stanley matriculated at the University of Vermont. While a student at the State University, he made engineering one of his special courses, and in 1918 he was graduated, having won the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. It was not long thereafter until Mr. Stanley had entered his chosen field, one that

he preferred above all others, civil engineering, and in August, 1918, he was found in South Carolina, filling the rôle of assistant engineer for the Cherokee County Highway Commission, with headquarters at Gaffney, South Carolina. Less than a year thereafter, in July, 1919, Mr. Stanley was promoted to chief engineer of the commission and occupied that office until May, 1920. The latter portion of his stay at Gaffney he also served as resident engineer for the Federal government. In this capacity, he had charge of construction of the National Highway leading through Cherokee County. Mr. Stanley returned to Vermont, and was made superintendent of streets of Burlington on May 1, 1920. In March of the following year he assumed the additional responsibilities of city engineer, and since has functioned most efficiently in these posts. Marked improvement in Burlington's streets and thoroughfares has been noted during Mr. Stanley's administration, which has involved the expenditure of a special bond issue of over three hundred thousand dollars, in addition to the regular expenditures in this department. In a professional capacity, he has become a member of the Vermont Society of Engineers and of the American Society of Engineers, while his affiliation with the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity was made during his college days. Mr. Stanley is associated with numerous bodies working toward civic progress and community welfare, among them being the National Exchange Club of Burlington, while his fraternal activities are devoted mainly to the Masonic order, in which he is a member of Washington Lodge, No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons; Burlington Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Burlington Council, Royal and Select Masters; Burlington Commandery, Knights Templar; the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a Republican convert in affairs political, while he has been liberal in the support of his church, the Baptist.

George Clifton Stanley married, in 1919, Grace S. Wood, a daughter of Abner Baldwin Wood of Milton, Vermont, and the children of this union are: George, Jr., and Robert Arthur. Mr. Stanley's offices are in the City Hall, while the family resides at No. 86 Loomis Street, Burlington.

**H. MONFORD SMITH, D. M. D.**—One of the best equipped dental offices in northern Vermont is the one owned by Dr. H. Monford Smith, of Lyndonville. Dr. Smith has been located here for twenty-five years and is widely known as one of the most expert dental surgeons in the State. He is also an X-ray expert and has equipped his office with one of the most modern X-ray outfits for dental work. Local physicians bring him their work of this kind, and patients often come to him from a considerable distance. He is a graduate of Tufts College and at the present time (1928) is president of the Lyndonville Board of Trade.

Dr. H. Monford Smith was born in Woburn, Massachusetts, July 27, 1878, son of Clarence, who was a foreman in various shoe shops for many years, and of Jennie E. (Howard) Smith, both now deceased. He attended the primary and grammar schools of Woburn and of Brockton, Massachusetts, and then prepared for college in Montpelier Seminary. Later, he began his professional study in Tufts Dental College, from which he was graduated in 1904. After graduation he opened his office in Lyndonville, and here he has continued in practice to the present time. Well equipped for his work, ambitious, and very much of the student, he has always studied to bring his dental knowledge and skill to the highest point of usefulness, and he had not been in Lyndonville long when people began to recognize his ability. He steadily enlarged the sphere of his usefulness and as time passed his reputation became more and more potent in bringing to him new patrons. Then came disaster in the form of a devastating fire which swept



the northern part of Vermont in 1924, and this destroyed Dr. Smith's office with all its equipment, gathered through twenty years of practice. He set about the work of replacing the old equipment with the best and most modern that money could buy, with the result that he now has the best equipped dental office in this locality and one of the best in the State. He has for some years been deeply interested in the X-ray, and when he bought his new equipment he purchased one of the best dental X-ray outfits that could be found. He is himself an expert in this useful branch of medical science, and his outfit has enabled him to be of specific service to local physicians. Along with his professional work Dr. Smith has also found time for a large amount of experimental work and he has several inventions to his credit, his latest being a dimmer for automobile lights, which is patented in the United States and Canada. Dr. Smith is a member of the Vermont State Dental Society, in which he has passed through all the chairs; and of the New England Dental Society, and is known among his professional colleagues as a man of exceptional ability. He is president of the Lyndonville Board of Trade. Politically, he supports the principles of the Republican party, and for a period of ten years he served as dental examiner for the State of Vermont. He is a member and was the first president of the local Rotary Club, and was formerly president of the Lyndon Club, of which he is still a member. His religious membership is with the Methodist Church, which he serves as treasurer and as a member of the board of trustees.

Dr. H. Monford Smith married Ella Minott, who was born in Middlesex, Vermont, daughter of Addison and Ella (Hunt) Minott, and they have two children: E. Birdene and A. Monford.

**CHARLES PLIMPTON SMITH**—As president of the Burlington Savings Bank, Charles Plimpton Smith has for years played a leading part in the financial life of this region of Vermont, where he has spent his business career. He has carefully observed the changes in the world of industry and finance in an era noted as one of change, and has arrived at a thoroughly sound outlook upon the problems of economics, such as he could have attained only through experience. As a result, there is perhaps no man in the State whose advice and opinions on financial matters are more eagerly sought by aspiring young business men, and for that matter, by executives more advanced in years.

Mr. Smith was born March 4, 1847, at Saint Johns, Province of Quebec, Canada, where his parents temporarily resided, a son of Frederick and Mary (Foote) Smith. The family resided in Burlington, where he attended the public schools and acquired a thorough preliminary education. In 1867, when he was twenty years of age, he entered the grain and feed business. He was elected, in 1884, a trustee of the Burlington Savings Bank, of which he became president in 1889. Since that time he has held this high office, and has watched the bank grow into one of the strongest institutions of its kind in Vermont, having at the present time deposits well in excess of \$25,000,000. The first achievement which brought Mr. Smith notably before the State as a dominant figure in banking was the vigorous and courageous manner in which he brought his institution through the panic of 1893, not only with credit to itself but with a record of helpfulness to all neighboring banks. From that time until the present he has had much to do with the strength and public spirit of Vermont's banking profession.

Along with his various activities in the business and social affairs of his community, Mr. Smith was for many years a director and treasurer of the Mary Fletcher Hospital, of which he is now president, and was for a number of years treasurer of the University of Vermont. He is a director of the National Life Insurance Com-

pany, of Montpelier; director of the Central Vermont Railroad; trustee of the Home for Aged Women, the Home for Destitute Children and the Young Men's Christian Association; and a director of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company. In his political views he has long been identified with the Republican party, whose policies he has consistently supported; and it was on this party's ticket that he was chosen to represent Burlington in the State Legislature in 1894 and 1896. During his terms in that body, he served as chairman of the ways and means committee in both sessions, and acted as a member of the committee on banks. In 1898 he was senator for Chittenden County, and was chairman of the Senate committee on finance, as well as a member of the committee on banks and the committee on State and court expenses. Mr. Smith's religious affiliation is with the First Congregational Church, of Burlington. He is a member of the Ethan Allen Club and the Bankers Club of New York City.

Charles Plimpton Smith married Anna A. Pease, of Oswego, New York, and they are the parents of four children: 1. Julia W., who became the wife of Dr. John M. Wheeler, of New York City. 2. Levi P., who is vice-president of the Burlington Savings Bank (see a following biography). 3. Frederick F., of Opheim, Montana. 4. Charles P., Jr., of Burlington, Vermont (see a following biography).

**LEVI P. SMITH**, lawyer, vice-president of the Burlington Savings Bank, and State Senator, was admitted to the bar in this State in 1911, the year of his graduation from Harvard Law School. For a few years he was connected with the Burlington Free Press as editorial writer and later joined with Judge Charles H. Darling in the practice of law under the firm name of Darling & Smith. In 1912 he was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Burlington Savings Bank and in January, 1917, was made vice-president. Mr. Smith was active in all kinds of war work and had charge of the Liberty Loan drive in which Burlington attained the distinction of being the first city in the United States of over twenty thousand population to exceed its quota. He represented Burlington in the State Legislature in 1923 and 1924 and was a member of the State Senate in 1925 and 1926 and again in 1927 and 1928. He was president pro-tem. of the State Senate 1927 and 1928. In the Republican State Convention of 1924 he was chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, and was a member of the Resolutions Committee in the convention of 1926. He was chairman of the Finance Committee of the State Senate in 1925, and ex-officio member of the State Emergency Finance Board. In the Senate of 1927 he was chairman of the Committee on State and Court Expenses, and member of the committees on Judiciary, Banking and Municipal Corporations. He is also a director of the Vermont Flood Credit Corporation and president of the Vermont Bankers Association.

Mr. Smith was born in Burlington in 1885, the son of Charles P. and Anna A. (Pease) Smith (see a preceding biography). He was graduated from the Burlington High School in 1904, University of Vermont in 1908 and Harvard Law School in 1911. In 1914 he married Julia S. Pease. He has three sons, Frederick P., Robert P., and Levi P. Smith, Jr.

**CHARLES P. SMITH, JR.**—Son of one of Vermont's outstanding financiers, Charles P. Smith, Jr., when his comparative youth is considered, appears to have made a reputation in business and industrial spheres that possibly may equal that attained by his father in financial works. He is the youngest member of this family and a brother of Levi P. Smith (q. v.), who is associated with his father in banking. Charles P. Smith, Jr., has been engaged in various forms of commercial endeavors, from salesmanship on the road, and as a







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consequence was well equipped to assume the responsibilities of ownership when, about five years ago, he purchased the establishment he now (1928) controls, which includes the Ford agency for this section.

Mr. Smith was born April 22, 1891, at Burlington, son of Charles Plimpton and Anna A. (Pease) Smith, the mother being a native of Oswego, New York. Charles Plimpton Smith, Sr., for many years has been a leader in financial life of this section of Vermont, an account of whose life precedes this biography. Charles P. Smith, Jr., attended the public schools of Burlington, graduated from high school and thence matriculated at the University of Vermont, and after leaving school was employed as a traveling salesman for the David & Lawrence Drug Company, of Montreal, Canada. Mr. Smith was so occupied from 1914 until May, 1917, his territory taking him into Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. In the last-named year he severed his ties with the drug company, returned to Burlington, and soon thereafter entered Plattsburg Training School, at Plattsburg, New York. After completing his training, Mr. Smith was assigned to the Second Machine Gun Battalion, Twelfth Division, and served with the rank of second lieutenant with this division during the war. Mr. Smith returned to Burlington and here became general superintendent of the Vermont Milk Chocolate Company, a post he filled until 1923, when he was induced to become manager of the Brodie & Niles Automobile Company of this city. The following year, in 1924, he purchased the controlling interest of this automobile concern, obtained the franchise for distribution of Ford motor cars and Fordson tractors, and since has conducted this agency under his own name. Mr. Smith is one of Burlington's liveliest and most progressive citizens, is ever to the fore in social, fraternal and civic plannings and projects, being a member of Washington Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Exchange Club, the Ethan Allen Club, and the Lake Champlain Yacht Club. He has long been a supporter of the Republican party, although in no sense a politician, and his religious beliefs are those advocated by the Congregational Church.

Charles P. Smith, Jr., married, May 15, 1918, Dora Jones Freeman, of Milton, Nova Scotia, daughter of Ingram W. Freeman. Four children have been born to this union: Dorothea, Grace, Charles P., 3rd, and Julia.

**CALVIN COOLIDGE**—Vermont proudly claims as her own Calvin Coolidge, thirtieth President of the United States.

Calvin Coolidge was born in Plymouth, Vermont, July 4, 1872 ("John" was dropped from his signature at an early age). He was the son of John C. and Victoria Josephine (Moor) Coolidge. The Coolidge family originally settled in Watertown, Massachusetts, in 1630. John C. Coolidge, Sr., had seats in the State Legislature, both House and Senate. He was also constable, collector, superintendent of schools, selectman, and State assessor. When young Calvin was born his father kept the village store, shod horses and collected insurance premiums. Calvin Coolidge was born in a room in the rear of the store. His mother died March 14, 1885, when he was twelve years old. Later, his father married Carrie G. Brown, who died in 1920. Former President Coolidge has always spoken of her with the greatest of affection and respect. Colonel John C. Coolidge died March 18, 1926.

Young Coolidge proved to be a very industrious youth, as the farmer boys of Vermont of that day had to be, and his boyhood days were more work than play. He has always been noted for being a worker, and his aggressiveness is fully up to the usual standard of those possessing red hair. (He has the distinction of being the first red-haired President of the United States.) His hair was of a very brilliant hue in his youth and he

was, as might be expected, known as "Red" by his boyhood friends. His other distinguishing characteristic at this time, which has continued throughout his life, was his extreme fondness for books. He prepared for college at Black River Academy, Ludlow, Vermont, graduating from that institution in 1890. He also studied for a year at the Academy of St. Johnsbury. On September 20, 1891, he entered Amherst and became a member of the class of '95. In his senior year he won a prize of \$100 for an essay, "The Principles of the Revolutionary War." He was also awarded the distinction of being selected to deliver the Grove Oration (a much coveted honor) at the graduation of his class. At college he was reported not to have been a good mixer, although he was well liked by those who came to know him well. At the outset of his course he did not join any college fraternity, but when he was an upper class man he became a charter member of the Amherst Chapter of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. The college records show that he did excellent work in mathematics, English and French. He graduated from Amherst with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1895. (Later he was to receive LL. D. from Amherst, Tufts, Williams, Bates, Wesleyan, and University of Vermont.)

On September 23, 1895, he entered the law office of Hammond & Field, Northampton, Massachusetts, to study law. He had no funds available to attend a law school, but he entered so heartily into his studies in this office that he was admitted to the bar on July 2, 1897. Later he established the law firm of Coolidge & Hemenway. He was elected a councilman of Northampton in 1899; was city solicitor, 1900-1; clerk of courts, 1903; chairman of the Republican City Committee, 1904; and a member of the General Court of Massachusetts, 1907-8. During the years 1910-11 he was mayor of Northampton, and was a member of the State Senate, 1912-15. He was president of the Senate in 1914-15. During the first year that he was a member of the Senate he was made chairman of the Special Legislative Committee on Reconciliation to take jurisdiction of the Lawrence strike, and the situation was met with tact and efficiency, industry and peace being reestablished. In 1913 he was made chairman of the Committee on Railroads. He was chairman of the Committee on Resolutions at the Republican Convention, October 3, 1914, which nominated Samuel W. McCall for Governor.

Mr. Coolidge was Lieutenant-Governor of Massachusetts in the years 1916-17-18, and was elected Governor of Massachusetts by a large majority, serving two terms, 1919-20. During his first term occurred the incident which did much to bring him into the notice of the Nation and was a striking evidence of the calibre of the man this former Vermont farmer boy had become. On September 9, 1919, Edwin Upton Curtis, who was police commissioner of Boston, Massachusetts, under appointment of Samuel W. McCall, the former Governor, was faced with a serious situation in his department. Efforts were being made to unionize the police force of that city and, fearing the results of such organization in the ranks of those sworn to preserve law and order, Mr. Curtis dismissed several of the most active leaders of the movement from the force. This precipitated a general strike among the members of the police force of the entire city of Boston. Governor Coolidge supported Mr. Curtis in the stand that he had taken, called the military forces of the State into action to preserve law and order, issuing one order and two proclamations. He wired the labor leader, Samuel Gompers, two messages, to one of which was appended these historic words: "There is no right to strike against the public safety by anybody, anywhere, anytime."

The strike was completely broken and, although there was some slight rioting on the night of the police walk-out, law and order were soon reestablished. The mem-



bers who left posts were not reinstated on the force, and a practically new organization was formed. The firm stand taken by Governor Coolidge killed similar movements to organize the police in other parts of the country, and his action, generally, had the approval of public sentiment everywhere.

In 1920 there was strong sentiment to make Governor Coolidge President but, from the start, he discouraged the movement. Headquarters, which friends had opened for him in Washington, he closed. He was nominated for Vice-President at the Chicago Republican Convention on June 12, 1920. On March 4, 1921, he became the presiding officer of the Senate of the United States. Upon the death of President Harding, while in office, he became the thirtieth president of the United States. He took the oath of office at the modest home of his father in Plymouth, Vermont, at 2:47 A. M., August 3, 1923. His father was a local notary public and had the distinction of administering the oath of office to his son.

In November, 1924, Mr. Coolidge was paid a handsome compliment by the Nation, which elected him as his own successor by an overwhelming majority, thus indorsing his administration of the executive office while filling the unexpired period of President Harding's term. His inauguration was but a punctuation mark in the orderly conduct of the country's affairs by which the Coolidge personality was already favorably known to the people. The country was familiar with the Coolidge taciturnity, stability and peaceable nature. It knew him also as a past master of the art of politics as enacted on the world's greatest stage. It had become acquainted with him as a man of decision, firmness and fearlessness. Coolidge in the White House was the Governor of Massachusetts raised to the Executive power; characteristically he was not changed one iota by the transition of office.

His career as Chief Executive is not yet far enough removed to permit of a correct perspective of his acts, but it may now be stated—as it undoubtedly will always be said—that his administration was noted principally for outstanding elements of his national policy—safe, sane and sensible. Mr. Coolidge is essentially a man of peace and a stickler for economy, and these were made high points of his administration. His veto power, always exercised with discretion and within the bounds of reason, brought forth the results of careful analysis of the issues in hand, and his written opinions are notable for their clarity of presentation and intellectual vigor in disapproval of Congressional acts. When Congress, however, overrode a veto by him, he did not sulk in chambers, nor withdraw himself from public view to nurse his defeat, but cheerfully yielded to the will of the people as expressed in the voice of its duly elected representatives. But he was never cowed by nor brought into a state of callow submission to the temperamental obstinacy of Congress to many of his policies or proposed legislation. With his stout executive axe he hewed to the line and had little regard for the landing place of the chips.

President Coolidge's foreign policy, as defined through the Department of State, was ever in the way of peace among the nations. But it was always a peace with honor to American ideals and her position in the world of which he was so earnest a proponent. Foreign chancelleries on more than one occasion had visualized the calm, cool, collected silent Coolidge in the White House as ever extending the olive branch of world amity, but they failed, perhaps, to realize that Coolidge clothed the Presidential office with a sturdy Americanism, although never given to swashbuckling and jingoism. His peace policy was sincere, cautious and dignified. Witness his true American stand on the proposition of limitation of naval armament in 1928, when he declined to accept a compromise offer of the British and French governments' foreign ministers. In his now famous Armistice

Day speech of November 11, 1928, he declared with all the force at his command: "No citizen of the United States needs to make any apology to anybody anywhere for not having done our duty in defense of the cause of world liberty." He then rehearsed the American movements for disarmament and limitation of armaments; pointed to the immense expenditure of wealth of the United States in our share of the prosecution of the World War, and restated our policy in the entire program in unequivocal terms. A pointed paragraph will, perhaps, suffice to sum up the Coolidge idea of "real limitation" at that time:

If there is to be further limitation upon the construction of war vessels so that competition in this regard between nations may be stopped, it is the belief of the United States that it should include all classes of combatant vessels—submarines as well as surface vessels.

The Government of the United States has earnestly and consistently advocated real reduction and limitation of naval armament. It has given its best efforts toward finding acceptable methods of attaining this most desirable end. It would be happy to continue such efforts, but it cannot consent to proposals which would leave the door wide open to unlimited building of certain types of ships of a highly efficient combatant value and would impose restrictions only on types peculiarly suitable to American needs.

With regard to the international debt situation, Mr. Coolidge's summation of the American policy was characteristic:

Europe on the whole has arrived at a state of financial stability and prosperity where it cannot be said we are called on to help or act much beyond a strict business basis.

If we could secure a more complete reciprocity in good will, the final liquidation of the balance of our foreign debts, and such further limitation of armaments as would be commensurate with the treaty renouncing war, our confidence in the effectiveness of any additional efforts on our part to assist in the further progress of Europe would be greatly increased.

On August 2, 1927, while Mr. Coolidge was vacationing in the Black Hills, South Dakota, the President issued his celebrated note to the Nation by way of the press:

"I do not choose to run for President in 1928."

In spite of heroic and concerted efforts to get the President to clarify his enigmatic statement or to interpret it further, he refused to do so, beyond restating it vigorously on occasion and forestalling every movement to renominate him and to encompass his reelection. He retired from the White House on March 4, 1929, succeeded by his long-time friend and counselor, Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover. Mr. Coolidge at his quiet home in Northampton, amid the scenes of his earliest political triumphs, gave himself to the completion of literary work that he had contemplated while in office. In May, 1929, he was elected a director of the New York Life Insurance Company, and it was stated at the time that he would be advanced to chairman of the board and take a prominently active part in the affairs of that great financial institution.

The former president has resumed his residence at Northampton, Massachusetts. He is a member of the Vermont Association of Boston, and his club affiliations are: University, Union, Algonquin, Corinthian, Yacht, Belmont Country, and Union League, of New York; Metropolitan, Army and Navy, University, Tennis and Racquet, Chevy Chase, Columbian, and Washington Country of Washington, District of Columbia. He and his family are members of the Edwards Congregational Church, of Northampton. Early in his public career he became known as "Silent Cal," and this quality, which amounts almost to taciturnity, has often been commented upon. This side of his nature is perhaps best explained by his statement, "I have never been hurt by what I



have not said." He is not fond of social life and takes no interest in sports. For years he has spent his vacations working on his father's farm in Vermont. His father was a "dirt farmer," not a possessor of a gentleman's estate, and the President, while in office, showed a keen appreciation of the farmer's needs. His State papers have shown much clearness and simplicity of style, and some of them, such as his Lincoln Day proclamation, issued in 1919, while he was Governor of Massachusetts, seem destined to become classics of their kind.

Former President Coolidge's wife, Grace Anne Goodhue, was a teacher in the Clark School for the Deaf in Northampton. They were married on October 4, 1905. She was the daughter of Andrew I. Goodhue, of Burlington, Vermont, who died April 25, 1923, leaving a widow, Almira Goodhue. Former President and Mrs. Coolidge had two sons: John, born September 7, 1906; and Calvin, Jr., born April 13, 1908, died July 7, 1924.

**CLARENCE LUCIUS SMITH**—Associated with lumber and lumbering interests ever since he left school at the age of eighteen, Clarence Lucius Smith, president of the Robinson-Edwards Lumber Company, of Burlington, is undoubtedly one of the best informed men in this business to-day. He is popular, too, in fraternal organizations, being a valued member of the Masonic order and of many social societies in this vicinity. Lumber, however, has been Mr. Smith's favorite throughout his career, and these other affiliations have been carried on in addition to conscientious service to the Robinson-Edwards Lumber Company. He was born December 5, 1859, at Rutland, Massachusetts, son of David F. and Mary Jane (Snow) Smith, both natives of Massachusetts. David F. Smith was a manufacturer, and previous to the acceptance of automobiles for common conveyance, was an important figure in the carriage business.

Clarence Lucius Smith began his education in the public schools of Rutland, but later attended public schools in Holden, Massachusetts. In 1877, at the age of eighteen, Mr. Smith decided to abandon his studies and thus entered upon his business career. He came to Burlington in 1880, and obtained employment with the Skillings, Whitney & Barnes Lumber Company, remaining so employed until 1897. In this last named year the Robinson-Edwards Company, Incorporated, perfected an organization, and Mr. Smith was given the office of treasurer with this enterprise. Here he fulfilled his duties so thoroughly and devoted himself so assiduously to his work that, in 1909, when Daniel W. Robinson, president of the firm, passed away, Mr. Smith succeeded him as head of the Robinson-Edwards Lumber Company, Incorporated. He has occupied this high position for almost two decades and during his occupancy of the post of president of the firm, many strides have been made until it now occupies a leading position in this section of Vermont's lumber companies.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Smith has been one of the most signal figures in the ranks of this party during his mature years. He has filled public office, serving the city of Burlington as Alderman for two years, from 1894-96. His success in his own firm brought Mr. Smith into prominence among other commercial enterprises in this vicinity, and he is now (1928) vice-president of the Burlington Securities Corporation, and a director of the Burlington Trust Company. Among his various social and fraternal connections may be mentioned his membership in Washington Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He also aids greatly in the work of the Rotary Club, and is a member of the Ethan Allen Club, the Burlington Country Club, and the Vermont Society, Sons of the American Revolution, being treasurer of the last named organization.

Clarence Lucius Smith married (first), in 1884, Elmira

Augusta Foster, who died in 1904. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Smith married (second) Mary Henderson, and they reside in Burlington.

**HOMER G. WATSON** was born September 2, 1888, at Lyndonville, Vermont, a son of Henry E. Watson, a native of Vermont, and of Mary R. (Pettigrew) Watson, who was born in New York, both parents being now deceased. He attended the public schools of his birthplace and Lyndon Institute, following which he entered Dartmouth College, from which he was graduated in 1912. He began his business career in the postal service at Lyndonville, but after a short time resigned to accept a position in the Lyndonville Savings Bank and Trust Company. After several years, however, he again resigned and became associated with the Lyndonville Creamery Association.

Politically Mr. Watson supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party, while he is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is a member of the Blue Lodge, the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Council of Royal and Select Masters, and the Commandery at St. Johnsbury, of the Knights Templar. Mr. Watson is also a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, and a member of several clubs, including the Lyndon Club, the St. Johnsbury Country Club and Golf Club. He is now one of the incorporators of Lyndon Institute.

Homer G. Watson married Theia Hardy Powers, born at Lyndonville, a daughter of W. Irwin and Emma (Hardy) Powers, both now deceased. Her father was the founder of the Lyndonville Creamery Association and for many years its executive head. Mr. and Mrs. Watson worship in the Protestant Episcopal faith, and are prominent members of the local church of that denomination, while Mrs. Watson is a member and district vice-president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Vermont, and active in all church work in the State. She is also a leading member of the Lyndonville Improvement Association, devoting to this organization much of her time and contributing liberally to all its work. Mrs. Watson is credited with having brought about many recent local improvements, and the honors which have come to her for her efforts are thoroughly well merited.

**JOHN W. SHEEHY**—Thoroughly conversant with every detail of hydro-electric power developments, having been engaged in this industry since 1904, John W. Sheehy is now manager of the Burlington Light & Power Company, a position requiring a practical and well trained mind, qualifications which Mr. Sheehy is admitted to have. Mr. Sheehy first became connected with light and power interests in his eighteenth year, and his experience since that time has been spread over a wide territory in this part of New England. He has served in various official positions in St. Albans, Fairfax, and Essex Junction, prior to removing to Burlington. The deep interest he holds in his favorite industry is evidenced through his membership in semi-professional organizations. He has held local public office, has served his State in the Legislature, and maintains many other affiliations here, commercial, social, and political.

Mr. Sheehy was born April 17, 1886, at St. Albans, son of James and Margaret (Donovan) Sheehy. James Sheehy was a prominent hotel man, and through his duties in this calling, perhaps, had more acquaintances throughout Vermont than any other individual. John W. Sheehy was educated in the public schools of St. Albans, being graduated therefrom in 1904. Eager to begin his business career, at that time he entered the employ of a hydro-electric plant at St. Albans, was associated with this industry in St. Albans and Fairfax for about thirteen years, until 1917, when he entered the employ of the



Burlington Light & Power Company, at Essex Junction. In 1923, Mr. Sheehey removed to Burlington, to assume the office of superintendent of the electric department. Loyalty to his firm and unceasing labors soon brought him promotion, and, in 1928, he became manager of the company. Not desiring to confine his activities to one individual enterprise, Mr. Sheehey became connected with the A. B. Rugg Company, of Burlington, and is now (1928) president of that concern. His political beliefs conform to those of the Democratic party, and he has been a devoted worker on behalf of the candidates and issues sponsored by that political division throughout most of his life. Recognition has been given his public service, he having been representative from Fairfax to the State Legislature of 1910. Mr. Sheehey's religious beliefs are those of the Catholic Church, and he is a member of the Knights of Columbus in Burlington. For five years he served as president of the Men's Club of Essex. He is also a member of the Vermont Electric Association.

Mr. Sheehey married, in March, 1915, Vera Hathaway, daughter of Alva and Cora (Vaughn) Hathaway, and they have four children: Robert, Paul, Joan, and Joice. Mr. and Mrs. Sheehey and their children reside in Burlington.

**NED UNDERWOOD**—Following in his father's footsteps, Ned Underwood has continued to operate throughout his life the farm upon which he was born. The Underwood place, one hundred and twelve acres of land, is situated on the main road between East Hardwick and Greensboro and Mr. Underwood is known to both communities as one of the most progressive farmers in that section of Vermont, and as a public-spirited citizen who can be depended upon to further forward-looking movements.

The son of Cyrus and Caroline (Perrin) Underwood, both now deceased, Mr. Underwood was born August 23, 1869. His parents had owned the farm practically during their entire married life and Ned inherited it upon their death, his one brother, Frank, having been killed in an accident in the woods when a tree fell upon him. Ned attended the East Hardwick grammar schools. He is an independent voter, never having affiliated with any political party. He and his family take an active part in the work of the East Hardwick Federation Church.

Mr. Underwood married Lilla Clary, daughter of Sabin Clary of Greensboro. Their three children are: 1. Elsie, a trained nurse, graduate of Mary Fletcher Hospital. 2. Dorothy, stenographer, graduate of Lyndon Institute and Business College of Burlington. 3. Clyde, who is on the farm with his father.

**HAMILTON SULLIVAN PECK** was born in Royalston, Massachusetts, October 22, 1845, the son of Sullivan and Czarina (Davis) Peck. He is of English descent on his father's side, and of Scotch descent on his mother's side. The branch of the extensive Peck family in this country to which he belongs dates back through over twenty generations to John Peck of Belton, Yorkshire, England, and the motto on the family coat of arms is "Probitatem quam divitias,"—probity rather than riches,—has characterized many of the descendants.

Hamilton Sullivan Peck was a farmer's boy and his education up to nine years of age was received in the "Little Red School House" and afterwards one term in the high school at Athol, Massachusetts, and two terms additional in the high school at Burlington, Vermont. His parents removed to Burlington, Vermont, in January, 1865. From that date to September, 1866, with the exception of one term in the high school at Burlington he worked in the shops and lumber yards. He entered the University of Vermont in the fall of 1866 and was

graduated in 1870, having received the degree of Bachelor of Arts and was also elected to the society known as Phi Beta Kappa. For the next three years he taught school and studied law and was admitted to the bar in Chittenden County, April, 1873, and at once took up the practice of law in Burlington where he has ever since resided and continued life in his profession.

Mr. Peck has been prominent in public life. He was State's Attorney for Chittenden County in 1878-80; an Alderman of the city from 1883-85, being elected without opposition, and he was elected to the office of City Judge and served for six years, 1888-94. In 1896 he was elected mayor of Burlington and reelected without opposition the following year. In 1892-96 he was secretary of the Republican State Committee; in 1910 he was elected City Representative to the General Assembly of Vermont; in 1917 he was elected State Senator from Chittenden County, and in 1926 he was again elected City Representative. In politics he is a Republican. In his official life Mr. Peck has been an efficient and faithful public servant and thereby has gained the good will of the public generally and often the support of the voters without regard to party lines. Mr. Peck is a thirty-third degree Mason, and a member of several fraternity lodges among them the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias.

On January 28, 1875, Hamilton Sullivan Peck was married to Selina A. Aiken, daughter of Hon. D. W. Aiken of Hardwick, Vermont. They have one child, Dr. Roy Hamilton Peck of Springfield, Massachusetts. Dr. Peck is married, his wife being Alice J. Campbell of Baltimore, Maryland.

**CLAUD WATSON**—A member of the firm of Dodge and Watson, morticians at Lyndonville, Vermont, Claud Watson came to this long established enterprise as a young man, and by his efforts and ability has aided in maintaining the high standards of excellence which have always been associated with the concern in its operation at Lyndonville. Well abreast of all the latest improvements in undertaking and embalming methods, Mr. Watson and his partner are installing completely new and modern equipment and preparing a funeral home, which, with its other improvements, will be one of the finest in this part of the State.

Mr. Watson was born at Lyndon, Vermont, March 26, 1873, a son of Henry E. and Mary Rowena (Pelligrew) Watson, of that place. The father, a native of Vermont, was engaged in railroad work in early life, but later became a farmer, continuing in agricultural pursuits until the time of his death. The mother was born in New York State. Claud Watson attended the public schools of his birthplace, and later completed his academic education at Lyndon Institute. He began his business career in the employ of Mr. C. B. Dodge, who had established an undertaking concern at Lyndonville soon after the Civil War, and in connection with this also carried a line of furniture, floor coverings, and wall paper. He built up a highly prosperous enterprise which was widely known for its excellent services throughout the vicinity, and upon his death in 1889, his son, Clarence B. Dodge carried on the business, with the assistance, as clerk, of Mr. Watson. In 1895, in recognition of his loyal services and ability, Mr. Watson was admitted to partnership in the firm, which has operated under the name of Dodge and Watson since that time, with extensive patronage in this section of the State. The sale of furniture, floor coverings and wall papers were continued until recently, when the partners sold the block in which they were located and since that time have devoted themselves only to undertaking work. Acquiring desirable property they are now building a funeral home of the finest type with complete improvements and modern equipment to better continue their high type



of service in the community which has been quick to take advantage of the many desirable features offered them. Personally a man of fine tact and ready sympathy, Mr. Watson has been of the greatest value to his firm in its work, as he has also won the gratitude of all those who come to him in his professional capacity.

Politically Mr. Watson supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party, taking an active part in the civic life of Lyndonville, and giving his aid to many worthy causes for community advance. He is a member of the Lyndonville Board of Trade and the local Rotary Club, while he is affiliated fraternally with the Improved Order of Red Men, and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, in both of which orders he is a prominent member.

Claud Watson married Maud E. Howland, who was born at West Burke, Vermont, a daughter of Charles and Stella (Bennett) Howland of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Watson are the parents of two children: Charles and Robert.

**OSCAR WARDEN EDWARDS**—Beginning his career as an employee of the Burlington Woolen Company, a corporation now nationally known as the American Woolen Mills, Oscar Warden Edwards, of Burlington, has at various times been employed throughout New England in widely diversified pursuits. In each of his posts, he has given devoted attention to familiarizing himself with his duties, which naturally resulted in his becoming wellqualified as an industrial executive. Thus, about ten years ago, when he became manager of the National Paper Tube & Box Company, at Burlington, he assumed the responsibilities of that office with confidence, and has since functioned most efficiently at the head of this company. Outside of his commercial interests, Mr. Edwards has proven valuable in the works of civic enterprises, fraternal orders, and public office.

Mr. Edwards was born May 24, 1868, at Moriah Center, New York, son of Henry R. and Asenath (Wetherill) Edwards. Henry R. Edwards, although a native of England, was brought to America by his parents when he was nine years old; they settled in New York State, and there he spent a part of his life. Asenath (Wetherill) Edwards, born at Cambridge, Vermont, is a descendant of a family that long has been entwined with the development and progress of New England. Oscar Warden Edwards was enrolled in the public schools of Moriah Center, New York, but later studied in the Waterbury, Vermont, schools, his parents having moved to Waterbury when Mr. Edwards was about fifteen years of age. They next came to Burlington, and in this city Mr. Edwards entered the mills of the Burlington Woolen Company. This concern later was merged with similar enterprises and now (1928) under the name of the American Woolen Mills is known in practically every section of the United States. However, Mr. Edwards did not long remain with this company, for soon he transferred his allegiance to the Colchester Merino Mill, there was made a foreman and functioned in that capacity until 1900. From that year until 1905 he served as superintendent of the Winooski Aqueduct Company, or until this company changed hands. His next position, as superintendent of the Burlington Flouring Company, occupied him until 1917, when he was induced to become manager of the National Paper Tube & Box Company here, as related in the first paragraph of this record.

Mr. Edwards' public spirit has been amply demonstrated through his willingness to devote much of his time to public office, and for five years he represented Ward No. 1 as a member of the Board of Aldermen of Burlington. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having joined Hamilton Lodge,

No. 14, in 1894, and served as Grand Master of the State of Vermont during 1918-19. He was Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge in 1919, at Baltimore, and also at the Grand Session held in 1920, at Boston. He is a member and Past Master of Webster Lodge, No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons; other branches of Freemasonry with which he is affiliated include Burlington Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, thirty-second degree, and Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Montpelier.

Oscar Warden Edwards married in 1895, Luna A. Rumsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Rumsey, of Burlington, and they have one son, Ivan E. Mr. Edwards' business address is No. 75 Maple Street, while he and his family have their home at No. 55 Chase Street, Burlington.

**STEPHEN RENFREW GALLAGHER**—Operating in the buying and selling of farming properties and as a dealer in livestock, Stephen Renfrew Gallagher is one of the very progressive citizens of Hardwick, where he has been a resident since 1914. His life has been devoted to the occupations named and in which he is considered an expert. Maintaining a rugged honesty in all of his dealings, he has won the respect of his fellows and by them has been called to public office, in which he has shown a commanding ability and earned their encomiums through his activities in their behalf. Mr. Gallagher long since established a reputation for the high grade of his wares and for his unswerving fidelity to his spoken word, a combination which has resulted in gaining the esteem and admiration of those with whom he has dealt and in bringing to him an army of staunch friends. His activities in this section of Vermont have been productive of associated progress in other industries, inasmuch as the employment of men and the circulation of money are sources of industrial advancement that affect the entire business community. He is, therefore, one of the valuable citizens of the State and an able coöperator with other works in this immediate locality.

Mr. Gallagher was born in Craftsbury, Vermont, September 10, 1889, a son of Thomas M. and Clara (Renfrew) Gallagher, both of Orleans County and now deceased. The elder Mr. Gallagher was an extensive dealer in real estate and livestock. He and his wife were the parents of two children, their daughter, Dora, being the wife of Charles McGovern, station agent at Roxbury.

Stephen R. Gallagher was educated in the elementary schools and at the Craftsbury Academy and Albany Business College, after which he became associated in business with his father and so remained until the death of his parent. In the early days he engaged in considerable dealing in livestock, independently, and in realties, and today is the owner of some five hundred acres of fine farming land located in the towns of Hardwick and Woodbury, in addition to considerable tracts of timber land. His business in cattle consists in shipping an average of one car-load a week to packing houses in Boston and elsewhere, or about 1,500 head yearly, as well as the buying and selling of milch cows. For the past six years he has been a director in the Hardwick Savings Bank & Trust Company. He was elected to the State Legislature from Hardwick in 1925 and held office in Craftsbury. His residence on the outskirts of the village is handsome and valuable. He is a member of the Rotary Club, and of the Knights of Columbus. His church is the Roman Catholic.

Stephen Renfrew Gallagher married Mabel Lou Miller, of Craftsbury, daughter of Lincoln and Jeannette (Anderson) Miller. Their children are: 1. Thomas. 2. Barbara.



**DR. ALFRED B. JORDAN**—First associated with his father and then succeeding him in proprietorship of Jordan & Son at the death of Henry F. Jordan in 1920, Dr. Alfred B. Jordan heads the oldest optical firm in Brattleboro. Established in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1885, the business was moved to Brattleboro in 1890 and has been in continuous operation there ever since. The Jordan family is recognized as a substantial and influential one, and Dr. Jordan interests himself extensively in the civic welfare of his community.

Dr. Jordan was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 5, 1886, thus being one year younger than the business that he heads. His father, Henry F. Jordan, was born in Centerville, Massachusetts, and was an optician throughout his adult life. His mother, Jennie Price (Homer) Jordan, born in Philadelphia, makes her home in Brattleboro. Dr. Jordan attended the grade and high schools of Brattleboro then, with the exception of entering his father's business, went to the Northern Illinois College of Optometry and Otology, receiving the degree, Doctor of Ophthalmology and Bachelor of Optics. He became associated with his father in 1901 and in 1907 was made a partner in the optical firm of Jordan & Son. Since 1920 he has been sole proprietor. Elected president for the year 1927-1928 of the Vermont State Optometrists Association, Dr. Jordan is also an active member of the American Optometric Association, the New England Council of Optometrists, and the Massachusetts State Optometric Association. He also belongs to the Brattleboro Lodge No. 102, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and Fort Dummer Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. Like many men whose professions require exacting work, Dr. Jordan finds his best recreation in the exacting sport of rifle-shooting, and has been accorded medals in various shooting meets. He is an active and popular member of the Brattleboro Country Club with a flair for golf, a member of the Brattleboro Club and Brattleboro Outing Club, and member and treasurer of the Brattleboro Rifle Club. He attends the Congregational church. As auditor of the Brattleboro Coöperative Savings and Loan Association, Dr. Jordan displays excellent judgment and exceptional ability and demonstrates his definite tendencies toward group-mindedness. He is politically Republican.

In 1911 Dr. Jordan married Emma Frances Putnam of Brattleboro. They have a daughter and son, Katharine and Robert Homer.

**EDWIN JOEL DAVIS**—As president of the E. J. Davis Machine Company, of Burlington, Vermont, Edwin Joel Davis is executive head of an enterprise which owes its establishment to his initiative, and its continued expansion and prosperity to his able direction of affairs. Mr. Davis, himself a machinist of long experience, founded his company at Burlington in 1908, and by hard work and careful guidance through the critical early period soon built a solid foundation for future growth. Today the concern is considered one of the most important industrially in the vicinity, manufacturing specially designed machinery, and supplying to the community a general repair service of the highest type.

Mr. Davis was born at Bolton, Vermont, May 6, 1863, a son of Joel T. Davis, who was born at Essex, Vermont, and of Frances (O'Neil) Davis, born at Winooski. His father, a farmer and stock raiser during all his life, died in 1904 at the age of seventy-nine, while the mother died at the age of ninety-six in 1921. Edwin Joel Davis grew up about the home farm at Bolton, attending the public schools of this place. When he was ten years old he began the work of life, entering the lumber mill of C. P. Stevens at Troy, Vermont. At this early age he had already acquired the habits of industry and thrift

and the love of self-improvement which have distinguished his career. Until he was seventeen he remained with Mr. Stevens, and at the end of this time served an apprenticeship in the machine shop of B. S. Nichols at Burlington. This occupied three years time, and thereafter, for a similar period, he remained in Mr. Nichols' employ. In 1886 the latter disposed of his holdings to Lang and Goodhue and Mr. Davis was offered and accepted continued employment with them, the quality of his work and his loyalty to the firm's best interests winning him commendation and advancement. When they retired in 1900 the business was continued under the same name for about two years and during this time, Mr. Davis was foreman of the shops, his ability and long experience eminently fitting him for this position. From 1902 to 1904, he was connected with the Sander-son-Porter Construction Company of New York, at their South Bend, Indiana, establishment, while from 1904 to 1907 he was engaged in construction work for the Burlington Light and Power Company at Burlington. During 1907 and 1908 Mr. Davis found employment with the Sinclair Iron Works, and finally, in the latter year, he was able to establish the E. J. Davis Machine Company in its present quarters at Burlington. Immediate success came to him in his independent venture which he embarked upon only after mature reflection which convinced him that by so doing he could fill a need in the industrial life of the community. The gratifying volume of business which greeted his efforts proved a complete vindication of his judgment in the matter. Since that time Mr. Davis has devoted all his attention to this work and in 1920, as a result of constant expansion the business was incorporated under the laws of Vermont as the E. J. Davis Company, Incorporated, with the following officers: Mr. Davis, president; his son, Edwin Francis Davis, secretary; and Lynn Tracey Davis, another son, as treasurer. This organization of the firm has continued until the present time. The shop is completely equipped with the most modern machinery and tool appliances, while to handle the constant demands for repair service and the numerous orders which pour in, a force of fifty men is employed.

Politically Mr. Davis supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party, although exercising independent judgment in deciding questions of public policy and the fitness of the candidates for office. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, while with his family he worships in the faith of the Baptist Church. His contributions to worthy civic and benevolent movements have been many and generous, while his hearty support for public improvements or reforms may always be counted upon.

Edwin Joel Davis married, in 1887, Ida Jane Tracey, a daughter of Daniel Tracey, of Bolton, Vermont. Three children have been born of this marriage: 1. Wren, now deceased. 2. Edwin, now associated with his father's company in business. At the time of the World War, in June, 1917, he entered the United States Army, and served overseas with the Twenty-sixth Division, acting part of the time as first aid man. He was mustered out of the army on May 2, 1919. 3. Lynn, also now connected with the E. J. Davis Machine Company. He, too, entered his country's service on June 8, 1918, and for the duration of hostilities was a member of the Coast Artillery Corps, at Boston Harbor.

**ALSON N. WETHERBEE**—Few men in this State are more thoroughly familiar with all the phases of the lumber business than is Alson N. Wetherbee, of Lyndonville, who has been engaged in various lines of the lumber business throughout his active career, and who since 1911 has been the owner and manager of a wood-working mill here in Lyndon, Vermont. He operates under his own name, as successor to L. B. Harris, whose



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business he purchased, and in addition to dealing in lumber, which he saws both in the rough and into finished lumber, he manufactures tops and other wooden articles. Mr. Wetherbee is active in public affairs, has served as treasurer of the school district for the past thirteen years, and is now (1928) serving his second term as town auditor.

Alson N. Wetherbee was born in Kirby, Vermont, December 14, 1867, son of Henry and Emeline S. (Wright) Wetherbee, both natives of Vermont, farmers, who spent their lives in the town of Kirby. After attending the district schools of Kirby Mr. Wetherbee finished his education in Lyndon Institute, attending school during the winter months and working during the summer season, until he was nineteen years old. He then went to Lowell, Massachusetts, where he learned the carpenter's trade, and where he worked as a journeyman for a period of three years. At the end of that time he returned to Vermont and secured a position as bookkeeper in the employ of the Olcott Fall Lumber Company, at Victory, Vermont. At the end of that time he made a change, coming to Lyndonville, where for three years he was with the Lyndonville Creamery Association. He was more content, however, when working along the lines of the business with which he had become familiar, and he then went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and secured a position doing clerical work in the offices of a lumber concern. Six years in the offices made him familiar with a phase of the lumber business with which he had not previously been brought in contact, and he then further enlarged his experience by going on the road as a representative of the same firm, looking after the interests of their various plants. Eventually, he returned to Vermont and located in Lyndonville, where he purchased the business of L. B. Harris. That was in 1911, and during the seventeen years which have passed since that time he has been successfully conducting this enterprise under his own name. The plant is located at Lyndonville, but the freight and express offices are at Lyndon, Vermont. Mr. Wetherbee deals in lumber, saws timber in the rough and also into finished lumber, and makes a specialty of manufacturing tops. He also manufactures several other wooden articles, but his tops are manufactured in larger quantities than his other products and are well known to the trade. A man of wide experience and of sound business principles, Mr. Wetherbee has already established a reputation for honesty and for meticulous care in keeping his agreements, but the lumber business is one which is subject to numerous hazards and he explicitly stipulates that all agreements are contingent upon strikes, fires, accidents, and other causes beyond the control of human care. Politically, Mr. Wetherbee supports the principles of the Republican party, and he takes a very active part in local public affairs. He has served a term of three years as selectman, and at the present time (1928) he is efficiently serving his second term as town auditor. In 1925 he was elected to represent his district in the State Legislature and served in that body most acceptably. He has been a member of the board of school directors for three years, and has served as treasurer of the school district for the past thirteen years, and in all projects planned for the improvement of general conditions in the town and village of Lyndon he is a generous and able helper. Fraternally, he is identified with the Free and Accepted Masons, as a Master Mason, and he is also a member of the local Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. His religious interest and that of his family is with the Universalist Church.

Alson N. Wetherbee married Mary E. Thompson, who was born in Berlin, New Hampshire, daughter of Hiram and Aramatha (Howard) Thompson, and they have three children: 1. Howard W., who was educated in the schools of Philadelphia and in Dartmouth Col-

lege, where he completed the first two years; married Vera Hatch, and they have one child, Lucille. 2. Maude T., married Bruce Wakefield. 3. Revillo, received his education in Lyndon Institute and in Wentworth Institute, in Boston, spending one year in the last named institution.

**FRANK B. STODDARD**—Since 1919, Mr. Stoddard has been foreman of the large farm of E. A. Darling, "Mountain View," a position that demands much practical knowledge and efficient handling of men, as in their busy season there are at least thirty-five workers on this farm, and at all seasons, an average of twenty-five. The place comprises seven separate farms, all under Mr. Stoddard's jurisdiction.

Mr. Stoddard is native-born to this district as were both his parents. He is the son of Lawrence and Adeline (Goodwin) Stoddard and was born on December 23, 1857, at East Charleston. He was brought up on his father's farm, and after his schooling worked with his father until venturing out for himself. He bought a farm of seventy-nine acres, cultivated it for two years and then sold to buy one in the town of Brighton, which he, in turn, sold to purchase a larger one of a hundred and forty-four acres. Having the opportunity of becoming foreman of the large Darling estate, he rented out this farm and himself went to assume charge of that place. He has since given up all interest in his own farm, having sold it outright in 1927. Mr. Stoddard is a Republican by political thought and he and his family attend the Community Church at East Burke.

Frank B. Stoddard married some years ago, Anna L. Coe, a daughter of Miles and Louisa (Fairbanks) Coe, who was born at Newark.

**CARL A. MITCHELL**—With a World War record of service in France, fraternal activities that have advanced him rapidly through all the degrees of Masonry, and an interest in the civic improvement of Brattleboro, Carl A. Mitchell enjoys the esteem of an unusually large number of his fellow-citizens who have come in contact with him not only in the conduct of his funeral parlors at No. 8 Putney Road, but in his numerous other activities as well.

Mr. Mitchell was born at Worcester, Massachusetts, July 4, 1888, the son of Orland B. Mitchell, born in Aroostook County, Maine, and Harriet E. (Prouty) Mitchell, born in Worcester. After completing the public school courses, Mr. Mitchell worked for one and one-half years for the Graton & Knight Company of Worcester and then spent two years in Boston with the Boston & Maine Railroad. In 1908 he commenced the work that he was to make his permanent occupation, becoming associated with the undertaking firm of Frank E. Sessions of Worcester. After two years in this connection he came, in 1910, to Brattleboro where he was associated for eighteen months with the W. H. Bond undertaking establishment. He left there to take a position with Moran & Rhode, of Brattleboro, which he held until 1920, when he opened his own funeral parlors first, at the Hooker residence, and after three years there bought the property at No. 8 Putney Road, and remodeled same, until now he has one of the most complete funeral homes in Southern Vermont. Mr. Mitchell enlisted in the army in June, 1918, and was assigned to Company B, Fifty-Fourth Regular Engineers, serving one year in France where he was transferred to the Railroad Transport Division. He received his discharge in July, 1919, with the rank of sergeant, and since organization of the unit, has aided in work of the Brattleboro Post, American Legion. He is a member of the Vermont Funeral Directors' Association and adheres to the tenets of the Republican political party. Mr. Mitchell is a member of the Congregational church.



Mr. Mitchell is a Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner, and a member of Brattleboro Lodge, No. 102, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. He also holds membership in Wantastequet Lodge, No. 5 and Oasis Encampment, Odd Fellows; the Ancient Mystic Order Samaritan; Brattleboro Lodge, No. 1499, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Modern Woodmen of America, Loyal Order of Moose, and American Legion, Brattleboro Post No. 5. Hunting and fishing constitute the chief interests of Mr. Mitchell aside from his business, home, and organization activities.

In 1916 Mr. Mitchell married Nellie May Hager, of Westmoreland, New Hampshire.

**CHARLES ARTHUR CONGDON**—Born December 14, 1886, in the town of Rutland, Vermont, Charles Arthur Congdon is a son of Charles Henry and Lilla (Mabury) Congdon, his father having been a foreman carpenter and a citizen highly respected in Rutland. From Rutland High School he graduated with markings significant of scholastic excellence, and later took engineering courses in the International Correspondence School. It was on April 8, 1902, that he began his career. Then sixteen years of age, he served as messenger boy in the chief engineer's office, Rutland Railroad Company, and from that day and year to the present (1928) has been continuously active at affairs of his career, never having lost a single day's pay.

Mr. Congdon remained with the Rutland Railroad until 1925, his record having been one of remark. In 1903 he was made a chainman, in 1904 a rodman, in 1906 an instrument man, in 1908 an engineer, in 1911 assistant to the road's chief engineer, in 1913 a special engineer, in 1920 supervisor of track and the main line; and as track supervisor he continued to be employed for five years, until 1925, and receipt of a proposition that he could not well refuse.

This proposition came from the James E. Cashman Corporation, of Burlington, which organization requested that Mr. Congdon become affiliated immediately as chief engineer and general superintendent. It was with some reluctance that he severed the railroad connection that had endured twenty-three years; and the road was equally reluctant to see him depart. But larger opportunity offered, and Mr. Congdon has never had cause to regret the transfer of identity. With the Cashman company he has designed and constructed many interesting engineering projects, credit for which has been accorded him unstintedly by those for and with whom he worked. He is today one of the well-known citizens of the city of Burlington, skilled in his profession, a leader in various undertakings of citizenship, and active in general affairs of the community.

Popular among men, Mr. Congdon is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he belongs to Center Lodge, No. 34, of Rutland, Delta Lodge of Perfection, Rutland, and Orian Grotto, also of Rutland. He is a member of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce and Burlington Lions Club, the Rutland County Fish and Game Club and Chittenden County Fish and Game Club. He is a communicant of the Congregational Church.

Mr. Congdon married, in Rutland, November 7, 1907, Minnie Estella Richardson, daughter of John S. and Ella (Marr) Richardson, the ceremony having been performed by the Rev. Dr. Arthur H. Bradford. They have a son, Charles Richard, who was born July 25, 1910. The family residence is at No. 119 Buell Street, Burlington.

**EDWARD HARLAN ROSS, M. D.**—In St. Johnsbury, Vermont, Dr. Edward Harlan Ross has been practicing as a physician and surgeon for the past thirty-five years. He is a graduate of Dartmouth College and

of Dartmouth School of Medicine, and has been located in St. Johnsbury since 1892, having come to this place one year and six months after his graduation from Dartmouth Medical School. He has achieved an honorable place in his profession, is secretary of the Northeastern Medical Society, and has for many years been taking care of a large practice. Dr. Ross is also a member of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Edward Harlan Ross was born in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, June 18, 1864, son of Jonathan and Eliza A. (Carpenter) Ross, both natives of Waterford, Vermont. His father was a prominent member of the Vermont bar and later served as judge and then as chief justice of the Supreme Court of Vermont. As a boy Dr. Ross attended the local public schools and St. Johnsbury Academy, graduating from the academy in 1882. The next fall he matriculated in Dartmouth College, at Hanover, New Hampshire, where he completed his course with graduation in 1886. For two years he was engaged in teaching, one year at Meriden Academy, New Hampshire, and one year at Brewster Academy, at Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. After two years of teaching he began his professional study in the Medical School at Dartmouth, where he was graduated in June, 1891, receiving at that time the degree of Doctor of Medicine. His internship of one year was served in St. Elizabeth's Hospital and then for a period of six months he served as assistant to Dr. Jefferson, in Lowell, Massachusetts. In May, 1892, he came to his home town, St. Johnsbury, and opened his offices for practice, and since that time he has been continuously located here. As time passed his practice grew and for many years now (1928) he has been taking care of a very large number of patients, many of whom are members of the oldest families of this section. He is vice-president of the board of Brightlook Hospital Association, and is a member of the Vermont Medical Society, of the Northeastern Counties Medical Society, which he serves as secretary; of the American Medical Association; and, as has already been mentioned, he is also a member of the American College of Surgeons. He is well known in fraternal circles, being a member of the local Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; of the Royal Arch Masons; Royal and Select Masters; Knights Templar; and Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He holds membership in the local Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the Rotary Club and of the Country Club. He is also an honorary member of the Sphinx Club.

Dr. Edward Harlan Ross was married to Nellie O. Hersey, who was born in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, daughter of Charles and Olivia (Mason) Hersey, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Ralph, who is district superintendent of the long line department of the American Telephone Company, is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He married Dorothy Ashley, and they make their home in Orange, New Jersey. 2. Helen Carpenter, a graduate of Wellesley College, is teaching in high school at Baltimore, Maryland. The family are attendants of the North Congregational Church.

**DR. JOHN MARIE CAISSE**—One of the successful general practitioners of the medical profession in Burlington, Vermont, is Dr. John Marie Caisse, who is a graduate of the medical department of the University of Vermont and who has been located here for a period of more than five years. Dr. Caisse is a veteran of the World War, in which he was commissioned a captain of the Medical Corps, and he is known as one of the able men of his profession.

Dr. John Marie Caisse was born in Vergennes, Vermont, November 26, 1889, son of Charles H. and Mary (Mott) Caisse, the first mentioned of whom is a native



of Canada, and the last mentioned of whom was born in New York State. Dr. Caisse attended the public schools of Vergennes, graduating from the high school with the class of 1909, having previously attended Montreal College, Petit Seminaire. He was then ready to begin his professional training and he began study in the medical department of the University of Vermont, here in Burlington, where he completed his course with graduation in 1913, receiving at that time the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Opening an office in Swanton, Vermont, he set about the difficult task of building up a practice, but had little more than made a fair beginning when the world was startled by the opening of the World War. Though there seemed at first little probability that this conflict would be more than a brief struggle on the other side of the sea, the time soon came when young men all over this country were called upon to leave their chosen work and answer the call to arms. Dr. Caisse was one of the many young professional men who eventually found his career interrupted by the spirit of service and of high adventure. In January, 1918, he enlisted for service in the Medical Department and he was soon sent overseas with the Fiftieth Engineers Corps. Later, he was transferred to the general headquarters department, where he served at the Central Records Office, at Bourges, France, as post surgeon, rendering service which won for him promotion to the rank of captain of the Medical Corps. He received his discharge in September, 1919, and upon his return to civilian life began general medical practice at Vergennes, the place of his birth. From 1919 to 1923, a period of four years, he continued in that location, but in 1923 he came to Burlington, where he has since been engaged in general practice. In addition to the care of his general practice he is consulting physician at the De Goesbriand and Fanny Allen Hospitals, and he has achieved a reputation among his professional colleagues as a man of sound knowledge and of great discretion. He is a member of the Burlington and Chittenden County Medical Society, the Vermont State Medical Society, and Fellow of the American Medical Association. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, Modern Woodmen of America, and the Société de St. Jean Baptiste, a member and Past Commander, Burlington Post, No. 2, and Past Vice-Commander, Department of Vermont, the American Legion, and he is Voyageur Militaire and Past Chef de Gare of Voiture Locale, No. 615, of La Société des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux. He is an active citizen who takes part in the conduct of general affairs, serving at present (1928) as a member of the school commission, from Ward Three, 1927-28. Dr. Caisse has many loyal friends here in Burlington, and his practice, already a large one, is steadily growing.

Dr. John Marie Caisse was married, in 1912, to Belle H. Briggs, of Forestdale, Vermont, daughter of Scott Briggs. He has his offices at his home, No. 35 North Winoski Avenue, in Burlington.

**TRUMAN EDWARD WHEELER**—One of her younger citizens of whom Lyndonville is proud is Truman Edward Wheeler who, with a war record to his credit, has attained his present position as postmaster of the town with an assistant, three regular clerks and a substitute, and three rural carriers under his direction, solely by his own industry and force of personality, as circumstances made it necessary for him to shift for himself at an early age.

Mr. Wheeler was born June 6, 1898, at Tunbridge, Vermont, in the same house in which his mother had been born, the son of John L. and Emma (Waterman) Wheeler. His father was a native of Ryegate. Educated in the public schools of Tunbridge and the high school of South Royalton, he also attended Pomfret

School, and while still in school he was studying telegraphy. On July 5, 1914, when only sixteen years of age, he commenced work for the Boston and Maine Railroad as assistant to the agent at West Burke and as telegraph operator. In the spring of 1915 he was made night operator at West Burke and later relief agent, in which position he continued for two years. Then came the World War, and Mr. Wheeler enlisted in the aviation section of the Signal Corps in November, 1917. He was sent overseas in February, 1918, and remained with a training squadron as a radio mechanic until after the signing of the Armistice. Receiving his discharge at Mineola, Long Island, December 13, 1918, he worked as telegraph operator in the railway office for some time until he received his appointment as train dispatcher on August 19, 1919. He was transferred to Woodsville, New Hampshire when the Boston and Maine was taken over by the Canadian Pacific Railroad, but later returned to Lyndonville. As relief train dispatcher he continued to work for the railroad in Lyndonville and Quebec until he was appointed Postmaster of Lyndonville by President Coolidge, February 27, 1928. Lyndonville has a second class post office with three rural routes to be handled in addition to the town distribution of mail. Mr. Wheeler, with the aid of L. T. Huntley, his assistant, has acquitted himself to the entire satisfaction of his townspeople in the discharge of his new duties. Mr. Wheeler is Past Commander of the Lyndonville Post, American Legion, and a Master Mason. His political affiliations are Republican and he and his family attend the Congregational Church.

Mr. Wheeler married Hazel Allard, daughter of William E. and Cora (Gilman) Allard, of West Burke. They are the parents of three children, Kenneth R., Dorothy M., and Richard A.

**HOWARD GILMAN BOARDMAN**—The family of which Howard Gilman Boardman is a member owns a long and honorable record in New England, is of importance in the commercial annals of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and of his generation has attained to distinction in the financial and industrial movements of New York City. Mr. Boardman is president of the Hale-Boardman Corporation, of New York City, this concern being engaged in the maple sugar and syrup trade at wholesale; but he makes his residence in Burlington, and is one of the city's foremost citizens. His record is of interest.

Early in the nineteenth century, three brothers of the patronymic Boardman came to Vermont from Connecticut, in which commonwealth the family had been established many years. One of these brothers was Elisia Boardman, grandfather of Howard Gilman Boardman. He was a pioneer farmer, developer not only of the soil but, in association with his townspeople, of communities, a builder of agrarian Vermont. He married and had a son, Morrillo, father of Howard Gilman Boardman. Morrillo Boardman was born in North Hyde Park, Vermont, received his education in the Vermont schools, and in manhood followed the tide of population to the West, taking residence in the prosperous city of Milwaukee. There, with his family, he was an early settler, and engaged with extensive profit as wholesale wool merchant. He lived retired for some years and was a member of the Old Settlers' Club of Milwaukee, until his death in 1924. Morrillo Boardman married Sarah E. Seymour, native of Hartford, Connecticut.

Howard Gilman Boardman, son of Morrillo and Sarah E. (Seymour) Boardman, was born in Milwaukee, July 7, 1877. He secured his elementary and secondary academic instruction in the public schools of that city, graduated from high school with scholastic markings of excellence in 1896, and in April of 1900 went to New York City, having taken the degree of Bachelor of Arts



meanwhile from the University of Wisconsin, 1900. In New York he engaged in business until 1916, advancing from positions of small responsibility to those of larger responsibility, and from 1916 to the present has been identified with the maple sugar and syrup industry as member and president of the Hale-Boardman Corporation, with offices at No. 120 Liberty Street, New York City. He uses Vermont products exclusively, and thus, through the growth of his business has been able to assist the state's economic welfare through wide distribution of raw products. He is a member of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce, diverse other bodies of economic, civic and social character, and is a communicant of the First Congregational Church, of Burlington.

Howard Gilman Boardman married, in 1905, Betsey Walker Cheney, daughter of Charles E. Cheney, of New York City; and their children are: 1. Doris Cheney. 2. Gilman Cornelius. 3. Donald Charles. Since 1913 Mr. Boardman has maintained a summer residence at South Hero, Vermont, on Lake Champlain. He has also a residence in Burlington, and is a frequent visitor at the New York offices of Hale-Boardman.

**GEORGE BURTON FRENCH, M. D.**—Four decades of practice in Concord has resulted in Dr. George Burton French becoming one of the acknowledged authorities in the medical profession of this town, wherein he has gained additional renown through his meritorious record as a worker for civic and community advancement and progress. Dr. French's public career has encompassed practically every town office, including that of Representative to the State Legislature, and now (1928), although severely handicapped physically, this public-spirited man continues one of Concord's most useful citizens. He holds high rank in fraternal organizations, and in societies pertinent to his profession is respected for his talents and honored for his personal conduct during the many years of his association with this, one of the most honorable callings.

Dr. French is a son of the late Mark and Lois M. (Dutton) French, and a descendant of a family honored and respected throughout New England for many years. Mark French, born at Hollis, New Hampshire, made agriculture his life work. Lois M. (Dutton) French was a native of Walden, Vermont, and she and her husband had five children. George Burton French, their third child, was born January 24, 1858, at Hardwick, Vermont. His preparatory education was gained in academies at Morrisville and at Hardwick. His first gainful employment was in the teaching profession, and for several years he was engaged as an instructor in schools of this section. He long had had a desire for the medical profession, and this led to his entering Hahnemann Medical College, Chicago, where he studied assiduously. Thence he matriculated at Eclectic College of Medicine, New York City, and was graduated therefrom in 1883 with his coveted degree of Doctor of Medicine. Dr. French's initial experience as a practitioner was gained in Waterville, Vermont, where he was located for three years. Thence he removed to Greensboro, Vermont, and there practiced medicine for a four-year period at the conclusion of which he came to Concord, where he since has been located and has attained more than local renown as a member of his profession. The doctor's local practice was established in 1890, and since that year he has become widely known in political, civic, and fraternal spheres in Concord. He has held almost every local office here; was a member of the school board at one time; served as town auditor, and has been a member of the Board of Selectmen. Dr. French's political convictions are those of the Republican faith, and in 1907-08 he was sent as representative from Concord to the Vermont State Legislature. Fraternally

he is a member of Moose River Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Haswell Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Palestine Commandery, Knights Templar. In late years Dr. French has become physically disabled to the extent that he is compelled to use crutches in getting about, but despite this handicap he continues to be a figure of note in his profession. His interest in medical affairs is being continued through affiliation with the Vermont State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Dr. French attends the Universalist Church of Concord, and his contributions to the benevolences of this denomination have been of material benefit—morally, physically and financially.

Dr. George B. French married Alice E. Ford, of Hardwick, daughter of Otis and Orpha (Goodwin) Ford, and this union has been blessed by one son: Harold F., educated at St. Johnsbury Academy and graduated from the University of Vermont; married Lucy Bean, of Newport, Vermont; they reside at St. Albans; he now (1928) is field secretary for the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce.

**GEORGE MICHAEL HERBERG**—Starting in a modest manner, in 1920, a business devoted to battery service, George Michael Herberg, solely through his own initiative and efforts, now (1928) is classified among the most progressive and successful business men of Burlington. His enterprise was enlarged steadily and different departments were added thereto, until now the Herberg Auto Service Company has two plants in Burlington and is acknowledged to be one of the largest concerns of its kind in the State of Vermont. Mr. Herberg's unlimited capacity for work has been fully demonstrated through his combining commercial pursuits with sincere and devoted participation in numerous other spheres of activity here.

Mr. Herberg was born January 9, 1881, at Stottville, New York, son of Michael and Mary (Raab) Herberg. George Michael Herberg received his elementary training in the country schools of his native community, later attended Albany Business College, Albany, New York, and was graduated from that institution in 1903, with a most thorough preparation for the business career that was before him. In the year of his graduation from business college he obtained a responsible position with the Champlain Transportation Company, remained with that firm as chief clerk until 1920, and had his headquarters in Burlington. In the last-named year Mr. Herberg decided that there was little to be gained through working for someone else, and this led him to launch his individual enterprise at Burlington. Here he opened up a battery service station on Church Street, and through consistent labor and high business ethics, experienced success from the very start of his career. In 1924 his project had grown to such an extent that he was forced to seek new quarters, and the Herberg Auto Service Company was moved to an address at 125 St. Paul Street, which is now used as a service plant and the adjoining store, No. 129 St. Paul Street, is for stock and sales. The Herberg Auto Service Company provides service on batteries, electrical systems, speedometers and reconditioning automobile motors. The complete line of auto parts between the Canadian line and Springfield and Boston is kept in stock at all times, and patrons of this business come from many miles away, because they realize that in dealing with Mr. Herberg they are assured of honest and efficient service. More than fifteen employees are required to conduct the business of this firm, all of them highly skilled in their various occupations.

Mr. Herberg has been a conspicuous character in developing Burlington during his residence here and is a valuable contributor to the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a member. He also belongs



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to the Burlington Country Club and holds high rank in Freemasonry, being a member of Washington Lodge, No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons; Burlington Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons; Burlington Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar, and Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Mr. Herberg married in 1905, Anna E. Risch, daughter of John Risch, of Hudson, New York, and Mr. and Mrs. Herberg are the parents of three children: Beatrice, Donald, and Marion. The Herberg family reside in Burlington and are popular in social affairs of this place.

**JOHN HARDING**—This name, borne by one of our Presidents, is of English origin, and John Harding, proprietor of two hotels in Burlington—the Vermont and the Van Ness—is a native of England. He was born October 19, 1862, at Ashburton, in Devonshire, son of John and Anne (Giles) Harding, his father long having engaged in trade as a jeweler. Coming to the continent of North America as a child with his parents, he attended school at Prescott, Ontario, and in 1878, at the age of but fifteen years, went to work in the employ of the Montreal Telegraph Company. He "learned the key," became proficient as an operator, and hand in hand with this learned the details of telegraph office management. Subsequently he took charge of the wire office at Paul Smith's, New York State, well known summer resort. After twelve years there, and in various connections, he became associate manager of the Hotel Ampersand, at Saranac Lake, retaining the position two years, until 1890, when he purchased the Hotel Algonquin, at Saranac Lake, and assumed to its proprietorship. In the fall of 1917 he sold the property, took the management of the two hotels which he now operates in Burlington, and here has continued to live.

Politically Mr. Harding is affiliated with the Democratic party, and is of influence within its ranks. For four years he served as supervisor of Harrietstown, New York; for two years as president of the Village of Saranac Lake; for four years as district forest ranger, New York State Conservation Commission, and for four years held office as postmaster, Saranac Lake.

Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he belongs to all bodies, inclusive of the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, thirty-second degree, and Karnak Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Montreal. He is active as a member of the Burlington Lions Club, a popular figure in all social circles which he inhabits.

Mr. Harding married, in 1887, Emma Thomas, daughter of Almon Thomas, of Plattsburg, New York; and their children are: Almon Thomas, John Phelps and Watson Giles.

**GEORGE A. WHIPPLE**—Now in retirement after long years spent in agriculture, always having been a man of deep public spirit, George A. Whipple continues interested in the general affairs of Lyndonville and the countryside. He belongs to a family very well known in Caledonia County, its members for more than a hundred years having been active in the Lyndonville area.

Mr. Whipple was born December 29, 1863, in the house wherein his father before him had been born, on the old Whipple farm near Lyndonville which had been settled by Mr. Whipple's grandfather, in 1829. This farm, incidentally, was in the family name ninety-five years, until 1925, when Mr. Whipple sold it at the time of his retirement. He is a son of Charles A. and Elizabeth (Brown) Whipple, his father having been a farmer and starch manufacturer. Mr. Whipple had one brother, Harvey M., who engaged in the business of mortician and furniture dealer, at Orleans, Vermont, until death, which occurred in April of 1927.

Educated in grammar school and in Lyndon Institute, Mr. Whipple early assisted his father in work upon the farm, and seemed to possess a real love of the soil passed down through generations. As a husbandman he prospered, inheriting the farm when his father died, and increasing its revenues considerably through the years of his active management. His whole working life, or his career, in fact, was spent upon the ancestral acres. When he sold the valuable holding, in 1923, he came to Lyndonville, and has since resided on South Street. He has taken a steadfast interest in affairs and movements of the town, and has given all worthy projects a liberal financial support, together with personal activity. He is an independent voter, has never sought office, but has been honored several times with posts of civic responsibility. In 1898 he became school director, and served on this board continuously with the exception of two years, until 1924, and has served the town also as auditor. He has been an active member of the Grange, and, with his wife, a communicant of the Universalist church, of which he is deacon and moderator.

George A. Whipple married Gertrude M. Allen, who was born at St. Johnsbury, Vermont, daughter of John and Lydia M. (Perham) Allen. Mrs. Whipple's father is deceased; her mother lives in the Whipple residence, affectionately cared for by her daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Whipple's children are: 1. Laura, wife of Myron Eastman, a farmer, of the town of Lyndon. 2. Harold, real estate dealer, of Pasadena, California; married Andree Houldry, and they have a son, George.

**ALBERT W. HARVEY**—Since 1922, when he was appointed United States Marshal for Vermont, his commission having come from President Harding, Albert W. Harvey, a citizen of Burlington, has carried on the duties of that office to the best of his abilities, and his record in Government service has won the praise of his superiors and the acclaim of those citizens coming under his jurisdiction. Mr. Harvey came to his post as marshal well qualified, having been the recipient of a splendid education, and having been engaged in business in Chester for many years.

Mr. Harvey was born March 10, 1877, at Sutton, New Hampshire, son of Fred P. and Estelle A. (Hart) Harvey. Fred P. Harvey was an industrialist of note, during his life having been a manufacturer of woodenware, excelsior, and allied products. Albert W. Harvey was residing at Concord, New Hampshire, when he reached the school age, and there he received his preliminary education in public and private schools. He completed his scholastic work at Tufts College, Medford, Massachusetts, and thereafter engaged in the hardware business, a connection he retained until 1917, being located at Chester. A prominent member of the Republican party, Mr. Harvey's works in the ranks of this political division soon brought him more than local fame. It was on July 1, 1922, that official recognition of Mr. Harvey's services was given, and on that date President Harding appointed him United States Marshal. His territory comprises the entire Vermont district, and the duties of his office require the utmost devotion to duty, honesty and fair-dealing. It is unnecessary to affirm that Mr. Harvey possesses all these qualifications, for his standing in Governmental circles and among his constituents fully confirms this.

Since attaining manhood, Mr. Harvey has been signalized with public movements. While residing in Chester, he was president of the Chester Board of Trade; he is president of the Board of Trustees of Whiting Library, and a member of the Board of Trustees of Chester Academy. He has attained high rank in the Masonic organization, being a member of Chester Lodge, No. 64, Free and Accepted Masons, and



member of the Washington Chapter, No. 31, Royal Arch Masons, having served his lodge as Master at one time. A great lover of natural history in its various phases, Mr. Harvey derives much pleasure in using his camera, and he ever has been fond of animals and other pets.

Albert W. Harvey married, in 1912, Emma H. Henry, daughter of Judge Hugh Henry, Judge of the Probate Court at Chester. Mr. and Mrs. Henry reside in Chester, Vermont. Marshal Harvey's official headquarters are at Rutland, Vermont.

**ROBERT R. CARR**—Leaving school in his early youth to enter the woods, where he was engaged in lumbering and logging work for several years, Robert R. Carr abandoned this pursuit to take up the vocation which had been followed by many of his forebears, that of agriculture. Since that time he has tilled the soil although his interests have expanded considerably through the addition of a large herd of dairy cattle, the products from which Mr. Carr distributes in St. Johnsbury. Having assumed the responsibilities of manhood early in life, Mr. Carr has for many years been deeply concerned with public affairs and has devoted himself liberally to the welfare of his fellow men.

Mr. Carr was born October 27, 1870, at Newark, Vermont, son of Arnold E. and Jane (Barker) Carr, both now deceased. Arnold E. Carr was engaged in agriculture during his mature years and he and his wife had six children, five boys and one girl.

Robert R. Carr received the rather limited education provided by the common schools during his boyhood, but at an early age was forced to leave school and become self-supporting. He entered into the lumber industry and for eight years thereafter was engaged in logging and other departments of lumber production. At the expiration of that time he was influenced by the urge to enter agriculture, which had occupied so many of his ancestors, and as a result thereof he purchased a farm of one hundred and twelve acres, located in the town of Burke. After fifteen years' successful operation of this estate, Mr. Carr disposed of it to assume supervision over his father's property. The elder Mr. Carr had reached the age where he was unable to operate his farm and he entered into an agreement with the son to return to the ancestral home, take charge of the estate, and care for the father during the remainder of his days. The agreement further provided that when the father died, the farm was to revert to Robert R. Carr as his inheritance. This farm, consisting of sixty acres, located on Higgins Hill, in the town of St. Johnsbury, Mr. Carr since has developed, applied modern methods of agriculture thereto, and added dairying to his operations. His dairy products are disposed of through his own milk route in the city of St. Johnsbury, and Mr. Carr also derives a comfortable income through the sale of garden truck raised on his farm. He is a Republican, and while not a blind partisan, usually is found giving his firm support to the issues and candidates of his political party. Located as he is near the city limits of the city of St. Johnsbury, Mr. Carr is materially concerned with the conduct of many organizations devoted to community welfare. In fraternal circles he is a popular member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Robert R. Carr married Florence Louise Merrill, born at Pepperell, Massachusetts, her ancestors for many years having been prominent in the Bay State. Mr. and Mrs. Carr are the parents of a daughter: Sarah Merrill; graduated in 1928 from St. Johnsbury Academy, and now (1928) serving as a stenographer. Mr. Carr and his family are faithful devotees of the Congregational Church, and receive their mail through rural delivery route No. 2, St. Johnsbury.

**JUDGE HARLAND BRADLEY HOWE**—Admitted to the bar of the State of Vermont when he was twenty-one years of age, Harland Bradley Howe early displayed such a conception of his profession that his rise was rapid and he became a judge of the United States District Court before the turn of middle life. Judge Howe is one of the most esteemed citizens of this State as well as one of its most erudite lawyers, standing high in the regard of Democratic party leaders and having a legion of close friends in all walks of society, regardless of political, professional or fraternal affiliation. Master of his profession, his work on the Federal bench has shown him to be a jurist of sympathetic understanding and absolute justice. In his social and private life his personal attractions draw to him a coterie of intellectual friends, while his interest in civic affairs has been recognized by call to public office in the service of the State and in which he distinguished himself by his progressive work for the body politic. Vermont has been the home of many eminent characters, none of them of more substantial value to the community than Judge Howe.

Judge Howe was born in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, February 19, 1873, a son of Worcester C. and Rosaline (Bradley) Howe. His father was a harness maker, who removed to Lyndonville and established a harness shop, where his son learned the trade while attending school. He later took a commercial course at Lyndon Institute and then began the reading of law under the guidance of George W. Cahoon, of Lyndon, where he remained until 1891, when he entered the law department of the University of Michigan, remaining one year. This was followed by a year in the offices of Henry C. Ide in St. Johnsbury, when he returned to the university and completed the law course, graduating in 1894 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In that year he was admitted to the bar of Vermont and took up the practice of his profession in St. Johnsbury. In politics Judge Howe has always been a Democrat, by which party he was elected to the Lower House of the Legislature in 1908 and was twice that party's candidate for Governor, in 1912 and 1914. He was appointed, February 19, 1915, Judge of the Federal District Court and took up his headquarters in Burlington, where he now resides, his home being at No. 288 Main Street, his offices in the Federal Building. He is an attendant of the Methodist church.

Harland Bradley Howe married, in 1900, Maybelle Jane Kelsey, of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, whose death occurred in 1916. Their children are: Josephine, Matilda, Barbara, and Harriet.

**CHARLES E. WILLOUGHBY**—The career of Charles E. Willoughby, owner and proprietor of Willoughby's Department Store, Lyndonville, Vermont, has been one of interesting variety. He is today a foremost citizen of Lyndonville, prominent in all major undertakings for the general welfare and progress of village, town and county.

Born at Georgeville, Canada, in 1873, Mr. Willoughby is a son of William and Jane (Pepper) Willoughby, both of whom were natives of England, and who came from England to North America, taking residence in Canada, in 1866. In the schools of Stanstead, Mr. Willoughby secured his academic education, to which he has added materially through long years of reading, thought and analysis. He learned the trade of machinist as a youth, and for twenty years worked as journeyman machinist, identified with numerous shops in New England. This done, he purchased a grocery store, at Island Pond, Vermont, ran it with success for six years, sold it, came to Lyndonville, and here bought a grocery and bakery business, which he also ran with prosperity



for six years, employing half a dozen workers to assist him in its conduct. The United States entered the World War in April, 1917, and at that time Mr. Willoughby had just disposed of his grocery and bakery establishment. Thinking to turn his training as machinist to the country's good account in wartime, he returned to the trade, and worked as machinist for more than four years. In 1921, August of that year, he purchased the department store which he has since operated. This enterprise is one of the oldest in Lyndonville, and first was operated by Tyler Parker as a boot, shoe and jewelry business. Tyler Parker's son, Harlan Parker, assumed the control of the establishment in due course, and it was from him that Mr. Willoughby purchased the store. Mr. Willoughby himself takes care of the department store's actual direction, and is to be found in it every working day. His wife assists in its management at times, and there are two clerks employed regularly. Never since 1921 has the store failed to show a good annual profit.

A Democrat, Mr. Willoughby adheres to the party's principles, but interests himself only mildly in politics, preferring to attend strictly to his own business as store proprietor and citizen. He is a member of the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Commandery, at Lancaster, New Hampshire, Knights Templar; and Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the Rotary Club, to the Board of Trade, and attends, with his wife, the Episcopal church.

Mr. Willoughby married, in 1896, Martha Warren, a native of Lunenburg, Vermont, daughter of Frank C. and Eva (Silsby) Warren, her father having been a prosperous farmer, and both parents being deceased.

**DR. JOHN HOLMES JACKSON**—Without in any way detracting from the abilities of Dr. John Holmes Jackson as a dentist, it may be pointed out that he is, perhaps, best known in Burlington for his contributions to the advancement of his city and his many accomplishments in public life. Dr. Jackson holds the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery, and has practiced his profession for more than thirty-eight years, most of this time in Burlington, and bears the distinction, among many others, of having served this city as mayor for four terms. His tenure of office was timed with one of the most progressive and prosperous periods in the history of Burlington, and it is doubtful if any other of this city's executives may rightfully lay claim to a more honest and beneficial administration. Dr. Jackson's professional qualifications were recognized beyond the confines of the local community long ago, he formerly having served as a member of the Vermont State Board of Dental Examiners. Further embellishing his achievements are his many good works in the ranks, and as an official of numerous civic, social, fraternal, political and semi-professional organizations. Dr. Jackson is the oldest son of the late Rev. Samuel Nelson Jackson, M. D., and of Mary Ann (Parkyn) Jackson. Dr. Jackson's father was a clergyman and devoted the major portion of his life to this honored calling, although he had been educated for the medical profession.

John Holmes Jackson was born March 21, 1871, in the city of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada, but early in life came with his parents to Ontario Province. His early education was gained in the public schools of Kingston, Ontario, and the Collegiate Institute of that city. Thence Mr. Jackson went to Philadelphia for his professional studies, and was graduated from the Philadelphia Dental College in 1890, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. He immediately proceeded to Barre, Vermont, there began practice and remained thus occupied in Barre until 1896. In the last named year Dr. Jackson came to Burlington, here opened his

offices, and since has attended to the dental needs of a large clientele. However, as heretofore indicated, he was destined to occupy many important rôles outside his profession in Burlington, and to attain the highest office within the power of his fellow townsmen, that of mayor. He also represented his city in the State Legislature of 1921. Dr. Jackson is a convert to the policies first advocated by Thomas Jefferson, and has been an important factor in the party founded by that great statesman. In 1920 he was elected delegate to the National Democratic Convention, held in San Francisco, California, and his party again chose him for this office in 1924, when he attended the New York City convention. He was nominated by the Democrats as their candidate for Governor. Previous to this time, however, Dr. Jackson had entered into the conduct of public affairs, having first been elected mayor of Burlington in 1917. He served as chief executive here during the troublous war period, and was reelected mayor three times thereafter, for the terms of 1919-21, 1921-23, and 1923-25. The doctor maintains his deep concern in public affairs, and also is a conspicuous character in many other spheres of State and city. He is a member and past president of the Vermont State Dental Society, and has been honored professionally through appointment as a member of the State Board of Dental Examiners, serving thus for two terms. A review of his fraternal affiliations discloses that he is a member and Past Master of Washington Lodge, No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons; a member of Burlington Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Burlington Commandery, Knights Templar; Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and a member of the local lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, with the additional distinction of having been the first Exalted Ruler of his lodge. Much of the doctor's civic work is carried on through his membership and participation in the affairs of the Rotary Club, while his recreational moments are devoted to the Ethan Allen Club, of which he is a popular member.

Dr. John Holmes Jackson married Caroline Deming Smalley, daughter of Colonel Bradley B. Smalley of Burlington, and their union has been blessed with one son: Bradley Smalley Jackson.

**COLONEL HORATIO NELSON JACKSON, M. D.**—One of Vermont's most distinguished citizens, Horatio Nelson Jackson, although educated for the medical profession and in practice for several years, later became interested in various other industries and professions, which have carried him to the heights of the commercial, financial, and industrial life of Burlington. Mr. Jackson has included mining, quarrying, banking, and publishing in his career, and now (1928) is president of the Burlington Trust Company and publisher of one of Vermont's finest newspapers, the "Burlington Daily News." His life has been filled with unusual experiences and he has traveled widely throughout the United States and its possessions, Mexico, and European countries. His military record is exceedingly brilliant and he has received many decorations for distinguished service. It is extremely doubtful if there is another citizen of Burlington with the experience and ability of this unusual man. Dr. Jackson is the son of the late Rev. Samuel Nelson Jackson, M. D., and of Mary Ann (Parkyn) Jackson. The father, although he held the degree of Doctor of Medicine, devoted almost his entire life to religious work and was an ordained minister.

Horatio Nelson Jackson was born March 25, 1872, at Toronto, Province of Ontario, Canada. His preliminary education was gleaned from the public schools of Kingston, and after completing the courses therein, he attended Collegiate Institute, also located in Kingston. Thence he came to the United States, matriculating at the



University of Vermont, College of Medicine, and was graduated therefrom in the class of 1893 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For a short period after his graduation, Dr. Jackson was house surgeon at Mary Fletcher Hospital, Burlington, 1893-95, and in the last-named year served as house physician at Brattleboro Retreat. Thereafter, until 1900, Dr. Jackson conducted a private practice with success, but at this time, due to illness, was forced to abandon his profession. He then made an extended tour of Europe, but in 1903 became interested in mining in Alaska and Mexico. This led to his going to Mexico and from 1904 until 1910 he resided in the city of Chihuahua. While a resident of the southern republic, Dr. Jackson handled the details of an important transaction, when he negotiated the sale of the famous Buena Tierra Mine and other properties to the Rothschilds of England. Returning to the United States, he became involved in another industry and purchased interests in the E. L. Smith & Company granite quarries in Barre. He retained these holdings from 1913 until 1922, and during that period negotiated the sale of the Jackson interests. Such large-scale operations quite naturally brought Dr. Jackson into close contact with finance, and in 1919 he became vice-president of the Burlington Trust Company. Later, when George Beset died, Dr. Jackson succeeded him as president of the company. In 1923 he again widened the scope of his operations, purchased the "Burlington Daily Times," and is now publisher of that newspaper.

It would seem that such extensive commercial and industrial projects would occupy the full time of almost any man, but such has not been true of Dr. Jackson, for he has almost as many outside connections as he has individual enterprises. A Republican in political beliefs, he is possessed of progressive tendencies and in 1917 was national committeeman from Vermont for the Progressive party. Among his fraternal and patriotic affiliations are listed the Masonic order, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree, and is a member of El Mina Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Galveston, Texas. He also is a member of the local lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the American Legion. Dr. Jackson organized the Vermont Department of the Legion; was national committeeman for five years; national vice-commander in 1922; for five years vice-president of the International Veterans' Federation, and was the first delegate sent to the British Veterans' Convention in 1922. His social affiliations include the Racquet and Tennis Club, of New York City, the Burlington Country Club, and at one time he was commodore of the Burlington Yacht Club.

Dr. Jackson has been interested in military work since early manhood and he has a record along this line that is most enviable. In 1909 he was a surgeon with the Vermont National Guard, holding the rank of captain therein. A few days after the United States declared war on the Central Powers, Dr. Jackson received his commission as a first lieutenant, Medical Corps. This was on April 25, 1917, and on May 23 of that year he was ordered to Fort Sheridan as assistant sanitary inspector. Soon afterwards, on July 29, he was appointed adjutant at a base hospital, and on August 15, was commissioned captain and installed as commandant at this hospital. Captain Jackson, on September 25, 1917, was transferred to Camp Mead and assigned to the 313th Infantry, 97th Division, as regimental surgeon. About two months later, on November 17, 1917, he became Major Jackson, and with this rank went overseas with his unit, departing on July 8, 1918. Major Jackson was with his command during the engagement at Montfaucon, September 27, 28 and 29, and during this battle was wounded in action. Among the various decorations conferred upon Major Jackson for brave and valorous con-

duct as a soldier is the Distinguished Service Cross, which was given him December 18, 1918; the Legion de Honneur, bestowed on March 9, 1919, the Croix de Guerre with Palm, on April 19, 1919, and a citation from the French Army. Major Jackson was discharged from service as Lieutenant Colonel on May 13, 1919, and soon thereafter returned to Burlington, where he entered banking as heretofore has been explained. Colonel Jackson organized the Officers Reserve Corps of the State of Vermont in 1920, and was then transferred as Lieutenant Colonel of the Medical Corps to Lieutenant Colonel of Infantry and was given command of the 388th Infantry Reserve. He now holds this commission with rank of Colonel.

Dr. Horatio Nelson Jackson married, July 6, 1899, at Burlington, Bertha Richardson Wells, daughter of General William and Ara Anna (Richardson) Wells. Dr. Jackson carries on his various interests from his offices in the Burlington Trust Company Building, while he and his wife have their home at No. 118 Church Street, Burlington.

**LOUIS CLEMENT DESAUTELS**—Following the banking industry during his entire active business life, Louis Clement Desautels, of Hardwick, worthily represents the younger element in the financial field of Vermont. Thoroughly schooled in its intricacies, he rose steadily through all grades and eventually became one of the youngest bank examiners in the State, as well as one of the youngest of the higher officials. He is a man of attractive personality, a maker of friends, a citizen of irreproachable character, well worthy of the high place he has attained in the business life of the community.

Mr. Desautels was born in Montgomery Center, Vermont, July 12, 1891, a son of Clement and Minnie (Martin) Desautels, both of this town, his father being a prosperous blacksmith, and was educated in the public schools, graduating from the high school of Woodsville, New Hampshire, in 1910. His first work was in that place, where he became engaged with the local national bank and remained with that institution from 1910 to 1914, when he resigned and for a few months was employed by the Littleton National Bank. From this he returned, by request, to the Woodsville Bank and remained with it until 1917, when he went to Watertown, Massachusetts, where he continued in banking until March 18, 1918, when duty to his country called him and he enlisted in the Ordnance Corps for the duration of the World War and was assigned to the finance division of the United States Army nitrate plant at Sheffield, Alabama. He was honorably mustered out of the service, January 19, 1919, and returned to Watertown, where he remained in the bank until compelled to temporarily retire from active work because of illness. He was out of touch for a year—1922—but returned in 1923 as bank examiner, later being promoted to chief examiner. As an examiner he worked for four years, then being offered the post of treasurer of the Hardwick Savings Bank & Trust Company, which he accepted and in which he is still engaged. He votes the Republican ticket.

**JAMES EUGENE CASHMAN**—A building engineer and contractor, James Eugene Cashman stands at the very top of his profession in Vermont. He has been engaged independently in business at Burlington for more than a quarter of a century, and during this period has designed and constructed many of the most important structures which were erected, his activities extending into all parts of the State. Mr. Cashman's work is distinguished in general by the honesty of his materials and the excellence of his design, and any project undertaken



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by him is assured of prompt, efficient, and entirely satisfactory completion.

Mr. Cashman was born at Quincy, Massachusetts, May 22, 1876, a son of John and Hannah (Falvey) Cashman. His father, who was born in Ireland in 1850, came with his parents to the United States when only two years old, and closed a life of activity and usefulness in 1913 when he died at the age of sixty-four. He was prominent in the public life of Quincy, in which city he made his home, and was well known throughout New England for many years as a builder and engineering contractor with many fine achievements to his credit, among them the famous Provincetown Memorial Monument.

James Eugene Cashman attended the public schools of his birthplace and following his graduation in 1893 from the Quincy High School, began the business of life as an associate of his father in his contracting work. For a period of nine years this arrangement continued, Mr. Cashman taking an active part in the railroad construction, building of breakwaters, and harbor-dredging, with which his father was chiefly occupied at this time. Having gained much valuable experience and a complete familiarity with the details of the work to which he has devoted his life, Mr. Cashman came to Burlington in 1902, and there established the company of which he is sole owner and to the management of which he has since given all his time and attention.

Quickly winning the confidence of the community, he was entrusted with important local contracts, and the manner in which he handled these won him State-wide reputation and resulted in a constantly increasing demand for his services. Among his other important work at this period, he reconstructed the Burlington breakwater in Lake Champlain, a structure of concrete, stone, and timber, one mile long and forty-five feet in width, on which he was occupied for seven full seasons. He was also occupied on various construction projects on Lake Champlain for the United States Government and private interests, while in 1919 he began a new phase of his activities by successfully raising the steamer "Ticonderoga" which had grounded on Point Au Fer Reef. Meanwhile he completed in a very satisfactory way the laying of several submarine pipe lines for sewer outfalls at Burlington and along the lake, and in a single year, 1909, built storage and warehouse plants up to the number of eight throughout the city and along the lake front. In 1913 Mr. Cashman constructed the High Bridge at Winooski, an arch viaduct spanning the railroad and Winooski River, ninety-seven feet from the water line and with a span of one hundred and twelve feet, and this was one of the few of these structures to withstand the disastrous floods of November, 1927.

Following these floods Mr. Cashman was engaged for twenty-five miles of reconstruction work by the Central Vermont Railroad, completing his task with the utmost efficiency in a remarkably short time. He also completed much rehabilitation work for the Town of Waterbury, Vermont, and was engaged by the State to replace twelve important bridges, and now, having built temporary structures, he is occupied in replacing them with the permanent bridge structure. Mr. Cashman undertook and completed the \$200,000 Burlington-Winooski bridge, beginning work on March 16, 1928, and finishing the last detail on the first of August, 1928. The following day at noon the bridge was opened for travel. This record for speed and efficiency is characteristic of all Mr. Cashman's work, and because this is so, he was engaged by the Standard Oil Company to build their landing pier in Burlington harbor. Among the buildings and important edifices which Mr. Cashman has built are: The Burlington City Hall, completed in 1928 at a cost of \$500,000; the Burlington Memorial Auditorium, also finished this year; the high school and armory at St.

Albans, which he erected in 1911; the high school at Winooski; the Champlain High School, at Burlington; the graded school at Jeffersonville, and the City Hospital, at Barre. He has also built St. Stephen's Catholic Church, at Winooski; the Holy Innocence Roman Catholic Church, at Rutland; the entire McAuliffe Block, at Church and Call streets, Burlington; and the "Penny" stores on Church Street, Burlington. This list of his most important work constitutes a remarkable record of continued achievement which is probably unmatched in the State over a similar period. In addition to his other business interests, Mr. Cashman operates a teaming and motor transportation line, providing inter-State service with the same success which has characterized his building activities.

In spite of a busy life, Mr. Cashman has found time to maintain a hearty interest in civic affairs and the problems of government, while he has given constant support to many worthy movements, both civic and benevolent. In politics he is an independent voter, while he is affiliated fraternally with the Burlington Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of many clubs and associations, including, the Burlington Country Club, the Lake Champlain Yacht Club, the Ethan Allen Club, the Boston City Club, the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, of which he is also a director, the Boston Chamber of Commerce, and the National Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Cashman is also a member of the construction division of the United States Army, a member of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers, New England Director of the American Associated General Contractors, and a member of the Associated Industries of Vermont. He is treasurer of the Bay State Dredging and Contracting Company, of Boston, an important Massachusetts firm.

In 1899, James Eugene Cashman married Ada F. James, a daughter of John W. James of Hull, Massachusetts. Six children have been born of this marriage: 1. Eleanor K. 2. Marion F., now Mrs. Frank C. Dorn, of Burlington. 3. James Eugene, Jr. 4. Grace L. 5. Bernard D. 6. John, 3d., who died in infancy. Mr. Cashman, with his family, worships in the Roman Catholic faith, attending the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, at Burlington.

**JAMES NATHANIEL JENNE, M. D.**—Very impressive work in the field of medicine and surgery has been accomplished during almost half a century of active practice by James Nathaniel Jenne, now of Burlington, who has been established in Vermont since 1881. Few professional men of this State have attained greater distinction than Dr. Jenne, who has been recognized in high places for his great ability and extensive knowledge of the sciences to which he has devoted his life and energies. His citizenship is of the highest order, his interest in affairs dealing with the progress of the community outstanding, his fraternal fellowships bringing him into friendly intercourse with large numbers of men and making him an army of devoted friends.

Dr. Jenne was born in Berkshire, Vermont, December 21, 1850, a son of John Gilbert and Charlotte T. (Woodsworth) Jenne, and acquired his education in the local public schools, graduating from Enosburg Falls High School and then attending the College of Medicine of the University of Vermont, from which he was graduated in 1881. He then took a course at the New York Post Graduate School and Hospital and followed this with a period of medical studies in Europe. Establishing himself in practice in Georgia in 1881, he remained there until 1887, when he removed to St. Albans and engaged in private practice, eventually coming to Burlington, in 1903, where he has since been in practice. From 1887 he served for ten years as chief surgeon of the Central Vermont railway system and from 1891 to



1893 was adjunct professor of materia medica in the College of Medicine of the University of Vermont, and from 1893 to 1911 adding the chair of therapeutics to his work in the same institution, in addition to clinical medicine there, where he also served as secretary and treasurer of the College of Medicine. He was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Vermont in 1923 and served as such until he became dean of the College of Medicine. He was a member of the board of consulting surgeons of the St. Albans Hospital from 1886 to 1903, when he withdrew and came to Burlington. He was elected in 1890 to membership on the board of consulting surgeons of the Mary Fletcher Hospital, which post he held until his election, in 1904, as attending physician. He served for ten years as assistant surgeon and surgeon of the First Regiment, and then surgeon of the First Brigade, Vermont National Guard, and was promoted to the rank of Surgeon General of the State, in which capacity he served on the staffs of Governors N. A. Waterbury and Josiah Grout. Following the declaration of war by the United States against Spain, in 1898, President McKinley appointed him chief surgeon, with the rank of major of volunteers, in which capacity he served for a year, successively, on the staffs of Generals C. C. Compton, James F. Wade and Joseph C. Breckenridge. He was stationed with the First and Third Army Corps at Chickamauga Park and at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, at which last-named place he was attached to the Josiah Simpson General Hospital. He is independent in political matters and in religion a Congregationalist. He has served as president of the Franklin County Medical Society and for several years was a member of its Board of Censors. He is a member of the Clinical Society of the City of New York and of the American Medical Association, the meetings of which he attended for many years as the delegate from the Vermont State Medical Society. He is fraternally affiliated with the Franklin Lodge, No. 4, Order of Free and Accepted Masons; Champlain Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Lafayette Commandery, Knights Templar; the Research Club of the University of Vermont, Twentieth Century, Algonquin and other clubs.

Dr. James Nathaniel Jenne married, in 1883, Abbie Cushman, of Georgia, who died in May, 1928.

**WILLIS C. CONNER**—The Lyndonville Creamery Association has been in existence since 1891 and in the course of thirty-seven years has built up a very large business. A group of the representative men of this section are its sponsors and owners, and its efficient general manager is Willis C. Conner. The concern has branches in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Canada, and distributes from four of the large cities of Massachusetts.

Willis C. Conner was born in Irasburgh, Vermont, November 17, 1875, son of Frank H. and Julia B. (Leech) Conner, both natives of Vermont, farmers, and both now (1928) deceased. Mr. Conner attended the local public schools, also Orleans High School and Lyndon Institute, and then for three years was engaged in teaching. After three years of successful experience as a teacher he sought a more profitable occupation and for one year was employed on the farm of Theodore N. Vail, of telephone fame. At the end of that time he came to his present position as general manager of the Lyndonville Creamery Association, and in this capacity his administrative and executive ability have found full scope for expression. The Lyndonville Creamery Association is one of the long established concerns of this locality, having been incorporated September 12, 1891, and therefore being now (1928) thirty-seven years old. The men who are owners and officials of the enterprise are well known business men and farmers of this sec-

tion and of other localities, and as success came they have greatly extended the field of their operations. Besides the plant in Lyndonville the association has branches in Bradford, Vermont; in Lisbon, New Hampshire; in Mansonville, Glenn Sutton and in Abercorn, Quebec; and distributing stations in Watertown, Lowell, Fall River, and New Bedford, Massachusetts. One hundred and twenty-five hands are employed in handling the work of this successful creamery enterprise, and each year is adding to the number of those needed for this work. The association has established a reputation for quality goods and for careful handling, also for honest and efficient business methods, and a list of the men who are its owners and officials is sufficient explanation of the general reasons for its success. The officials are as follows: President, Gilbert M. Campbell; vice-president, Elmer A. Darling; treasurer, Blanche M. Conner; and secretary, H. W. Lyster. The above, with the following additional members, make up the board of directors: C. L. Stuart, H. G. Watson, H. P. Silsby, B. G. Morrison, and W. C. Conner, all of Lyndonville, Vermont; and F. H. Bickford, of Bradford, Vermont. All are men of business standing and of high repute in the county and though the past history of the Creamery Association has been one of which its owners may be proud there is every prospect that its future successes will greatly out-measure those of the past. Mr. Conner is a most able general manager, and in that capacity is giving full satisfaction to his associates in the enterprise. Politically, he supports the principles of the Republican party, and he is interested in the affairs of the town and of the village, serving at the present time (1928) as a member of the board of village trustees. He is a member of the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Lyndonville; also of the Royal Arch Masons; the Royal and Select Masters; St. Johnsbury Commandery, Knights Templar; and of Montpelier Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the local Board of Trade, also of the St. Johnsbury Country Club, the Lyndonville Golf Club, and the Rotary Club, and he is president of the Lyndon Club. His religious affiliation is with the Congregational church, which he serves as a member of the board of trustees.

Willis C. Conner married Ethel W. Chapman. He is the father of three children: 1. Franklin H., a graduate of the high school in Miami, Florida, is now (1928) a student in Bryant and Stratton's Business College, in Boston. 2. Wendell B., a student in High School, in Miami, Florida. 3. Pauline Ethel.

**PETER FREDERICK JURGS**—Member of the firm of Francis C. Derby Company, public accountants, of Burlington, Peter Frederick Jurgs has had an unusual career. He was born August 24, 1895, in New York City, son of Richard and Augusta (Marcordes) Jurgs, his father having engaged in business as confectioner in New York. In the public schools, and in the Packard Commercial Schools, of New York, he secured a comprehensive academic and business training.

The United States entered the World War in April, 1917; and on April 7 of that year Mr. Jurgs enlisted in the volunteers, Battery A, 76th Field Battery, 3d Division. His services then extended until September, 1919, when he was discharged, with the rank of sergeant-major. He took part in the engagements of Chateau-Thierry, the Meuse-Argonne, St. Mihiel, and after the Armistice was stationed in the Andernach district, Germany, as a member of the army of occupation. In January, 1920, honorably discharged and returned to America, he became associated with the Derby organization of accountants in Burlington, and on January 1, 1926, was admitted into partnership. He has taken an active part in the commercial, civic and social movements of Bur-



lington, today being accounted a foremost citizen of the greater community. He is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons as member of Washington Lodge, Burlington; is a member of the Burlington Country Club, and is fond of golf.

Mr. Jurgs married, in September, 1919, Elizabeth Hays, daughter of William Hays, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jurgs are popular in the circles which they frequent.

**JOHN FINLEY**—Since January 1, 1912, the responsible position of guarding the civic welfare and directing the varied departments for the administering of law and order for the city of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, have been in the hands, capable and efficient, of a much respected individual, John Finley. At the time he was appointed to the office by the village trustees, the town was much smaller than it has since become and the civic problems were of correspondingly less consequence. One may say that Mr. Finley has grown with the city and he has shown a breadth of vision and practical understanding that has been of infinite value in the office of chief of police.

John Finley was born in the little town of Cabot, Vermont, April 24, 1873, the third child of Irish-born parents. John and Nancy (McKillup) Finley were natives of County Antrim in the northeastern-most part of Ulster, Ireland, a part of Ireland that has sent America the best of the Irish-born citizenry that it has had. They took up farming in Vermont, and their five children were raised sturdily and carefully in the rugged country life of New England in the towns of Cabot and Danville. They attended the graded schools and John graduated from the Cabot Plains High School. He began his manhood life employed by the Boston and Maine Railroad in various mechanical capacities, stepping up from general hand to steam shovel engineer, acquiring responsibility as he went. Then construction work with Colwill and Varnum for eleven years as steam shovel engineer, followed by a return in this capacity to the Boston and Maine Railroad, there to remain until he resigned to take up the duties of chief of police of St. Johnsbury, in 1912. He is a Democrat in his political affiliations but his civic position kept him outside of any active participation in them. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the New England Order of Protection, and to the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Finley married Maud Goodenough, daughter of Warner and Mabel (Boinett) Goodenough, who was born at Danville, Vermont. Mrs. Finley died September 5, 1926, leaving her husband and one daughter, Iva Leona Finley. Throughout their life together, Mr. and Mrs. Finley were attendants of the Universalist church.

**JAMES E. KENNEDY**—Distinguished citizen of Burlington, long active in matters of politics and the government of the commonwealth, James E. Kennedy has lived a diversified and interesting career. He is treasurer and manager of A. B. Rugg and Company, Incorporated, dealers at wholesale in dry goods, notions, leather goods and kindred lines. Constantly since commencement of his residence here he has contributed to the community's advancement, economic, social and civil.

Mr. Kennedy was born January 6, 1870, in Mooers, New York State, a son of William and Mary (Hanrahan) Kennedy, his father having engaged in farming through many years in the Mooers area. On the farm he attained to manhood, received his academic training in the schools of Mooers, and removed to Vermont, as station agent in Williston, for the Central Vermont Railroad, in 1892. Ten years he served as agent in Williston, meanwhile becoming of prominence in community matters and being appointed postmaster under President

Cleveland's administration. He held the office four years, together with other offices of the town, and in 1908 was elected to the State Senate. In 1910 he was returned to the State House as member of the Lower House. His political record and record of statesmanship have been of remark, both while he was a resident of Williston and later as a resident and business factor of Burlington. In 1914 he was elected chairman of the Democratic State Committee of Vermont, and retained the chairmanship two years. As Democratic National Committeeman he served from 1916 to 1919. Under President Wilson, 1919-21, he was collector of United States Internal Revenues; in 1922 was candidate for election to Congress, and four years thereafter for election to the Senate. Through his public responsibilities and honorable party record, Mr. Kennedy is a valued member of the Democratic forces of Burlington and the State of Vermont; and as treasurer and manager of the Rugg company holds a comparable position in mercantile spheres. He is a member of Woodmen of the World, the Knights of Columbus, Burlington Country Club, and other bodies. From 1900 to 1918, while of Williston, Mr. Kennedy found opportunity to engage in farming. He maintained a fine herd of dairy cattle, stock of the best blood, and kept up his acreage to a degree of efficiency making it a show-farm of the countryside.

Mr. Kennedy married, in 1892, Marcia Fay Whitcomb, daughter of John Whitcomb, of Williston.

**MARTIN EDSON DANIELS**—Made superintendent of the Caledonia North Central School Union in 1907, Martin Edson Daniels has, with the exception of one year, held that position continuously ever since. Including as it does seven towns and three incorporated districts, Burke, East Haven, Kirby, Lyndon Town, Lyndonville, Inc., Lyndon, Inc., Newark, Sheffield, West Burke, and Wheelock, the Union and its management constitute a complicated problem, yet Mr. Daniels not only discharges the innumerable duties it involves efficiently, but also finds time to participate in activities of schoolmen of the State and play a part in many community matters about Lyndonville that have to do directly and indirectly with furthering education.

Mr. Daniels was born at Wheelock, September 22, 1871, the son of Abram and Loanda (Hoyt) Daniels, both parents being natives of Vermont and his father a farmer. He has one brother, Edwin A. Mr. Daniels attended the elementary schools at Wheelock and then went to Lyndon Institute where he was graduated in 1894. After teaching for two terms in the public schools of Wheelock and Lyndon he taught for two terms at the Green Mountain Seminary, Waterbury. When this institution was closed for lack of funds, he enrolled for the bookkeeping and shorthand courses at Albany Business College, also specializing in penmanship, taking a full year for this work. Upon graduation he was called to Lyndon Institute where he taught commercial branches for ten years. He resigned his position there in 1907 to accept the superintendency of the Caledonia North Central School Union, in which capacity he has since served. Expecting to take an extended rest, he resigned his position one year, but six months later accepted the superintendency of Bristol and adjacent towns. He remained here only six months, however, and at the end of that time yielded to the pressure brought to bear and gave up his work in Bristol to return to Lyndonville.

Mr. Daniels is a member of the Board of Trustees for Lyndon Institute and treasurer for that body for several years, also treasurer for the Board of Trustees of Cobleigh Library, of which he has been a member since 1913. He is a member of the committee for boys' work of the Lyndonville Rotary Club and trustee and treasurer of the Free Baptist Church. For three



years Mr. Daniels served as president of the Vermont Superintendents Association, and is vice-president of the Vermont State Teachers' Association at the time of this writing (1928).

Mr. Daniels married Cora A. Brock, the daughter of David and Emily (Rhodes) Brock of Ryegate, Vermont. Mrs. Daniels was graduated from Middlebury College with the class of 1896. Their one son, Philip, attended Lyndon Institute, then went to the University of Vermont where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1927. He is continuing his study in medicine there.

**ROBERT LELAND MAYNARD, M. D.**—Among Vermont's leading medical practitioners, one who has worked as physician and surgeon since 1911, specializing in general and orthopedic surgery, is Dr. Robert Leland Maynard, of Burlington. Associated with numerous hospitals and specialist on the Roentgen ray, Dr. Maynard conducts one of the largest general practices in this section, and his qualifications on the more scientific phases of surgery have created a great demand for his services among his confreres. In addition to these many professional duties, he is an instructor in the University of Vermont and one of the signal figures in the various medical societies and associations, both local and national in scope. Dr. Maynard also is the possessor of an enviable military record, having served almost two years in the Medical Corps, his duties taking him overseas where he was attached for a time to one of the most famous divisions of the American army, a military organization with a record that will survive as long as this country itself. Dr. Maynard takes a deep interest in religious affairs, and is a popular member of local social circles.

Dr. Maynard was born December 17, 1888, at Poughkeepsie, New York, son of Robert Leland and Abbie I. (McClasky) Maynard, the father being a retired merchant with extensive interests in dry goods and other commodities.

Dr. Robert Leland Maynard was educated at River-view Military Academy, Poughkeepsie, New York, and after his graduation from the academy in 1907, he promptly entered the College of Medicine, University of Vermont, which graduated him with his degree in 1911. Thus it will be seen that he had prepared himself for a prominent position in the two most important periods of his life—military service and medicine. Since his graduation in 1911, Dr. Maynard has devoted himself to practice, this including general practice and orthopedic surgery. Since receiving his degree he has given many hours to the study of those subjects which have most deeply interested him, and the results of this research work are demonstrated in his present connections. He is assistant attending surgeon of the Mary Fletcher Hospital; attending surgeon and Roentgenologist at Bishop de Gorsbriand Memorial Hospital; Roentgenologist and member of the surgical staff of the Fanny Allen Hospital. It would seem that these professional duties would require the time of two men, but Dr. Maynard not only operates most satisfactorily and thoroughly in his practice, but also is assistant professor of orthopedic surgery and instructor of surgery in the University of Vermont, College of Medicine, his *alma mater*. In this same institution Dr. Maynard became a member of the medical fraternity, Alpha Kappa Kappa, and his professional societies include the Burlington and Chittenden County Clinical Society, the Vermont State Medical Society, and he is a Fellow in the American Medical Association. He seeks recreation at the Burlington Country Club, and is a member of the Congregational church, liberal at all times in support of this denomination.

In May, 1917, shortly after the United States entered the World War, Dr. Maynard enlisted in the Medical

Corps, United States Army, being commissioned a first lieutenant. He was immediately assigned to duty at Fort Ethan Allen, in Vermont, where he remained until December, 1917. His next assignment took him abroad with Base Hospital, No. 116, where he remained until February, 1919. In the meantime, however, Dr. Maynard was detailed to duty with the 2d Division, regular army. In this division he was a member of the staff of Field Hospital No. 15, and for a time was assigned to 2d Battalion, 9th Infantry, from April, 1918, to July, 1918. The 2d Division was one of the "shock" organizations of General Pershing's forces, and during the time Dr. Maynard was attached thereto, it participated in some of the bloodiest and fiercest engagements of the entire war. These included the Chateau-Thierry battle and the Soissons Offensive, which was admittedly the turning point of the World War.

Dr. Maynard married, October 19, 1915, at New Ham-burgh, New York, Eloise Ward Angell, daughter of Charles P. and Minnie Alice (Lent) Angell, and to the doctor and his wife has been born one child, Betty Jane, on March 2, 1920.

**JOHN W. DAVIES**—Owner and operator of the manufacturing plant for the production of high pressure pumps at St. Johnsbury, known as the Manton and Gan-lin Manufacturing Company, John W. Davies is not only a successful business man and farmer, but also one of the public benefactors of the town of Waterford in Vermont. For many years the village of Lower Waterford was an abandoned place, deserted and desolate. Mr. Davies became interested in this section, and bought much of the farm lands, buildings and all, and has since devoted much time and energy to its improvement. Today there is hardly a prettier spot along the banks of the Connecticut River. All the land is occupied and well-kept; the buildings are painted pure white and entirely remodelled, and in fact it has become the beauty spot of the entire town. This is only one of the services which Mr. Davies has performed in the community, and much honor has come to him for his public-spirited activities.

Mr. Davies was born in Union, Maine, on July 10, 1866, a son of Edward Davies, who was born in England, and of Jane (Nason) Davies, who was a native of Maine. Of the three children in the family, he is the only one surviving.

John W. Davies received his education in the public schools and also attended high school at Reading, Massachusetts. He began his business career as salesman for the Cluett Peabody Company, and for ten years remained in their employ, covering the cities of Albany, Utica, Syracuse and Buffalo, in New York State, and Cleveland, in Ohio. He was very successful in this work, receiving high commendation for his meritorious services. About this time he became, on account of a small debt, interested in the milk and cream business, devoting to it his time and attention for several years. Through hard work, in combination with his sound judgment and executive ability, he was able to lay the ground work of a successful business, which he soon built up to a high degree of prosperity, disposing of his property after ten years of operation to the farmers where his creamery was located and then in turn to one of the large creamery concerns, the Turner Center System.

In 1914 Mr. Davies had occasion to make a trip to France, and while there became interested in the homogenizers, or high pressure pumps, which he now manufactures. He immediately purchased the American rights, bringing to this country the details of construction, and establishing his plant at St. Johnsbury. Although the patents expired in 1921, he has continued operations in manufacturing his product which finds a ready market throughout the country. By his success



in this and his other projects Mr. Davies has contributed his full share to the larger prosperity of his State and Nation. In recent years he acquired his farm lands in the town of Waterford, where, in addition to raising general produce, he has about fifty head of Ayrshire cattle and fifty head of Shropshire sheep.

Mr. Davies is a director of the Associated Industries of Vermont, and a generous supporter of worthy civic and benevolent causes. Mr. Davies was president of the local Red Cross chapter in Reading from the time it was established until his removal to St. Johnsbury. Towards the close of the World War he purchased a house in Reading and gave it to the ex-service men for a club house. This is known as Victory House and was one of the first philanthropies of this kind in the country. In politics, he is a member of the Republican party, and has always maintained a vital interest in the problems of government and the general welfare of the community and State. He and his family worship in the faith of the Congregational church.

John W. Davies married Marion Lombard, born in Boston, Massachusetts, a daughter of Cyrus and Hannah (Gile) Lombard, of that city. Mrs. Davies has been very active in community work at Lower Waterford, being especially interested in the local library, for the benefit of which she supervises the operation of a Women's Exchange, the profits going to the maintenance fund and for the purchase of new books.

Mr. and Mrs. Davies are the parents of three children: 1. Dorothy, wife of Richard Brown, now residing in Seattle, Washington. They have six children: Wesley Davies, Priscilla, Webster E. (2), Ralph, Dorothy Jean, and Richard M., Jr. 2. Gile, who married Hamilton Allport, and now lives at Glencoe, Illinois. They have four children: Marian, Hamilton, Jr., Davies, and Harriett. 3. Priscilla, who married Steven A. Payne, whose residence is at Brookline, Massachusetts. Three children have been born to them: Priscilla, William A. (2), and Sarah Sargent.

**HORACE DWIGHT McMULLEN**—Well known to financial circles of Vermont, himself prominent in the investment business in Burlington, Horace Dwight McMullen was born April 3, 1881, at Picton, Ontario. He is a son of George W. and Ruth A. (Yarwood) McMullen, his father having attained to a position of eminence in the financial spheres of the United States. George W. McMullen was formerly president of the McMullen Woven Wire Fencing Company, which now is a part of the United States Steel Corporation. He it was who founded the Chicago "Evening Post," prior to the Chicago fire. (This publication, incidentally, still is extant, retaining the ideals of the Republican policies laid down by the founder. It is counted one of the two most reliable papers in Chicago, the "Tribune" being the other. Though conservative and comparatively small as to number of pages, it is a foremost newspaper, broadly quoted.) George W. McMullen it was, also, who built the Central Ontario Railroad, who founded in Illinois a number of large banking houses, and owned, in addition to his financial talents, a positive genius at invention.

From his father, Horace Dwight McMullen undoubtedly inherited his capacity for finance. In Picton, Ontario, he completed his elementary and secondary courses of academic instruction, graduated from high school, and came thence to the United States, to enter Cornell University, in 1900. Meanwhile, beginning in 1902, he had become interested actively in advertising, and went to Chicago, the scene of his father's activities through many years. He engaged in the advertising business there some time, subsequently removing to Montreal,

where he continued in the business until 1911. It was in that year that he began the preparation of sales campaigns for bond houses, and this led to personal participation in the sale of securities. In 1915 he commenced in the investment business, still in Montreal, and in 1919 came to Burlington, where he has had offices since. While in the Dominion he specialized in Canadian bonds, but more recently has altered the specialty to American investments.

Mr. McMullen is a member of Burlington Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Commandery, Knights Templar; Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is accounted one of the foremost citizens of Burlington, constructively concerned in the community's progress.

In 1912 Mr. McMullen was united in marriage with Bessie C. Martin, daughter of John D. Martin; and their children are: Horace M. and Brenda W.

**EDWARD PHILO WOODBURY**—Foremost among the leading hotel executives of Vermont is Edward Philo Woodbury, of Burlington, who as owner and operator of the beautiful Allenwood Inn on Lake Champlain has been instrumental in bringing to Vermont each summer a large number of important visitors from all parts of the United States. Mr. Woodbury has for many years been identified with the hotel business, and, in 1912, he expanded the scope of his activities by purchasing the Hotel Ridgewood at Daytona Beach, Florida, which is one of the most attractive houses catering to the winter visitors.

Mr. Woodbury was born in Burlington, May 19, 1876, son of Urban A. and Paulina L. (Darling) Woodbury. Urban Andrain Woodbury was born in Acworth, New Hampshire, July 11, 1838, son of Albert M. and Lucy L. (Wadleigh) Woodbury. He was educated in the public schools and People's Academy, graduating from the Medical Department of the University of Vermont in 1859. He was one of the leading business men of this city for many years. A leader in political circles, he was an ardent Republican and was elected to the highest office in the State and installed as Governor of Vermont in 1894, serving the regular two-year term. He also held many other civil offices of distinction and gave to them all the same sincere, conscientious attention that characterized his splendid term as chief executive of this commonwealth. In September, 1898, he was appointed by President McKinley to membership on the commission to investigate the conduct of the War Department in the war with Spain. A veteran of the Civil War, he enlisted in May, 1861, in the Second Vermont Volunteers and lost his right arm at the first battle of Bull Run, 1861, being taken prisoner and confined in military prison at Richmond, Virginia. Paroled in October, 1861, he returned to his home where he was made captain of Company D, 11th Regiment, Vermont Volunteers, August, 1862, being later made captain of the 13th Veteran Reserve Corps June, 1863, continuing until March, 1865. Urban Andrain Woodbury married, in 1860, Paulina L. Darling of Morristown, and to this union were born six children: Charles L., Minnie S., Gertrude F., Edward Philo, of whom further; Lila D., and Mildred D.

Edward Philo Woodbury was educated in the public schools of Burlington, and after high school entered the University of Vermont which he attended for two years. In 1896, he became associated with the Crystal Confectionery Company and the following year was made assistant treasurer of the concern, becoming treasurer in 1899, which office he held until he severed this connection in 1907 to become manager of the Van Ness



House of this city and operated this splendid hotel with pronounced success. He later purchased the George Allen Estate which comprised one hundred acres on Lake Champlain, situated about two miles south of Burlington and he has since conducted this superb country place as a tourist resort of the higher type under the name of the Allenwood Inn. Here vacationists are assured of comfortable, peaceful surroundings with congenial company, combined with a cordial hospitality which has made it one of the outstanding vacation points in the State. The Allenwood Inn is open during the summer months only. In the winter season, Mr. Woodbury operates the Hotel Ridgewood at Daytona Beach, Florida, which has become the headquarters of a select clientele who recognize and appreciate the high standards under which it is conducted. Mr. Woodbury is active in the financial life of his city, having been a director of the Chittenden County Trust Company since its inception in 1906. In politics, he is a staunch supporter of the principles of the Republican party, while his fraternal affiliations are with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he has attained the thirty-second degree; Knights Templar: Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a popular member of the Burlington Country Club, Ethan Allen Club; Lake Champlain Yacht Club, and the Mohican Club. He is a member of the Order of Foreign Wars and by virtue of his colonial ancestry, holds membership in the Society of Colonial Wars. In religious adherence, he is a member of the Congregational church.

Mr. Woodbury enlisted in the Vermont National Guard in 1894 as a member of Company M, First Infantry. In 1895, he was promoted to the rank of corporal, made sergeant in 1896 and elected second lieutenant in 1899. In 1904, he was advanced to the rank of captain and served until February 19, 1907, when he resigned his commission. On October 8, 1908, he was appointed a member of Governor Prouty's staff with the rank of colonel, and for two years, served as inspector of rifle practice, thus completing a period of fifteen years in military affairs. Following the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, Mr. Woodbury became a second lieutenant in the United States Army and served during the war until November 7, 1898, when his regiment was mustered out of service.

Edward Philo Woodbury married, in 1897, Alice Gleason Clarke, of Burlington, and they have three children: 1. Murray Clarke, who married Sara Holmes, of Jacksonville, Florida, and they are the parents of one daughter, Alice Clarke. 2. Elsa Phyllis, who is now Mrs. Harold E. Crane, of Burlington, and they have two daughters, Laura and Charlotte. 3. Martha Jane Woodbury, now a student.

**URBAN ANDRAIN WOODBURY, II**—A visitor traversing the eastern shore of Lake Champlain in the vicinity of the city of Burlington would come upon a four-mile frontage of one of the finest agricultural enterprises in all Vermont. This splendidly kept estate is known as Appletree Point Farms, beautiful for situation, a show place of the region, and the pride of the owner, Urban Andrain Woodbury, II, descendant of a Governor of the Green Mountain State. Mr. Woodbury is known to stock fanciers throughout the country as the breeder of one of the finest grades of Guernsey cattle on this continent. The strength, excellence and other desirable points in his Guernsey strain has been marked on his exhibits at various expositions in the United States, where they have drawn down trophies on end. Mr. Woodbury is also engaged in the real estate business in Burlington proper, where he is highly placed as a citizen.

Urban Andrain Woodbury, II, named in honor of his

distinguished grandfather, Governor Urban Andrain Woodbury, was born in Burlington, July 20, 1894. The family has been prominent in Vermont history for generations. Governor Woodbury, paternal grandfather of Urban Andrain, II, was the chief executive of his State in 1894-96, having previously served as Lieutenant-Governor of Vermont, mayor and alderman of the city of Burlington, member with the rank of colonel of Governor Barstow's staff (1884-86). He was a veteran officer of the Civil War, having lost an arm at the first battle of Bull Run, his "the first sleeve emptied by a rebel shot among the Vermont troops." He was captured, imprisoned at Richmond, Virginia; paroled; commissioned captain in the Vermont Volunteers; and made captain of the 13th Veteran Reserve Corps. After the war he became a prominent business man and hotel proprietor. He married, almost on the eve of the Civil War, Paulina L. Darling, of Morristown, and they were the parents of six children, of whom was Charles Lincoln. Charles Lincoln Woodbury was born in Elmore, September 7, 1865, less than five months after President Lincoln had been laid low by an assassin's bullet, therefore Charles' parents gave him for his middle name that of the Emancipator. Charles Lincoln Woodbury's mother is living (1928) in her eighty-sixth year, and in the enjoyment of good health. He married Anna Blake Rawson, born in Des Moines, Iowa, the daughter of Dr. Charles Rawson, born in Craftsbury, Vermont, who practiced medicine in Des Moines for a number of years. They were the parents of Urban Andrain, II.

The education of Urban Andrain Woodbury, II, began in the public schools of his native city, Burlington. He took his preparatory course at the celebrated Choate School, Wallingford, Connecticut, and then matriculated at the University of Vermont, where he was a student for three years. He next decided upon a course in agriculture which he took at Cornell University, from which he was graduated in the class of 1916. In 1915, Mr. Woodbury already had gotten well along on his agricultural enterprise, having bought in that year the well-known Appletree Point Farms, situated on North Avenue, in Burlington. As soon as he arrived from the university and had settled on the farm, he set about the realization of one of his supreme ambitions by assembling a fine basic herd of Guernsey cattle. As he continued to breed along carefully applied scientific methods he developed an outstanding strain of Guernseys, and eventually his herd came to be recognized as one of the best, if not the best, of its class in the country. Mr. Woodbury spared neither pains nor money to improve his strain to the highest points of excellence possible. All his efforts and those whom he called to his side as advisers and assistants were amply repaid when representatives of the herd in goodly numbers were taken on a tour of trophy-winning triumphs from exposition to exposition throughout the United States. For three successive years the Woodbury herd drew down first prizes for the best stand of Guernseys. Deanie's Marose of Appletree Point was awarded the first prize and Senior and Grand Championships at the National Dairy Show in 1922, this signal honor being of especial importance in recognition of the head and sire of the herd at Appletree Point Farms.

The city of Burlington is the beneficiary of Mr. Woodbury's real estate activities, as his development of various properties there adds not a little to the value of assessable parcels, and is instrumental in giving impetus to the business situation generally. He is affiliated with the college fraternity of Sigma Phi and with Washington Lodge, No. 100, Free and Accepted Masons. His social organizations are the Rotary Club, Ethan Allen Club, Burlington Country Club and Lake Champlain Yacht Club.

Urban Andrain Woodbury, II, married, November 1,



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1924, at Des Moines, Iowa, Amelia Dorothy Rogg, daughter of Theodore Long and Blanche (Simpson) Rogg, her father, born in Illinois, and now deceased. The mother and widow, a native of Selingsgrove, Pennsylvania, married for her second husband Charles Walter Rogg, brother of her first husband. Mr. and Mrs. Urban Andrain Woodbury, II, have a son, Charles Walter Rogg Woodbury, born August 13, 1928.

**FRED H. DAVIS, M. D.**—For almost forty years, Fred H. Davis has practiced medicine at Lyndonville, Vermont, in a very successful way. Coming here after years of the most painstaking preparation for his career, Dr. Davis quickly won the confidence of the community, gradually adding to his initial practice as the demands on his services constantly increased until today he is one of the most popular and best-known physicians in this section of the State.

Dr. Davis was born at Westmore, Vermont, September 22, 1857, a son of Leander Davis, who was born at Westmore, and of Mary (Jacobs) Davis, born at Sutton, Vermont. The father was a farmer by occupation, but when the Civil War broke out he answered his country's call to service, enlisting as a member of the 11th Vermont Infantry. Following engagement in several of the most important battles of the war, he was captured by the Confederate troops and imprisoned in Andersonville Prison, where he died of starvation and exposure.

Fred H. Davis attended the public schools of West Burke, Vermont, and later entered the University of Vermont, at Burlington. Following the completion of his preliminary training, he enrolled at Hahnemann Hospital and College of Medicine at Chicago, and from this institution was graduated on March 17, 1890, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. At this great medical center, Dr. Davis also acquired the necessary hospital experience, returning after his graduation to Vermont where he began the practice of his profession. For a year he occupied offices at Barre, coming at the end of this time to Lyndonville, buying the practice of Dr. Tillotson, a fellow student of his at Chicago. From this date, April 1, 1891, until the present time Dr. Davis has remained at Lyndonville, active at all times in the care of the sick and injured, a most valued and highly respected member of the community. By constant study he has kept well abreast of all the latest developments in the medical sciences giving to his patients the advantage of the most advanced methods and treatments.

In the various associations of the men of his profession, Dr. Davis has been very active, being now president of the Eastern Counties Medical Society, and past president of the Vermont State Homeopathic Medical Society, as well as a member of the American Medical Association. In the community life at Lyndonville he has been for years an important figure, taking a prominent part in every movement for village improvement of the advancement of the civic welfare. In politics he supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party, making of his ballot an effective weapon for the community good, while he is affiliated fraternally with Crescent Lodge, No. 66, of the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order is also a member of Haswell Chapter, No. 5, of Royal Arch Masons, Palestine Commandery, No. 5, at St. Johnsbury, of the Knights Templar, and Mt. Sinai Temple, No. 3, at Montpelier, of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was also for years a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a charter member of the local branch of the Improved Order of Red Men, holding all the chairs in the order at different times. Dr. Davis has always been much interested in music, and played in the Lyndonville Band forty years ago, although forced to resign from the organization to devote his time to his profession. Now, however, for the past few years, he

has been active in band work again. With his family he worships in the Congregational faith, having been trustee and deacon of the local church for the past twenty years, and a liberal supporter of the church in all its activities.

Fred H. Davis married Julia S. Ayres, who died on February 7, 1925, a daughter of Joseph D. and Ellen M. (Goss) Ayres, of Glover, Vermont. Dr. and Mrs. Davis became the parents of one son, Karl A., who was educated at Lyndon Institute and Norwich University, and served as captain and instructor during the World War at the various army camps. He married Laura Stanley, of St. Johnsbury, and they have one son, Stanley Ayres.

**JOSEPH A. McNAMARA**—Military service, occasioned by the entrance of the United States into the World War, called Joseph A. McNamara, of Burlington, to a place in the ranks of the American Expeditionary Forces while in the midst of his studies. He, however, continued on his course after the close of that conflict and has since been in active practice here, with a reputation that grows higher with each cause he professionally conducts. He is a young man of estimable character, native industry and broad education, devoted to the best interests that engage the attention of his fellow-citizens and at all times ready to lend his time and attainments to the promotion of the general welfare.

Mr. McNamara was born in Fair Haven, Vermont, August 4, 1892, and was educated in the elementary and high schools there and at Holy Cross College, from which he was graduated in 1915. He then began the study of law in the offices of Thomas W. Maloney in Rutland, after which he entered the Law School of Harvard University in 1915, continuing until 1918, when he entered the Army. In 1919 he was admitted to the bar of Vermont at Burlington, where he has since practiced. He has served as Judge of the Burlington Municipal Court.

Joseph A. McNamara married a daughter of Thomas Magner, district manager of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York, and they are the parents of three children: Maureen, Nancy, and James.

**ARTHUR H. GLEASON**—Senior member of the firm of A. H. Gleason & Company, his partner being Ray P. Bailey, Arthur H. Gleason has been so engaged in this one place since 1902, although for ten years, from 1914-24, he devoted most of his time to the duties of postmaster at St. Johnsbury. The firm of A. H. Gleason & Company has attained a splendid reputation here, and dealing in nothing but standard brands of groceries and the best of meats, the firm has attracted as patrons the better classes of St. Johnsbury. During the ten years which Mr. Gleason served as postmaster, he performed the duties of this office most creditably, giving to the people of his town service that was excelled by no other office of its size.

Mr. Gleason was born November 25, 1865, at Sag Harbor, Long Island, New York, son of Gabriel H. and Susan (Vaile) Gleason. His father was an attorney and attained high rating in this profession. Both parents are now deceased. Arthur H. Gleason obtained his education in the public schools, and while still in his boyhood began working in a grocery store, starting as a clerk in 1883. Later he came to St. Johnsbury, with a thorough understanding of the details necessary for the conduct of a retail grocery firm, and bought the business on Main Street, with which he has since been connected. This was in 1902, and with the exception of the ten years during which he served as postmaster, he has devoted his full time to the affairs of A. H. Gleason & Company. In 1914, when he received his appointment as postmaster from President Woodrow Wilson, Mr. Gleason had as an employee, Ray P. Bailey.



Realizing the multitudinous duties in the post office would require almost all of his time, he gave Mr. Bailey a one-half interest in the firm, and he later assumed active supervision until the expiration of Mr. Gleason's period of service as postmaster.

Always a staunch Democrat and a leader in the circles of that party, Mr. Gleason also devotes much of his time to civic affairs, being a valued member of the Chamber of Commerce of St. Johnsbury. Seldom is there a project designed for the public welfare which does not find him giving it his full support. He is a member of Modern Woodmen of America, and of the Masonic order, his affiliations therein including membership in the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and the Commandery, Knights Templar.

Arthur H. Gleason married Lillie E. Worthen, who was born at Waits River, Vermont. One child was born to this marriage, Ruth Louise, who died at the age of twenty-one years. Mrs. Gleason is a member of the Christian Science Church, while Mr. Gleason attends the North Congregational Church. They reside at No. 46 Summer Street, St. Johnsbury.

**CHARLES HERRICK MOWER**—Standing high in the business and industrial life of Burlington, Vermont, Charles Herrick Mower is president of the Standard Coal and Fuel Company, which does a retail business in coal, oil and related products. Even before he took over this company, Mr. Mower was prominent in Burlington, having been connected for a number of years with the Burlington Grocery Company, which his father conducted here. Among his other interests, he is a dog fancier of considerable discrimination, has bred Boston terriers for a number of years and owns several champions, including animals that have won trophies both in America and abroad. He was born November 24, 1872, in Stowe, Lamoille County, Vermont, a son of Emery C. and Harriet Augusta (Herrick) Mower. His father, a wholesale grocer, was for thirty-three years president of the Burlington Grocery Company and of the Winooski Savings Bank, served for one term as city treasurer of Burlington and also as assessor for a number of years, was a Democrat in his political leanings, and died at the ripe old age of eighty-two years. Charles Herrick Mower, the son, was educated at the Burlington High School and at the University of Vermont. Leaving school at the age of twenty-one years, he entered the employ of the Burlington Grocery Company, of which his father was the head, and continued with it until 1918, when he entered the coal and oil business, associated with Roy L. Patrick. He succeeded the Standard Coal and Ice Company, which had been incorporated in 1898, and his new company was known as the Standard Coal and Fuel Company, of which he is today president and manager. From the outset he was successful in this type of work, and with the passing years came to be highly regarded by his fellowmen, who rewarded him with their constant patronage and good will. Mr. Mower, in addition to his work with the Standard Coal and Fuel Company, is treasurer of the Nokol Oil Heating Corporation, as well as a director of the Vermont Acceptance Corporation.

Keenly interested in all phases of the public life of Burlington and this region of Vermont, he is a member of the Ethan Allen Club; has strong ties with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he is a past district deputy; and in his political views follows the standards of the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he staunchly supports, although he has never been active in politics nor sought the favor of politicians.

One of his principal hobbies has always been horses, he having ridden regularly since he was six years old. He is a breeder of thoroughbred saddle horses, as well as

of Boston terriers, his champion dogs including "Colonel Monte," "Auburn Happy" and "Auburn Happy, Jr." Mr. Mower has served as judge at national dog shows from Boston to Los Angeles, and over a period of twenty years his dogs have won more than one hundred trophies and prizes at different demonstrations, both in the United States and in foreign countries. Among his many prizes is the silver medal awarded by the Société Canine de Savoie Aix Bains. His champions include "Auburn Happy," "Auburn Rummie" and "Arethusa." At Madison Square Garden, New York City, he won for two years in succession a special prize for the best team of four Boston terriers.

In 1899 Charles Herrick Mower married Louise Chittenden Galusha, a daughter of Rollin Galusha, of Jericho, Vermont, by which union there is one son, Emery Chittenden Mower. Louise Chittenden (Galusha) Mower is a direct descendant of Governor Galusha, her grandfather, and of Governor Chittenden, who was her great-grandfather. Not so many years ago Emery Chittenden Mower dedicated the tablet to Governor Chittenden, which was erected on the site of the old family homestead.

**FRED PLUMMER DARLING**—The large general store at Lyndon that bears the name of Darling is owned and operated by father and son and in the same coöperation is the farmstead, the son managing the farm and the father the store. Fred Plummer Darling, the elder, and senior partner was born in Glover, on September 11, 1875, a son of Laban M. and Lucy (Stone) Darling. His parents being both deceased, he was obliged to begin to earn a living at thirteen. He managed to acquire a common school education and learned, too, the trade of carpenter, which he followed as a business for some time, until he had saved enough capital to buy a farm in the town of Wheelock, which he carried on for nineteen years. Later, he took over the general store at Lyndon and is now counted as one of the solid business men of the district. Mr. Darling serves in various useful civic capacities in the interests of the town. He is one of the directors of the school, auditor and lister of the town of Wheelock, and justice of the peace and a prominent Knight of Pythias in the town of Lyndonville. He and his family are attendants at the Methodist Church.

Fred P. Darling was married to Bell M. Dana, daughter of Edward J. and Mary (Williams) Dana, who was born in Sheffield. George Henry Darling, the only son, is associated with his father in business, as has been said, and is married to Doris M. Smith, and has one daughter, Berenice.

**FRANCIS C. DERBY**—One of the leading business men of Burlington, Vermont, is Francis C. Derby, who, over a period of many years, has experienced many different types of work, and who, as a public accountant, plays an important part in the life of his city and its environs. Always active in social and fraternal affairs in his community, Mr. Derby is highly regarded by his fellowmen and by the many friends whom he has acquired in and near Burlington.

He was born July 4, 1886, in Somerville, Massachusetts, a son of George Herbert and Mary Ann (Langer) Derby, both natives of Massachusetts. His father was the founder of the Derby Desk Company, invented improvements over the old style of roll top desks, manufactured desks and office furniture of all kinds, and was one of the outstanding citizens of Massachusetts. Francis C. Derby received his early education in the public schools and in the high school of Somerville, then attended business college in Somerville and took up bookkeeping as a profession. When he began work in his chosen field of endeavor, he obtained diversi-







*J. E. McIntosh*

fied experience in a number of manufacturing plants, hotels and clubs, public utilities organizations, and in several industries, including granite, lumber, dairying, automobile, banking, brokerage, finance, insurance and many others. He also acquired experience in city government. For five years he worked in public accountants' offices in Boston, and then, in 1918, came to Burlington, Vermont, representing the American Audit Company of Boston on special auditing, and at the same time concluded that it was most advisable for him to make his home in Burlington and here continue his professional work. A year later, as a public accountant, he had made such headway that it was necessary for him to employ four assistants to care for his growing business. On January 1, 1926, he entered a copartnership with P. Frederick Jurgs, who, from March, 1920, had been his assistant. This firm, now known as Francis C. Derby Company, has acquired a wide and favorable reputation in Burlington and this part of the country, and Mr. Derby is considered a leader in the type of work that he has chosen for his career.

In addition to his other activities, Mr. Derby is a member of the Rotary Club, the Burlington Country Club, and the Free and Accepted Masons, in which his affiliations are with Washington Lodge, the Vermont Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he holds the thirty-second degree, the Burlington Commandery of Knights Templar, the Mount Sinai Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Montpelier. His religious affiliation is with the Unitarian church, where he is the chairman of the Prudential Committee, and in politics he is a Republican.

In October, 1912, Mr. Derby married Ada Belle Manning, a daughter of Dexter C. and Alice Manning, of Vermont. By this marriage there has been one child, Marjorie Frances, born June 20, 1920.

**FRANK EDWARD MCINTOSH**—One of the busiest and most successful men of Burlington, Vermont, is Frank Edward McIntosh, managing director of the General Ice Cream Corporation, which is a merger of several important ice cream manufactories and dairy companies of New England. Mr. McIntosh has throughout his active life been identified with milk product concerns in various localities, and he has been a resident of Vermont since 1913. During the fifteen years of his residence here he has been a live wire in the fluctuating history of the various dairies and ice cream manufactories which are now merged in the General Ice Cream Corporation, and he has been an important factor in the achievement of the present success of the company. Mr. McIntosh is a native of New York State and a graduate of the Henry Wallace Business School, of Syracuse, New York. Besides his responsibilities as managing director of the General Ice Cream Corporation, he is also identified with numerous other business projects, being president of Sunset Clift, Incorporated, and director of Franklin Creameries, Incorporated. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, and active in numerous other clubs and fraternal organizations.

Frank Edward McIntosh was born in Delhi, New York, August 23, 1879, son of Theophilus F., a newspaper publisher and editor, and of Frances (Keeler) McIntosh. He received his education in the Academy of Delhi and in the Henry Wallace Business School, at Syracuse, New York, and then entered the employ of the International Milk Products Company, of Coopers-town, New York. His connection with this concern was maintained for nearly a score of years during which time he was advanced to responsible positions as manager of the various branches of the concern, serving as manager of the Scranton, Pennsylvania, branch from 1905

to 1906, and as manager of the Gouverneur, New York, plant from 1910 to 1913. In 1913 he came to Vermont and associated himself with W. H. B. Slingerland, bought out the H. N. Coon Ice Cream Company, of Burlington, which had been in operation since 1873, Mr. Coon being the first commercial ice cream manufacturer in New England, and then set about the task of expanding this old business. Steadily he extended the field of operations of the concern until the States of Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, part of Massachusetts, and Northern New York State were included. In 1917 the business was incorporated as the Coon Ice Cream Company, Incorporated, with Mr. McIntosh as president, and he filled that position most efficiently until June, 1915, when another important step in the development of the present big concern was taken. At that time the Coon Ice Cream Company, Incorporated, was merged with other companies forming the Eastern Dairies, Incorporated, with Mr. McIntosh as first vice-president. On January 1, 1928, the Eastern Dairies, Incorporated, was merged into the General Ice Cream Corporation, and at that time Mr. McIntosh became managing director of the big concern.

The growth of the business since the original company took over the H. N. Coon business in 1913 has been prodigious. In 1913 the annual output of ice cream was 20,000 gallons. When the first merger was completed the output was increased to 1,000,000 gallons per year. In 1915 the corporation purchased the Middlebury Co-operative Creamery Company and began operating it in conjunction with the ice cream business, and since that time they have produced large quantities of Vermont dairy products, distributing to Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. In 1917 the corporation built the first modern plant in Vermont, equipping it with every possible device for mass production, and here they now employ about fifty hands to carry on the work. As managing director Mr. McIntosh is demonstrating his ability as an administrator and an executive and he is steadily increasing the prosperity of the General Ice Cream Corporation. He is widely known as an executive and an organizer and his services are much in demand in other business organizations than the one to which he is giving his chief attention. A man of versatile powers, he is able to successfully handle more than one business project at a time, and as trustee of the Burlington Savings Bank, president of Sunset Clift, Incorporated, director of Oakledge, Incorporated, and vice-president of Franklin Creameries, Incorporated, he finds ample opportunity to use his spare time profitably.

It would seem that his numerous business responsibilities would absorb all of his time and energy, but Mr. McIntosh is well known in numerous local organizations. He is a member of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, which he has served as president for one term, and is prominent in Masonic circles, being a member of Washington Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Burlington Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Burlington Commandery, Knights Templar; all of the Scottish Rite bodies; of the Consistory, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; and of Mount Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of the United Commercial Travelers of America, Burlington Country Club, Ethan Allen Club, Lake Champlain Yacht Club, Mt. Mansfield Trout Club, and of other social and civic organizations.

Frank Edward McIntosh was married, in 1912, to Fanny A. Yencer, of Perry, New York, and they have one son, Merwin K., who is attending school. Mr. McIntosh has his offices at Nos. 82-94 Winooski Avenue, and makes his home at No. 300 South Union Street, in Burlington.



**PERLEY A. SHATTUCK**—Following family tradition, Perley A. Shattuck, clerk and treasurer of the town of Hardwick, has held that position for fifteen consecutive years, his father before him having held it for eighteen. Well-grounded in the technicalities of the two offices he administers, he is also a fine practical printer and a newspaper writer of ability. His personality is engaging, and he has always been an ardent worker in such civic causes as have been initiated for the general benefit of the community.

Mr. Shattuck was born in Hardwick, February 11, 1879, a son of Ira A. and Louise E. (Leckner) Shattuck, his father deceased in 1909, his mother now living in Hardwick in her seventy-sixth year. His education was acquired in the local public schools, at the conclusion of which he went to work for the local newspaper, in order to learn the printing trade. He remained in that position for eighteen years, when he accepted the positions he now fills. In politics he is a Republican. His fraternal affiliations are with Caspian Lake Lodge, No. 87, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he has been secretary for the last ten years; Order of the Eastern Star, of which he is Patron of Riverside Chapter, No. 32; Past Consul of Camp No. 7519, Modern Woodmen of America; and the Grange, No. 323. For ten years he was a scout master in the Boy Scouts of America. His only sister, Eula, married William E. Fraser, of Hardwick.

Perley A. Shattuck married Jessie Lawrence, of Hardwick, daughter of George H. and Abbie (Welch) Lawrence. Their children are: 1. Lawrence I., a graduate of Hardwick Academy and a student at the Massachusetts General Normal Art School, in Boston, for one year, with three additional years in that city, one being spent in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. He married Ruth Richardson, and is following art as a profession. 2. Lewis H., educated at Hardwick Academy and now a bookkeeper in the offices of the "Gazette." 3. Frederick H., a freshman in high school. The family attends the Congregational Church.

**LESTER FRANK COTTON**—Financial activity in the State of Vermont has increased materially of recent years, and in financial circles are many talented figures. One, well known for his work in investments, is Lester Frank Cotton, with offices at Montpelier, whose career has been most interestingly varied.

Born at Oxford, Maine November 24, 1890, Mr. Cotton is the son of Frank H. and Annie (Martin) Cotton, his father being a farmer and man of affairs, prominent in matters of concern to the community of Oxford. In the public schools of Oxford Mr. Cotton secured his elementary and secondary academic instruction, thereafter took special courses in business administration at Boston University, and since that time has attained a remarkable quantity of sound business training, through the school of experience.

Until he was eighteen years of age, Mr. Cotton lived on his father's farm. He began his business life in the employ of the Postum Cereal Company, with which organization he was identified twelve months, later becoming advertising manager for the State of Maine. Still later he served as purchasing agent for the New England Sanitarium and Hospital, at Melrose, Massachusetts. During the war period he was connected with the Maine State Police Department, and subsequently became general manager and treasurer of the Eastman Heater Freight Car Company, and in 1922 began the connection with the American Bond and Mortgage Company, of Chicago, New York and Boston, which has endured through the years succeeding to the present time (this is written in 1928). Mr. Cotton is also a director and official of an investment corporation. The success of this firm has been due, largely, to his own

personal ability, integrity, and talent. The interests of his clients lie next his own, and he watches them carefully, advising as to the soundest investments. He is a member of the Four Hundred Club, of the American Bond and Mortgage Company and other socially maintained groups.

Mr. Cotton married, in 1912, Flora M. Blessing, daughter of Edward and Amelia (Coats) Blessing. Mrs. Cotton is a graduate nurse, having received her training in Philadelphia and Boston.

**CLARENCE B. DODGE**—One of the oldest undertaking establishments in Lyndonville, Vermont, is the one which now operates under the firm name of Dodge & Watson. It was established by the father of the senior partner of the present firm some four years after the close of the Civil War and has been continuously serving a large patronage during the fifty-nine years which have passed since that time. Extensive improvements are in progress just now (1928), the most modern equipment is being installed, and a funeral home is being prepared which promises to be one of the best in this section. Mr. Dodge is a graduate of the Massachusetts School of Embalming, at Boston, and his life has been devoted to the profession of the mortician and to the various side lines which for many years were carried in connection with the undertaking business.

Clarence B. Dodge was born in Thetford, Vermont, February 25, 1851, son of George E. and Cornelia (Blake) Dodge, both natives of this State. In 1869 the father established here in Lyndonville an undertaking establishment, in connection with which he also carried a line of furniture, floor coverings, and wall paper, and which he operated to the time of his death, in 1889. The son, Clarence B., attended the local public schools and Lyndon Institute, and then entered the Massachusetts School of Embalming, from which he was graduated. He then became associated with his father in the undertaking business and remained with him until the death of the latter. For six years following the death of the father Mr. Dodge continued the business alone, but at the end of that time, in 1895, he admitted to partnership Claude Watson, who had been a clerk in the store for some years, and the firm name of Dodge & Watson was adopted. Under this style the business has been continued to the present time (1928) and both partners enjoy the confidence and esteem of a large patronage. The old lines of furniture, floor coverings, and wall paper were continued until recently, but a short time ago the partners sold the block in which they were located, gave up the furniture, and are discontinuing the other lines. They have purchased property and from now on plan to give their whole attention to the undertaking business. They are establishing a funeral home of the modern type, are installing the most modern and scientific equipment for their work, and plan to make the Dodge & Watson establishment one of the most complete in this section of Caledonia County. Fifty-nine years of efficient service to the public have established for this old concern a reputation which not only holds its old patrons but which is steadily bringing new business to their doors. Their thorough renovation of the material factors of their establishment will place them among the foremost morticians of this part of the State in point of modern and scientific methods and processes, and though the changing methods of modern times have placed morticians among the competitive business concerns and made new methods of seeking notice imperative, they are keeping somewhat to the conservative policy of using tact and discretion even in the matter of seeking business. For this policy many are grateful, for in recent years the importunities of advertising campaigns in this special field often give offense and frustrate the very end for which they were planned. Politically,



Mr. Dodge supports the Republican party. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Rotary Club, and his religious connection is with the Congregational Church.

Clarence B. Dodge married Elva S. Palmer, who was born in Bangor, Maine, daughter of Joseph Palmer, and they have one son, Ralph O., who was educated in Lyndon Institute and Middlebury College and then began professional training in the medical department of Boston University, from which he graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He is now (1928) engaged in general medical practice at Hyde Park, Massachusetts. He married Edna White, and they have two children, Theresa and Louise.

**HENRY CONLIN**—Prominently identified with educational, legal and political activities in Vermont since early manhood, Henry Conlin, the present clerk of the Federal District Court at Burlington, is one of the valued citizens of this State. Of unusual attainments, he is possessed of attributes that attract in friendly regard those with whom he is brought into contact, who have been quick to repose faith in him and to prove their esteem by calling him to service in public office. In assuming such tasks he has administered them with ability and sincere regard for the welfare of his constituents and the prosperity of the whole body politic in which he is interested. Fidelity to trust, coupled with an alert mentality and industrious energy in causes of moment to the people, have brought Mr. Conlin the high regard of the citizenry of Vermont.

He was born in Milton, Vermont, June 25, 1867, a son of Owen and Jane (Clinton) Conlin, and was educated in the public schools and by private tutors, after which he became a teacher and rose to the positions, respectively, of principal of the Winooski High School, which he held for seven years, and superintendent of the schools of that district in 1903. A Democrat in politics, he was secretary and treasurer of the Democratic State Committee from 1902 until 1909, prior to which he served as a representative in the State Legislature from 1896 until 1898. He also was chairman of the Board of Selectmen of Winooski Village and clerk of that political organization for nine years. Other offices he has held include those of director and vice-president in the Champlain Trust Company, treasurer of the Winooski free library since 1907, Judge of the Winooski Municipal Court, to which he was appointed by Governor Prouty and served by re-appointments until 1919, when he was appointed Clerk of the United States District Court, with headquarters in Burlington. During the World War he was a member of the District Board for the State of Vermont, under the Selective Service Act. He is a Catholic in religion, a member of the Vermont and Chittenden County bar associations.

Henry Conlin married, in 1892, Esther Agnes Welch. They are the parents of one son: Henry Clinton Conlin, now a student at Georgetown University Law School.

**CLAUDE C. DUVAL**, after working as clerk for the proprietor of the general store at West Burke, Riley W. Dinsmore, for a time, bought the property at the death of Mr. Dinsmore and has settled into the life of the community as one of its most esteemed citizens. Mr. Duval was born in the town of Burke, the son of John L. and Jennie (Cheney) Duval, also native to this county. He was of a family of three girls and two boys all of whom have grown up and received their education in Burke.

After attending the local school, Claude C. Duval went to the Lyndon Institute and afterwards took a year's business course at St. Johnsbury Academy, then to work with the Butterfield Company in their purchasing department, at Derby, which employment was

interrupted by his enlistment for the World War, in May, 1918. He served in the Navy for several months as second-class seaman and on his discharge worked on the home farm for a while, until getting the opportunity of working for Mr. Dinsmore at the general store. After acquiring the store, he received the appointment of postmaster, the office being rated as 3d class and needing two clerks and having two rural routes. Previous to his appointment, he had been acting-postmaster.

Mr. Duval is affiliated with the Masonic Order, being a member of the West Burke Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Barton Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; and is also State Councilor of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics; an enthusiastic member of the Caledonia County Fish and Game Club and the Moose River Fish and Game Club.

Claude C. Duval married Marjorie M. Hall, and they are both attendants and members of the Methodist Church of which he is a trustee.

**ARNOLD W. EDMUNDS**—Owner and proprietor of Edmunds Pharmacy, Lyndonville, Arnold W. Edmunds is a man of prominence in this community, known widely through Caledonia County. Successful business figure, he is also a citizen of devoted public spirit, whose assistance in movements designed for the welfare of Lyndonville has proved of value. Few men of the community are more solidly progressive than he. Mr. Edmunds was born February 26, 1878, at Westfield, Vermont, and is a son of William and Viola (Miller) Edmunds. His mother was born in Vermont, but William Edmunds was a native of England, having come to the United States at the age of seven years. In Westfield he engaged for many years as a farmer, and was a leader in affairs of the countryside.

In grammar school, at Westfield, Mr. Edmunds secured his elementary academic instruction. His secondary training was at Derby Academy, and he followed this with a course in commerce at Burdette Business College. In 1913 he purchased the pharmacy which he has since controlled, from Cheney Brothers. He employs a registered drug clerk, and two store clerks. His business as pharmacist has been large, augmented with the years. Aside from his business interests, Mr. Edmunds is largely identified with affairs of Lyndonville generally. He is a director of Lyndon Institute, a place of learning widely known in Vermont. For nine years he was a member of the school commission. He is a Republican, influential in the party's movements locally, but in no sense a seeker after office. Fraternally he is affiliated prominently with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of the Blue Lodge, at Troy, Vermont; the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Council, Royal and Select Masters; the Commandery, Knights Templar, at Newport, Vermont; and Mt. Sinai Temple, at Montpelier, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He attends, with members of his family, the Congregational church of Lyndonville.

Mr. Edmunds married Helen M. Hunt, native of St. Paul, Minnesota, daughter of parents who died when she was in childhood. Mr. and Mrs. Edmunds are the parents of two children, Arnold W. and Donald L., both of whom are students in Lyndon Institute.

**WALTER W. WRIGHT**—United States postmaster of the town of North Troy, Mr. Wright was given this government appointment in 1924. He was born in Richford, December 1, 1894, of a family that has long enjoyed the esteem and respect of the community, and attended the schools of North Troy. His father was Milo E. and his mother, Dora A. (Clark) Wright of North Troy. After finishing his schooling, Walter Wright went into a local sawmill to work and



then came into the general store as clerk where he remained for eight years. In September, 1917, he enlisted in the United States Navy and stayed in the service until March, 1919. When he returned to civil life he went back into the store and eventually was made postmaster. Mr. Wright is a member of the American Legion, a Mason and belongs to the Knights of Pythias. He is a trustee and a deacon of the Congregational church.

Walter W. Wright was married to Rachel Frances Hammond, a daughter of Fred B. and Frances M. (Chandler) Hammond. Mr. Hammond is town clerk and treasurer of the town of North Troy.

**OSCAR C. WOODRUFF**—In reviewing the life record of Oscar C. Woodruff one finds the story interesting and full of varied activities. He has been privileged to live beyond the allotted three-score years and ten, and can look back over the past with a sense of satisfaction in knowing that his years of opportunity were not carelessly thrown away, but which instead were devoted to useful pursuits that have brought him prosperity and the retirement that he enjoys today.

Although Mr. Woodruff has now retired from his major business, his energy will not allow him to remain absolutely idle; he therefore, during his spare time, handles a small amount of fire insurance, and to those of his fellow-townsmen who require the services of a notary, he is always on hand, ready to render such service. Mr. Woodruff was born in the town of Lyndon, January 22, 1852, the son of Erastus and Betsey A. (Randall) Woodruff, both of his parents natives also of Vermont. Erastus Woodruff was a farmer and dealer in cattle, or in other words, a drover. In 1867, when his son Oscar was fifteen years of age, he turned the work of the farm over to the boy and devoted his time wholly to the cattle business. Those were the days when he was a young man, when cattle was driven to the city markets by drovers. But during the life of our subject, Mr. Woodruff's cattle were taken by him to the Boston market by railroad. During these trips his son Oscar was left in charge of affairs at home. The thorough training he received under the guidance of his able father well fitted him for carrying on his future work. When he was a lad of only fifteen years, he is said to have bought and sold cattle in a manner befitting a man of mature years. Erastus Woodruff was married twice, the first time to Martha Quimby, of Sandwich, New Hampshire, by whom he had five children, two sons and three daughters. His second marriage was to Betsey A. Randall, a native of Vermont, and the mother of Oscar C. Woodruff. By this marriage there was also a daughter.

Oscar C. Woodruff received his education in the schools of West Burke, the Lyndonville Academy, and the St. Johnsbury Academy. Following this he began working with his father on his farm in Newark. He continued with his father for a number of years, then moved to West Burke and began business on his own account. He opened a station for cattle bus hire and in this undertaking he was most successful. His long experience with cattle dealers and the handling of cattle was no doubt largely responsible for his success. For thirty years he continued in this business, when having derived a nice competency he sold his holdings in the business and devoted his leisure time to insurance and notarial work. During his lifetime he has acquired several properties and from these he also receives an income.

Mr. Woodruff is a man of exceptional ability, who has always taken an active part in civic affairs, at the present time serving his town as moderator. For twenty-five consecutive years he served as lister of his town, and in the year 1910 he was chosen a Representa-

tive of his fellow-townsmen in the Legislature. Early in life he became affiliated with the Masonic Order, and for the past fifty years he has been a Master Mason. In religion, both Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff have embraced the Christian Science faith.

In the year 1878, Mr. Woodruff was married to Emma Dolloff, born in Newark, Vermont, daughter of Russell and Lorinda (Ball) Dolloff. They were parents of three children: 1. Ella, born in 1881, died aged four years. 2. Fred, born in 1885, died in 1923. 3. Frank, born in 1886, is the manager of a large ranch estate of Dr. J. F. Lumkin.

**DAVID W. WRIGHT**—Keenly interested in the affairs of Newport, Vermont, and one of the foremost public servants of the town, David W. Wright was for many years a blacksmith, although he is today retired from active endeavor. In 1928, at the time of writing this history, Mr. Wright was the Republican candidate for the State House of Representatives.

He was born in the Chateauguay Basin, Province of Quebec, Canada, December 19, 1868, son of William and Agnes (Gilmour) Wright, both natives of Quebec Province. They were farmers by occupation, and highly respected citizens in their community. David W. Wright, of whom this is a record, received his early education in the common schools, and then came to Richford, Vermont, at the age of eighteen years, learned the blacksmith's trade, and there continued in it for a short time. Later, however, he went west, settled in Minnesota, worked at his trade for two years, at the end of which time he returned to Newport and went into partnership with his brother Mathew, with whom he remained for two years. After this experience, he bought his brother's interest, and continued to conduct the business alone until 1920. He then took a much needed rest, retiring from active business endeavor. For about one year he spent his time in traveling, going through California and at length returning to Vermont to live retired.

Mr. Wright, in addition to his own business activities, has been prominent in public affairs, especially when they have had to do with his own town of Newport, of which he is one of the highly public-spirited citizens. Interested in political developments in town, State and Nation, Mr. Wright early in life aligned himself with the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he has continued since that time to support. It was on this party's ticket that he was elected to serve on the school committee, and also in the office of town lister. Then, in 1928, he became his party's candidate for the office of State Representative of his district. The religious affiliation of Mr. Wright and his family is with the Baptist church; although, as there is no Baptist church in Newport, they attend the Methodist services.

Mr. Wright married Mary Meacham, born in Beecher Falls, Vermont, daughter of Hazen and Lucy (Ingals) Meacham. They have become the parents of the following children: 1. Lucy, who was educated at Grand Leigne, Province of Quebec, and who took up teaching as a profession, taking a special teachers' training course at Johnson, Vermont; she is now a teacher at Saint Johnsbury. 2. Evelyn, who was educated at Derby Center and who took a business course at Albany, New York; she subsequently became a stenographer in Boston, Massachusetts.

**ROY EDWARD CORLEY, M. D.**—Of the younger medical fraternity, one may count Dr. Corley as a member with potentialities for splendid usefulness in his chosen vocation. Born in Burlington, and starting his practice here, he very wisely chose this field where his family has been so long and favorably known as part of the civic structure. He was born, August 29,



Edward Carley





1898, a son of Edward Bartholemew Corley and grandson of Patrick H. Corley, both of whom held public office in the city government, the former as city clerk for many years, and the latter, while also one of Burlington's important business men, was city assessor. Edward Bartholemew Corley was a man of thorough education, being a graduate of St. Joseph's College in Burlington, the Montreal College, and the University of Vermont. A prosperous business man, his interests were tied up with those of his father, until he relinquished them to take the office of city clerk in 1917.

Dr. Roy E. (R. Edward) Corley has had long and intensive training in his profession. His early education was in the parochial and the Burlington High Schools, and then at Holy Cross College at Worcester, Massachusetts, from which institution he was graduated in 1921 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. The next years were passed at the University of Vermont at the Medical College there, one of the finest medical schools in the country, having on its faculty men of outstanding eminence in the profession, and which has sent forth into the world, men who have added distinction and fame to its alumni. Dr. Corley was given his degree there with the class of 1925, graduating *cum laude* and being awarded the Woodbury prize for clinical proficiency, specializing in the science of pediatrics, a branch of his profession that holds a supreme appeal to a man of tender sympathies and deep love of his calling, dealing as it does with the hygiene and diseases of children. He is attending physician at the De Goesbriand and the Fanny Allen hospitals and also at the St. Joseph's Orphanage.

Too young at the time to enlist in the regular army, in 1918, Roy Edward Corley served three months with the Students' Army Training Corps. Dr. Corley belongs to the American Legion; to the Knights of Columbus; to the Nu Sigma Nu Fraternity of his college; and associates with the men of his profession in the American Medical Association, the Vermont State Medical Society, the Chittenden County Medical Society and in the New England Pediatric Society. Dr. Corley, like all his family, is a Roman Catholic by religious faith.

**HERMAN D. WEBSTER**—As head of the H. D. Webster & Company general store of the village of East Burke, Vermont, for the past thirty-five years, and its postmaster since 1912, Herman D. Webster is one of the outstanding business men of this village. He was born in the town of Lunenburg, Essex County, Vermont, November 24, 1869, son of Judson and Orrilla R. (Field) Webster, his father a farmer of Vermont, now deceased. His mother was the daughter also of a farmer of Vermont.

Herman D. Webster received his education in the St. Albans Academy, at St. Albans, and in the Brigham Academy at Bakersfield, Vermont, after which he entered upon a business career. His first position after leaving school was as a clerk in a general store. He continued as such for two years in order that he might gain the necessary experience for starting on a venture of his own. Following this he bought an interest in a drug store at Enosburg Falls, Vermont, then in 1893 he located in East Burke and opened there a general store, with a partner whose name was Croft, the firm name to be known as Croft & Webster. Subsequently he bought out Croft's interest whose place was filled by Carl Frasier as partner, the name being changed at that time to Webster & Frasier. This partnership continued for four years, when Mr. Webster bought Mr. Frasier's interest and conducted the business alone. In 1904 Mr. Webster again took in a partner, this time, Earl V. Howard, who remained with him for the next two years, but at the end of that time Mr. Webster continued alone

again until 1912, when half of the business was sold to John W. Kelley. Upon the death of Mr. Kelley in 1924, Florence E. Gibson purchased his interest, and has continued in the business to the present time, now filling the duties of assistant postmistress. Miss Gibson, formerly a school teacher, is Mrs. Webster's niece. The store and post office is located on property formerly owned by C. T. A. Humphrey, the removal to this building having taken place in 1897.

Mr. Webster was appointed postmaster of East Burke in 1893, and served as such until 1898, when he resigned, having been elected that year to represent the town at the General Court. In 1912 he was again reappointed postmaster, which position he is filling at the present time most satisfactorily, Miss Gibson, as previously stated, acting as assistant. The East Burke post office has just recently been raised from fourth class to third class, with one rural route delivery.

Mr. Webster has always taken a keen interest in all town affairs, but owing to his duties as postmaster, he has had no time for public office since 1898, when he represented his town in the General Court. He is a director of the Lyndonville Savings Bank and Trust Company; a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, and the Junior Order United American Mechanics. He is also a member of the Masonic Order, belonging to the Blue Lodge, of Lyndonville, and the Chapter, Council and Commandery, of St. Johnsbury, Vermont. In politics he is a Democrat.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Webster are active members of the Federated Church of East Burke, Mr. Webster having served as its chorister for the past twenty-five years. His wife, who was Ella Jeffords, was born in the town of Berkshire, Vermont, the daughter of Merrill and Jane Ann (Horner) Jeffords. Having no children, their niece, Miss Gibson, has made her home with them for a number of years.

**WILLIAM W. TRUE**—A business man of long experience and proved ability, William W. True is president of the firm of True and Blanchard, Company, Inc., wholesale and retail dealers in hardware, plumbing, electrical, and radio supplies. Mr. True established this business many years ago and by the hardest kind of work, coupled with real business ability, built up the enterprise to prosperous proportions, with a wide reputation and extensive trade throughout all this section.

Mr. True was born at Newport in December, 1863, a son of George W. and Lucretia R. (Going) True. Both parents were natives of Vermont and engaged in farming and agricultural pursuits for many years.

William W. True attended the local Vermont public schools, and Derby Academy. He early displayed musical ability, and gave much time to the study of the piano and later became a piano teacher. He continued this work for several years, after which, following plans which had been forming for some time, he decided to enter the hardware business, and to make this the field of his life's work. He first found employment as a clerk in the hardware store of G. W. Seaver and Son, at North Troy, Vermont, where he worked for twelve dollars a month, seven days a week, and eighteen hours a day. For three years he continued this schedule, mastering the details of the business and its operation. Then he was able to establish an independent enterprise, and coming to Newport in 1884 he founded the business which he conducted under the firm name of W. W. True & Company. By the most careful attention he guided this venture through the critical early period and along the broad highway of success, gradually increasing the volume of trade by healthy expansion. After two years Mr. True took E. C. Blanchard into partnership with him, changing the firm name to True and Blanchard. Mr. J. R. Akin became associated with him and con-



tinued to occupy a very responsible place in the business up to the time of his death in 1921. Carrying out his primary intention of furnishing to this territory a wholesale and retail hardware service of the finest type, Mr. True gradually acquired wide reputation in his work, and today the enterprise he founded is considered among the most important in the business and commercial life of the State. After the death of Mr. Akin, the present company was organized and incorporated under the firm name of True and Blanchard Company, Inc., with Mr. True as president, George J. Benware as vice-president, and Charles G. Taylor as treasurer. They have carried on business at Newport since that time in a very successful way, gradually adding to the original hardware stock other lines of mechanical merchandise, the most important of which is a complete line of radio merchandise and the trade territory now includes a large part of the State of Vermont and New Hampshire. In addition to his work with the True and Blanchard Company, Mr. True is also president of the Newport Motors, Inc., which owes much to his initiative and careful supervision of its affairs.

Politically a member of the Republican party, Mr. True has been active in civic affairs, and served on the school board and on the city council. He is a prominent member, a director, and was formerly president of the New England Retail Hardware Dealers' Association, and of the Winchester Club of New England, while at Newport he is a member and past president of the local Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Rotary Club. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, and is a member of the Blue Lodge, the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Council of Royal and Select Masters, the Commandery of the Knights Templar, at Newport.

William W. True married Elizabeth M. Batchelder, a daughter of Charles and Abigail (Moon) Batchelder. Her mother was a daughter of Judge Moon, who was prominent for many years in Vermont life. Mr. and Mrs. True attend the local Church of Christ Scientist. Mr. True is still active in business but for the past several years he and Mrs. True have spent their winters in Bradenton, Florida, where they have a home in the sunshine and raise their own grapefruit.

**GEORGE A. BAILEY**—In providing the city of Newport with that necessary factor in public service, a dependable, pure water supply, George A. Bailey has rendered valuable service as superintendent of the city's water company, while in another branch of municipal service he is actively concerned as superintendent of streets. Mr. Bailey has held these civic offices since March, 1920, and since that time he has accomplished much in the way of street improvements and in providing this community with highways which are an asset to municipal advancement and a distinct advantage to the residents of this city.

Mr. Bailey was born in Newport, April 9, 1867, son of Joseph and Lydia (Morse) Bailey, both of whom are deceased. Joseph Bailey was a veteran of the Civil War, having served with the Eighth Vermont Regiment, Company C. He had purchased a farm here and had it slightly cleared when he went away to serve in the War of the Rebellion in which he was a soldier for three years, while his wife and family lived on the farm in the woods of what is now the town of Newport. Returning home, he cleared the remainder of the farm and was occupied in agricultural pursuits here for the greater part of his life. Joseph Bailey was a native of Vermont and Lydia (Morse) Bailey was born in New Hampshire.

George A. Bailey was educated in the district schools of this county and upon completing his formal education, he assisted his father in running their large farm. Mr. Bailey operated the farm altogether thirty-six years

and then purchased the property which consisted of two hundred and fifty acres, in addition to which he was the owner of a farming tract of one hundred and eighty acres. While engaged in farm work, he was road commissioner for the town of Newport and maintained that connection from 1907 to 1920. Mr. Bailey has since sold both his extensive farms and now devotes all his attention to his municipal office to which he was appointed superintendent of streets and water works, in 1920. His long experience in highway affairs has been of great value in his present post, while as superintendent of the city water company he has been constantly concerned in giving the residents of this city the purest, most constant supply of water that is possible. His working force, which act under his supervision, numbers about thirty men in summer and about eight in the winter months. In politics, Mr. Bailey is an ardent supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and he has served at different times as selectman for the town, two years, and was a school director for six years. In fraternal affiliations, he is an active member of the Modern Woodmen of America and the Junior Order United American Mechanics. He is a valued member of the Newport Chamber of Commerce. He and his family attend the Methodist Church in which he is steward, and he has always maintained a sincere, constructive interest in all church work.

George A. Bailey married Minerva Blair, of Vermont, daughter of William L. and Caroline (Capper) Blair, and to this union have been born four children: 1. Sherburne J., who assists his father in public utilities work, being one of the most capable men in the city water department. He married Bernice Daggett, and they have one son, Emra Sherburne. 2. Raymond A., now with the Newport Baking Company; married Violet Thomas, and they have one son, George Thomas. 3. Gordon Ernest, died in his nineteenth year. 4. Emeline Ruth, a student at Boston University, where she is studying religious education.

**MAHLON A. TOOF**—Proprietor of a hardware, heating and plumbing business, Mahlon A. Toof is one of the outstanding figures in the industrial life of Troy, having established this enterprise in 1912 and having brought it by careful planning and wise policies to its present position of importance in the community. It employs three men, and fills a place of great value in the life of Troy.

Mr. Toof was born in Canada in October, 1871, son of William and Matilda (Fadden) Toof, both natives of Canada, in which country they died. Mahlon A. Toof, of whom this is a record, attended as a boy the public schools of Broome, Province of Quebec, Canada, and then worked in butter and cheese factories for about ten years. He owned and operated during this period of his career, three cheese and butter plants, while at the same time he took into his employ an experienced practical plumber and tinsmith, from whom he learned the business which subsequently occupied his attention. After the ten-year period, he sold his butter and cheese business, came to Troy, and established the store which since its founding in 1912 has occupied a place of such importance in the life of the community. Mr. Toof owns a farm and sugar camp of eighty acres in the town of Jay, Vermont, while he also owns a farm in Canada, in the town of Dunham. So it is that his business enterprises extend into two countries and into a number of different communities, in all of which he is well known and highly esteemed for his work. There is no matter of public importance which does not engage his attention, and he stands ever ready to support any movement which he believes will bring about some public gain to Troy. He is a supporter of the Congregational church.

He married Ethel Darby, a native of Canada. By



this union there have been three children: 1. Cavis, who travels for the True Blanchard Company, hardware dealers of Newport, Vermont. 2. Norman, who conducts a service station at North Troy. 3. Dorothy.

**JOSEPH HERBERT BONNEAU**—In the mercantile life of Newport, Joseph Herbert Bonneau has been active for a number of years and since 1910, as owner and proprietor of the organization which bears his name, has risen to the position of a prominent leader in the business life of this vicinity. Mr. Bonneau conducts one of the most progressive establishments for the sale of men's clothing and furnishings to be found in Vermont, being modern and up to the minute in its methods as well as always being one of the first to introduce new styles and to promote new ideas in this trade. His store has behind it a wealth of tradition of the finest kind, having been founded in 1878 by Homer Thrasher, and Mr. Bonneau has continued its excellent policies of handling only the highest grade products in connection with pleasant, courteous service at all times.

Mr. Bonneau was born in Warwick, Province of Quebec, Canada, September 27, 1882, son of Henry H. and Lucina (Barbin) Bonneau, both of whom were natives of the Province of Quebec. Henry H. Bonneau brought his family to the United States in 1881 and settled here in Newport, where he was engaged as a mill wright for Prouty and Miller for many years.

Joseph Herbert Bonneau was but a few months old when his parents came to Newport, and he was educated in the parochial schools of this city, after which he entered Holy Cross College, in Farnham, Province of Quebec, graduating from that institution of learning with the class of 1900. Returning to Newport, he became associated with Homer Thrasher as clerk in the store which was founded by Mr. Thrasher in 1878 and advanced steadily by his thorough study of trade conditions and by his desire to serve. In 1910, Mr. Bonneau purchased an interest in the business, and the name of the concern was changed to Thrasher and Bonneau, remaining thus until 1919, when Mr. Thrasher died and Mr. Bonneau bought out the entire organization. Mr. Thrasher was one of the finest merchants of the old school and died at the age of seventy-eight after a long, honored career in merchandising activities. Since 1919, the store has been conducted under the name of Joseph H. Bonneau. In civic matters, Mr. Bonneau takes a sincere, constructive interest and is an enthusiastic supporter of every project pertaining to municipal improvement or public welfare. He is a Republican in politics but has never sought any political office. Mr. Bonneau is a director of the Orleans Trust Company, having served on the board since 1924 of which board he is secretary. In fraternal circles, he is a popular member of Gibbons Council, No. 2285, Knights of Columbus, in which he has served as past Grand Knight. He is also a member of the Catholic Foresters and of the Independent Order of Foresters, and the Society of St. Jean Baptiste. His religious adherence is given to the Roman Catholic Church.

Joseph Herbert Bonneau married Jeanne Giroux, who was born in the Province of Quebec, Canada, daughter of Francis Xavier and Alphonsine (Lareau) Giroux. Mr. Bonneau's business enterprise is located in the Root Block on Main Street, and here he operates a thriving business in men's clothing and various accessories, also maintaining a popular trade in boots and shoes, being alert at all times to the many changes in modern taste and supplying his customers with the most approved styles, equal to the latest found in the metropolitan centers of the country.

**RUFUS W. SPEAR**—Long years of service in the public interest culminated in the election of Rufus W. Spear to the office of city clerk and treasurer at Newport,

Vermont. A man of energy and genuine ability, he had discharged all the duties of his position in a very efficient manner, and to the complete satisfaction of the community which he has served in this capacity continuously since 1918. In other phases of Newport he also plays a prominent part, while he is active in high Masonic circles in the State.

Mr. Spear was born at Stanstead, Province of Quebec, Canada, a son of Marcus D. Spear, who died in 1926, and of Emma S. (Beebe) Spear, who is still living. The father was active as a contractor and builder until the time of his death. Rufus W. Spear came with his parents to Minneapolis, Minnesota, when still a boy and in the public schools of this city received most of his education. After graduation from high school, however, he completed a business course at Winnipeg, Canada, and in a store of this city he was employed for a time thereafter as a clerk. From the time he left this position he has given himself entirely to work of a clerical nature. Coming to Newport, Mr. Spear took charge of much of the insurance business conducted by the law firm of Crane and Alfred. He was also placed in control of all the clerical work for Judge Alfred, and so well did he perform the duties which came to him that in 1906 he was chosen clerk of the Public Service Commission, in which capacity he remained for a period of six years. During the administration of Judge Redmond, Mr. Spear was elected Judge of Probate, continuing in this office until 1918, when he resigned to accept his present post of Newport city clerk and treasurer, at the first incorporation of this place as a city. Few men have achieved so long and faithful a record of public service, and Mr. Spear well deserves the high place which he has won in the esteem of the community for his conception of civic duty. He has also established and now directs a general insurance business at Newport, under the firm name of the R. W. Spear Insurance Service, which is extensively patronized throughout this section.

Politically Mr. Spear supports Republican measures, principles and candidates, holding office as the standard bearer of this party. His influence, however, is sure to fall in favor of any movement for civic reform and progress, whatever its source may be. For many years he served as justice of the peace, while he holds membership in several local associations, including the Newport Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Spear is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which great order he is a member of the Blue Lodge, the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Council of Royal and Select Masters, the Commandery of the Knights Templar, and is a Past Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star. In these bodies he has occupied all the chairs, and he also holds membership in the Lodge of Perfection. With his family he worships in the Congregational faith, attending the local church of this denomination at Newport.

Rufus W. Spear married Margaret Braynard, who was born at Morgan, Vermont, a daughter of Lysander Braynard of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Spear became the parents of several children: 1. Virda, who is now engaged in secretarial work in Boston, Massachusetts. 2. Dorothy, who was graduated from the University of Vermont in 1920, and is a library and research worker for the Boston Medical Library. 3. Louise, now the wife of Horace Schermerhorn. They have one son, Horace, Jr. 4. Carleton, who died at the age of twenty-one years, in September, 1926, being at that time a student at the Boston University School of Business Administration. 5. Marion, who lives with her parents at home.

**C. HERBERT SLOCUM**—Over a period of many years the business activities of C. Herbert Slocum in the Morrisville district of Vermont, were notable and progressive. Departing for a time to the West, where



he engaged in agriculture and mining, he returned to his native State and here developed a business that brought him reward and established him in the high esteem of his fellow-citizens. He has invariably conducted his commercial and financial affairs along a code of ethics that has met with the hearty accord of those with whom he has been associated, while his interest in the civic affairs and in the progress of the community has been keen and active at all times when his assistance has been required. He is a staunch churchman and a man of unimpeachable integrity, gracious and courteous in all his associations, a citizen of decided value to the State of Vermont, toward the prosperity of which he has largely contributed.

He was born in Morrisville, Vermont, December 14, 1849, a son of Orson and Delia T. (Hall) Slocum, both natives of the town and he a farmer. Educated in the public schools here and at People's Academy, he began his active life by going to Kansas, where he took up a tract of land and for a time cultivated it. Colorado attracted him and he went to that State and engaged in mining, remaining for eleven years and then returning to Morrisville. Here he established himself in general merchandising and conducted a store here for eighteen years, when he sold the property and, in association with C. C. Warren and H. C. Fish, founded the Warren Leather Company. This concern was prosperous and eventually became by sale the major property of Mr. Slocum, who conducted it under the title of the Warren Hide & Leather Company, which he conducted until 1926, when he sold it and retired. The main office of the company is in Worcester, Massachusetts. He is still a director in the company, and also in the Union Savings Bank & Trust Company, of Morrisville. He is a Republican in politics, and has been a member of the board of the village Water & Light Company since its organization some thirty-five years ago. He is a member of the Universalist Church, and is fraternally affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons.

C. Herbert Slocum married Louise Moody, born in Stowe, Vermont, deceased in 1916, daughter of Gilman C. Moody. Their children are: 1. Margaret, who married C. M. Chapin; they are the parents of Slocum, and Caroline. 2. Ruth Louise, married Frederick Gleed Fleetwood, a lawyer, of Morrisville, Vermont.

**ERNEST W. SAVAGE**—A railroad man of long experience and proved ability, Ernest W. Savage is now general agent of the Canadian Pacific and Quebec Central Railroad, with offices at Newport, Vermont. To this position he has risen solely through his own efforts, while the ability and sound judgment which he has displayed in his own professional career, he has given unselfishly to years of service as a public official at Newport.

Mr. Savage was born at Waterloo, in the Province of Quebec, Canada, on August 25, 1873, a son of William H. and Rachel (Bradford) Savage, both natives of Quebec. The father, who was also a railroad man, was foreman for many years on the Central Vermont Railroad. Ernest W. Savage was educated in the public schools of his birthplace, and following the completion of his academic training, took up railroad work at the age of sixteen. The great achievements of the early railroad builders had fired his youthful imagination, and his more mature judgment so confirmed his opinions of the future in this field, that he resolved to make it his life's work. Starting at Waterloo, he was employed by the Central Vermont Railroad for two years in various minor capacities, discharging all the duties which came to him in such an efficient manner, that merited advancement soon came to him for his work. In 1891 he became telegraph operator for the Canadian Pacific, and in a short time secured promo-

tion to important positions of confidence and trust. In 1895 he became agent for the line at Troy, Vermont, and in 1907 was appointed agent at Newport. Finally, in 1918, his years of loyal and able service were rewarded and he was unanimously chosen general agent for the road, which position he has continued to fill until the present time, to the complete satisfaction of the executive officers and directors of the line.

In politics a member of the Republican party, Mr. Savage has taken a prominent part in the civic life and public affairs at Newport, in which he has made his home for more than twenty years. For three years he served as alderman of this place, and was a member of the board of aldermen at the time when Newport first became a city. In 1921 he was honored by his fellow-citizens in being elected mayor of the city, and by the business-like and progressive character of his administration he more than justified the confidence thus reposed in him. Mr. Savage is an active member of the Newport Chamber of Commerce, serving as president of this organization during 1926 and 1927, while he is also a member of the local Rotary Club, and of the Newport Country Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this great order is a member of the Blue Lodge, at Troy, Vermont, the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Council of Royal and Select Masters, the Commandery of the Knights Templar and the Lodge of Perfection at Newport, and Burlington Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree. With his family he attends the local Congregational church.

Ernest W. Savage married Lucretia H. Pettengill, who was born at North Troy, Vermont, a daughter of Harry B. and Ida (Porter) Pettengill, of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Savage are the parents of several children: 1. Bernard, now a resident of Newport; married Ruby Calkins and they have one daughter, Elizabeth. 2. Reginald M., educated at Middlebury College, and now a resident of East Orange, New Jersey, connected with the Etna Insurance Company. He married Dorothy Taylor, and they have one son, John Taylor (deceased). 3. Harry, who was graduated from Dartmouth College in 1925, and is now a student of the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, as a member of the class of 1929. 4. Helen Ida, who married Rudolph Bigelow, of Newport, a teller of the local First National Bank. 5. Earl F., recently graduated from Newport High school. 6. Frances M., now a student at this institution.

**EDWARD R. LYNCH, M. D.**—For thirty years Dr. Edward R. Lynch has been reputably known to the residents of Brattleboro, while for the last ten years his fame as a surgeon has spread over a wide territory and has attracted the favorable attention of the highest grades of his fellow practitioners. Before engaging in practice here he prepared himself thoroughly by studies in college and universities, hospitals and in association with specialists, paying much attention to surgery, in which he now specializes. He is a man of fine personality and a high standard of citizenship, a valuable addition to the professional workers of the community and to the populace in general.

He was born in South Wheelock, Vermont, September 3, 1870, a son of John Lynch, a native of Cork, Ireland, who was engaged here in farming for twenty-five years, and of Mary (Cronin) Lynch, a native of County Waterford, Ireland, both deceased. His education was begun in the local public schools and continued at the Waterbury Seminary and the Lyndon Commercial College, from the last named of which he was graduated in the class of 1891. He then attended the Medical College of the University of Vermont for one year and for another like period went to the classes of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Boston, Massachusetts.



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This was followed by a course at the Baltimore Medical College, which graduated him in 1896 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He then spent six months as an interne in the Massachusetts General Hospital and three in the Union General Hospital in Boston, then taking a special course in surgery under Dr. Morris Richardson, of Harvard University, and a special course in the same line under Dr. Liebman, of Johns Hopkins University. In 1908 he came to Brattleboro, where he established himself in practice as a physician and surgeon, ten years later giving up his medical work and practicing surgery exclusively. In 1910 he founded his Melrose Hospital in Brattleboro, which has gained much fame, being one of the finest small hospitals in the State of Vermont, with accommodations for thirty patients and having the latest facilities in every way. Dr. Lynch is a member of the American Medical Association, of the Vermont State Medical Society, Rutland County Medical Society, and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and Surgeons. He is visiting surgeon to the Farren Memorial Hospital. In politics he is a Democrat, in religion a Roman Catholic, attending St. Michael's Church. In 1921 and 1922 he was a member of the Vermont State House of Representatives. His clubs are the Brattleboro and Country. His fraternal affiliations are with the Catholic Order of Foresters, Improved Order of Red Men, Modern Woodmen of America, New England Order of Protection, and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Brattleboro Lodge, No. 1499, of which he is First Exalted Ruler.

Edward R. Lynch married, June 23, 1899, Georgianna Moren, a native of Nova Scotia, deceased in 1914. They were the parents of two children: Edward Byron, and George Hamilton, who died August 31, 1925, at the age of twenty-two.

**LEROY GEORGE ROUNDY**—The great forests of Vermont have supplied the building trade of the eastern seaboard with material for many years and the lumber business has become one of the main sources of wealth in the State. This immense industry in lumber and timber products is estimated as of many millions of dollars yearly and its scope is limitless, as forestation laws are closely enforced and the product can only increase and never diminish. Among the prominent lumber firms in Caledonia County is that of Leroy G. Roundy, who has been in the lumber business most of his life and has a complete knowledge of the industry, through its many branches. Mr. Roundy is a native of the county, having been born in Sutton on January 29, 1862, the son of Silas and Margaret (Darling) Roundy, who owned their farm in that town.

After completing his education, in the public schools of Sutton, he went into the sawmills to work, first in those of the neighborhood and later, to take charge of one in Lowell, in Orange County, for Jonas Silsby, resigning that position to come to West Burke, where he opened his own mill, which has been in operation ever since, enlarging and growing in prosperity since he bought the property in 1896. For a while he combined a grain and feed business with the mill, but after a fire in 1907 he abandoned that side of his commercial activities and concentrated on the lumber trade and on the cultivation of his large farm. For twelve years, Mr. Roundy has taken a leading part in the town's affairs, acting as selectman and in other ways giving of his best services and thought to the interests of the town and the stability of its progression. He is an independent in politics. He belongs to the West Burke Lodge Free and Accepted Masons; the Barton Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; St. Johnsbury Commandery, Knights Templar.

Leroy George Roundy was married many years ago, to Addie Miles, born in Albany and daughter of John B. and Mary (Frasier) Miles, and they have four chil-

dren: 1. Lila, who is married to Carl Mattox. 2. Glenn, wife of Dale Atwood, a well-known chiropractor at St. Johnsbury. 3. Berenice, who has married Ferdinand Townsend. 4. Dale, who is a farmer at Lyndon. Mr. Roundy and his family are all attendants of the Methodist church.

**JAMES E. MCCARTEN**—For many years, James E. McCarten has been an important figure in the life of Newport, Vermont, coming as a young man to the local bank, and rising through his own energy and ability to the presidency of this institution, which he now holds. He has given generously of his time and talents to service in the public interest, and has been elected for the third time, mayor of the city, the efficiency and progressive character of his administration winning widest praise.

Mr. McCarten was born at Lancaster, New Hampshire, October 24, 1879, a son of James McCarten, who was a blacksmith, and of Margaret (Adley) McCarten, both parents being now deceased. After completing his preliminary education, James E. McCarten entered Dartmouth College, at Hanover, from which he was graduated in 1901, and where he won considerable reputation in various sports. For some time thereafter he played baseball with several semi-professional teams, in such leagues as the Northern New England League, the Northern New York League, and at Attleboro, Massachusetts. Although the immediate promise was large in this field, Mr. McCarten did not choose the easier way, and removing to Peterboro, New Hampshire, he entered the National Bank there as a clerk, remaining for about two years. At the end of this time, he resigned to accept a position as clerk in the National Bank at Proctorsville, Vermont, where he also remained for about two years and then became associated with the bank at Wells River. Finally, in 1913, he came to Newport as cashier of the National Bank, a position for which he was admirably fitted by temperament and training and in which his services proved of the greatest value to the institution. In 1920, in recognition of his loyal services and talent for finance, he was chosen president of the bank and has filled the office since that time, guiding affairs along the pathway of expansion and success. His remarkably sound judgment in the matter of business trends and values has brought him into frequent consultation with large interests.

Active in the support of all worthy civic enterprises and movements for the progress of the community, Mr. McCarten has been elected mayor of Newport for three consecutive terms, a rare honor in any city, and one which indicates clearly the high regard in which he is held by his fellow-citizens. The confidence thus reposed in him has been well justified by the business-like care which he has given to every detail of city affairs, and the far-sighted policies which he has adopted. Mr. McCarten is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this great order is a member of the local lodge, the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Commandery of the Knights Templar, and Mt. Sinai Temple, at Montpelier of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also holds membership in the Newport Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, of which he was president for some time, the Newport Country Club, and the St. Johnsbury Country Club.

James E. McCarten married Roxanna Jordan, who was born at Lancaster, New Hampshire, a daughter of Chester Bradley and Ida Rose (Nutter) Jordan. Her father, formerly governor of New Hampshire, was one of the State's most distinguished sons, whose long and honorable career brought him wide fame throughout all the East. A lawyer of brilliant ability and profound knowledge, a forceful and trenchant writer, a persuasive orator, and a statesman of wide vision, he well deserved the many honors which came to him for his many successes and the disinterested services which he rendered to the



State. Few men in public life have approached his record and none has been more zealous for the public weal.

Mrs. McCarten has taken her place in the civic and social life of Newport, a leader in many of its affairs, while both Mr. and Mrs. McCarten worship in the faith of the Congregational Church, contributing liberally of their time and substance to all its work.

**ROBERT PERRY PORTER**—The name Porter has been associated with the town of West Burke for over half a century. Today, as owner and general manager of the town's general store, Robert Perry Porter is carrying on the business started by his grandfather, Robert Porter. Robert Porter came to West Burke from the State of Wisconsin. Opening a store in which he carried a line of general merchandise, he continued in this business until his death, when it was taken over by his son, Fred Trull Porter, father of the son, whose name heads this review.

Fred Trull Porter was probably born in the State of Wisconsin. He married Esther Stevens, a native of Lyndon, Vermont, and together they made a success of their mercantile business, their living quarters being in the same building as the store, thus making it possible for Mrs. Porter to assist her husband when business demanded extra help. Their son, Robert Perry Porter, was born October 28, 1894, in West Burke, in the same building in which his father and grandfather lived, and in which he today is making his home. When his father died in January, 1922, it was but natural that he should want to carry on the business with which he had been so long associated with his father.

Robert Perry Porter was educated in the schools of West Burke, and the St. Johnsbury Academy, from the latter of which he graduated in 1913. After this, he entered the store of his father, and was thus engaged until the great World War, when he lent his services to the government, to give if necessary his life for his country. He enlisted in November, 1917, in the aviation section, and rose to the rank of first class sergeant. After the war ended he was one of the fortunate to return home, and again took up his duties at the store. Shortly after this his father died, and since then he has been owner and general manager, the firm still retaining its old title, F. T. Porter & Son.

Mr. Porter is one of West Burke's highly respected citizens, and has served his town in various public capacities. For five years he has served as trustee of the village, and has held several minor offices. He is now holding the office of lister, and is the village school director. Mr. Porter is actively interested in the Masonic order in West Burke, being a Master Mason. His political views are aligned with the Republican party, and in religion, he and his family attend the Methodist Church.

Robert Perry Porter married Alice Smith, a native of Burke, Vermont, and daughter of Edwin and Ellen (Packer) Smith. They have two children, Virginia and Robert Perry, Jr.

**GEORGE L. MACDIARMID**—A moving spirit in everything concerning municipal activities, George L. Macdiarmid, of Newport, is a leader in all philanthropic, civic and fraternal organizations of this city in which for many years he was one of its leading business men. Mr. Macdiarmid still maintains an active interest in the financial affairs of this community although he retired from actual commercial concerns in 1920. He is a man of great public spirit and has been identified with this city's progress for many years, lending his ablest endeavors to everything that influenced its welfare and advancement and the well-being of its people.

Mr. Macdiarmid was born in Osgoode, Ontario, Can-

ada, in December, 1859, son of James and Mary (Cameron) Macdiarmid, his father having been a native of Scotland, and his mother born in Ontario, Canada. James Macdiarmid was active in the contracting and building business in Canada for many years.

George L. Macdiarmid was educated in the common schools of Ontario, Canada, and at the age of nineteen, came to Vermont to accept a position with the South Eastern Railroad Company as clerk. In this railway system, he progressed steadily by his constant application to the duties entrusted to him, with the result that he later became agent for this organization, holding the post of agent at Newport for ten years. Mr. Macdiarmid was transferred later to the station at Richford, but resigned from this office in 1902, at the same time severing his connection with transportation activities. Mr. Macdiarmid then formed a partnership with Mr. Lorimer and together they established a general merchandise firm, under the name Lorimer and Macdiarmid, which they operated successfully for some years. Later, the concern underwent some changes and John R. Kirkpatrick became a partner of Mr. Macdiarmid. Together, they conducted a general merchandising business which was one of the foremost business organizations of this city, selling out in 1920, although their partnership has never been dissolved and although not engaged in actual business, the two partners continue to own property and automobiles jointly. Mr. Macdiarmid is a director in the National Bank of Newport and in this capacity exerts considerable influence upon the financial life of the city. Active in politics, he has always worked for the best interests of his fellow-citizens, and now serves as a lister in the city, while he is a candidate for a seat in the House of Representatives this year (1928). Always anxious to be of service to humanity, he acts as trustee of the Hospital Trust Fund, and was a director in the Memorial Hospital in the construction of which he was one of the three members of the building committee and acted as supervisor of its erection. He was for several years president of the Newport Chamber of Commerce. He has been a member of the Fish and Game Club of Northern Vermont since its organization and is its secretary; and he is most active in all conservation movements for the protection of wild life. Mr. Macdiarmid and his wife are adherents of the Congregational Church. He is one of the trustees of the Goodrich Library board, and is prominent in fraternal affairs, being affiliated with the Masonic order in which he has been a member of both the York and Scottish Rites, having attained the thirty-second degree. His political adherence is given to the Republican party and he is an earnest supporter of its policies.

George L. Macdiarmid married Ida May Baldwin, who was born in Coventry, Vermont, daughter of Thomas and Joanna (Houghton) Baldwin. Mrs. Macdiarmid is a trustee of the Memorial Hospital, and takes an outstanding part in the affairs of the Congregational Church.

**LEON E. ELLSWORTH**—Gallant in the face of his country's enemies, courageous in the prosecution of his duties in private life, upright and trustworthy, Leon E. Ellsworth is one of the most substantial citizens of Morrisville, and one of the most commendable members of the bar of Vermont. In recognition of his ability and intense interest in public affairs, he has been called to serve the people in elective office and has acquitted himself creditably and to the benefit of his fellow-citizens, making himself popular and gathering hosts of friends under his banner. Young in years, he began his practice of the law with a fine equipment of its practical elements and by studious habits and unflagging industry is striding rapidly toward higher goals, which his acquaintances feel certain he will achieve.

He was born in Cambridge, Vermont, December 23,



1892, a son of Merritt L. and Maria (Kirk) Ellsworth, farmers, and both natives of that town. He acquired his education in the public schools, afterward attending the People's Academy at Morrisville, undertaking the study of law in the offices of Wing & Morse, of Rutland. Admitted to the State bar in October, 1923, he established himself in practice and has since been very active. He is assistant clerk of the Vermont House of Representatives and in 1924 was elected State's attorney for a term of four years from February 1, 1925. In 1917 he enlisted in Company D, First Vermont Infantry, was transferred to the machine gun company of the One Hundred and Third Infantry, Twenty-sixth Division, and with that contingent of the American Expeditionary Forces served overseas for eighteen months as a private. On April 16, 1923, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry in battle and at the conclusion of hostilities was honorably mustered out of the service of the United States. He and his wife attend the Baptist Church.

Leon E. Ellsworth married Florence M. Butler, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Fred M. Butler, of Rutland, Vermont. Their children are: Butler, and Kirk Holton Ellsworth.

**ROBERT W. H. DAVIS**—Prominent in the fuel and building supply industry, Robert W. H. Davis, of Newport, is the owner and proprietor of the well-known Davis Coal and Transfer Company, one of the oldest established concerns of Vermont, having been operated without interruption by the same family since 1878. Mr. Davis is a man of exceptional business ability and has not only maintained the fine traditions of the organization which his father founded, but has been instrumental in bringing it to new heights in the commercial life of this section.

Mr. Davis was born in Newport, September 24, 1886, son of Fred P. and Lucy A. (Hammond) Davis, both of whom were born in this State, being members of old and prominent families here. Fred P. Davis established the business now conducted by his son, in 1878, and was one of the foremost men of affairs in this community for many years, until his death, which occurred in 1924, when he was seventy-five years of age. Mrs. Fred P. Davis continues to reside in Newport.

Robert W. H. Davis was educated in the public schools of this city and after graduating from high school, in 1905, entered the University of Vermont, from which he received his degree in 1910. Immediately thereafter, he became associated with his father in the latter's organization where he took an active part in its management, and since his father's passing, has assumed complete charge as owner and proprietor. The Davis Coal and Transfer Company conducts a thriving business in coal for domestic and industrial use, wood, and cement, besides engaging in trucking work, employing altogether about ten hands. They also act as commission agents for the Standard Oil Company and distribute its gasoline and oil products. Mr. Davis is a believer in modern business methods and he has acquired a splendid reputation for efficient operation of this important enterprise, filling the needs of all customers to the greatest degree of satisfaction, rendering prompt, courteous service at all times, with the result that the residents and manufacturers of this vicinity can depend with absolute certainty upon the high quality of materials furnished as well as immediate attention to their wants. In civic matters, Mr. Davis lends his aid at all times to everything pertaining to municipal betterment and has rendered exceptional service to his city as alderman, by his zealous efforts to give to the people the finest type of municipal government combined with the material advantages of a progressive, modern and alive city. He is a member of the Republican party and his fraternal connections are with the Free and Accepted Masons, and

also the Scottish Rite Masons, having attained the thirty-second degree in that order, while he is also a member of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a charter member of the St. Johnsbury Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and in local affairs is a valued member of the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He is a popular member of the Newport Country Club, and he attends the Congregational Church.

Robert W. H. Davis married Bertha Irene DuBray, who was born in Morrisville, daughter of Fred and Effie (Hanson) DuBray. To this union has been born one son, F. Payson.

**DUDLEY W. DAVIS**—President of the National Bank of Derby Line, Dudley W. Davis has long been one of the foremost citizens of this community, having been associated with this same bank since 1886. A man of sound business abilities, eager to promote the best interests of his town and State, Mr. Davis has readily won a host of dear friends, and has come to be known as one of the leaders in the type of work which he performs.

He was born at Coaticook, Province of Quebec, Canada, on September 29, 1857, son of Dudley and Clarissa (Baldwin) Davis, both of whom are natives of the Province of Quebec. His father was a farmer and merchant by occupation, and lived and died in the Province of Quebec. Dudley W. Davis, with whom this biographical sketch is concerned, received his early education in the district schools of his home town in Quebec Province, and then went to Stanstead College and subsequently to the University of Toronto, from which he was graduated in the class of 1880, receiving the Bachelor of Arts degree. He then was a teacher for a period of three years, and for two years of this time taught at his own college, Stanstead. There his subjects were the classics. Then for one year, he was principal of the Hatley High School, but resigned from this position to accept an office in the clerical department of the bank which he now heads. From that time onward he filled various positions in this important financial institution, receiving training and invaluable experience in all branches of its activities, and at the same time acquiring a thorough knowledge of the banking business. After about four and one-half years he was made cashier, and then finally president.

In addition to his work as banker, Mr. Davis has for many years been active in the affairs of the community in which he lives. Interested in political developments, he himself is aligned closely with the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he regularly supports. On this party's ticket he was Representative in the State Legislature in 1908; while he also held offices of school director and town trustee. The religious affiliation of both himself and his family is with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has been a trustee for ten years. Mr. Davis's favorite diversions are motoring and spending the winter months in Florida. A man of an old family, he is a great-grandson of Dudley Davis, who was one of the first settlers in the State.

Mr. Davis married Annie Kidder, a native of Massachusetts.

**REGINALD W. BUZZELL**—As postmaster at Newport, Vermont, since 1924, Reginald W. Buzzell has discharged in a most efficient manner the duties of his position, to the complete satisfaction both of his superiors in the department and of the community which he serves. Long training in post office work and years spent in the Newport office have qualified him for his post, through which he has become an important and valued factor in the smooth functioning of the city's life.

Mr. Buzzell was born at Magog, in the Province of Quebec, Canada, March 22, 1894, a son of William and Hattie (Mitson) Buzzell. When his son was only six



months old, the father died and the mother later became the wife of Henry Squires.

Reginald W. Buzzell came to the United States when he was seven years old with his mother and her husband, and has since made his home at Newport. He attended the public schools of Newport Center, and was graduated from the Newport High School in 1914, following which he spent one year in study at the University of Vermont. While at this institution he was a member of Company C and later transferred to Company L of the National Guard, with which he served for three months on the Mexican border. After the entry of the United States into the World War, Mr. Buzzell went with his company to France, in the spring of 1917, and there served with distinction for a period of eighteen months as a member of the American Expeditionary Forces, receiving his honorable discharge on April 30, 1919, with the rank of sergeant.

In civil life all Mr. Buzzell's business career has been spent in the Newport post office. He began work here as a boy, and has returned to it following the intervals of his military service. After leaving the University of Vermont he was a member of the post office staff, where he was also employed while waiting to be called with his company to France. He has been in the postal service at Newport continuously since 1919. Winning merited advancement for meritorious work, he was first appointed postmaster in June, 1924, by President Coolidge, and subsequently reappointed by him on May 12, 1928. The Newport office is of the second class, with three city carriers and five clerks and comprising also four rural routes. Aiding Mr. Buzzell in his work, Fred Coburn is now assistant postmaster. Toward the efficient management of his office Mr. Buzzell has put forth his best efforts, and the success which he has obtained is a tribute to his executive ability, his energy, and progressive spirit.

In spite of a busy life, he still finds time to carry on his work in the National Guard, in which organization he is now major of the Third Battalion, with companies at Burlington, Brattleboro, Barre, Orleans, and Newport. While clerking the Newport post office he also found time to study law in the offices of Grout and Grout, local attorneys. Mr. Buzzell is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is a member of the Blue Lodge, the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Council of Royal and Select Masters, the Commandery of the Knights Templar, and a Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, all at Newport. He is also a member of the American Legion. In politics he supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party, actively aiding all worthy movements for civic advance and progress.

Reginald W. Buzzell married Josephine Start, who was born in the State of Michigan. Of this marriage there are two children: Elizabeth and William Joseph. Mr. Buzzell attends the Congregational Church, while Mrs. Buzzell's family has worshipped for years in the Protestant Episcopal faith.

**WALTER RANDALL WHITE**—Active in many different phases of the business life of North Bennington, Vermont, where he also took part extensively in civic and social affairs, Walter R. White was especially well known for his activity in the coal business and for the founding of the Walter R. White Estate, Incorporated, of which Mrs. White is president since his death. There was scarcely any aspect of the public life of Vermont in which Mr. White was not keenly interested, and he was willing and eager to support any movement which he thought would bring lasting benefits to his community and State. He won many friends, all of whom respected and admired him for his attainments in business and civic life, while many of them loved him as a true companion

and friend. His death caused widespread sorrow to the community in and near Bennington.

Mr. White was born in North Bennington, Vermont, on March 1, 1862, son of prominent Vermont people, and was educated in the public schools of his native village. He began his business career in 1882, at the age of twenty years. His was a diversified career, and yet he was successful in the management of all the numerous enterprises to which he put his hand. For many years he was the proprietor of the hotel known as "Hotel White," a very popular place in the days that preceded the coming of the electric cars and the railway. He maintained, in connection with this hostelry, a thoroughly equipped livery stable, and by the excellent service afforded he won and held the patronage of the traveling public. Later he added a coal business to his other enterprises, and this branch of his work grew from small beginnings until its scope extended to all the surrounding countryside. This business, under the name of Walter R. White Estate, Incorporated, is still carried on, with Mrs. White as its president. Another activity in which Mr. White was engaged was the operation of a grist mill, which was a great asset to this agricultural region of the country, embracing in its sphere of influence all southern Vermont and the adjoining region of New York State. This was the Old Custom Mill—the first mill built in Bennington.

In addition to his work in these different enterprises, Mr. White was a member of the Board of Selectmen of Bennington, his place of residence, for fifteen years. He was an ardent advocate of efficient and economical town government, which he did much to put into effect here. He was also a trustee of his village and a member of the School Board. Active in fraternal affairs, he was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he belonged to Tucker Lodge. In his religious faith a Methodist, he was a member and a liberal supporter of the North Bennington Methodist Episcopal Church.

Walter R. White married, March 27, 1884, Effie M. Walbridge. She is a keen business woman, as she has thoroughly demonstrated in her conduct of the Walter R. White Estate, in Bennington. Mr. and Mrs. White became the parents of the following children: 1. Ralph H., a business man of Bennington; married Fanny Filmore of Bennington; they have two children, Janet and Randall. 2. Wells W., who died on April 10, 1928; married Lena Percy, of Bennington; they have three children: Clara, Charles and Caroline; Mrs. Wells W. White is now manager of the estate, as was her husband before her. 3. J. Edward, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. 4. Florence (White) Davis, who is associated in business with the Young-Rubecon Advertising Company, of New York City, and is a graduate of Skidmore University. 5. Eugene Leslie, of Easton, Pennsylvania, who is now associated with the South Jersey Power and Electrical Company in the capacity of vice-president and electrical engineer; married Helen Nicholson, of Rutland, Vermont; one child, William Walbridge. Mrs. White, the mother of this family, is a descendant of General Ebenezer Walbridge, of fame in the War of the American Revolution, and she is a member of Bennington Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and a Past Regent.

The passing of Walter R. White occurred on January 23, 1926, and brought profound grief to the people of the community in and near Bennington, where he had so long lived. A representative of that sturdy type of New England citizen which is so strong a factor in American life, Mr. White was a man who believed in accomplishment through industry, thrift and community-building—those certain, if old-fashioned, virtues, which inevitably bring success. Shrewd and far-seeing in his business relationships, he was a ready advisor and coun-



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selor of the younger men of the town, so many of whom received valuable advice from him and thus obtained their start in life. He was, for all his seriousness of nature, a man whose keen sense of humor never left him, while his calmness of demeanor often served to quiet those of his associates and fellow men who were more impassioned and less in control of their thoughts. And his thorough kindness of attitude toward others rendered him a benefactor to many in need. Such were the characteristics of this leading citizen of Bennington; and they will long keep him high in the estimation of his fellows, many of whom hold the memory of him dear to their hearts and will for years to come.

**CHARLES H. COBURN**—One of West Burke's energetic and successful business men is Charles H. Coburn, who some years ago conceived the idea of combining a jewelry store with his drug store business. He came to West Burke a young man and so conducted himself and his business that today he is one of West Burke's most highly esteemed citizens.

He was born in Milford, New Hampshire, April 4, 1874, the son of Stephen C. and Anna J. (Putnam) Coburn. Both his parents were natives also of New Hampshire, his father a manufacturer and dealer in shoes. After completing the course of study to be had at the public schools in Milford, he became a student of the Kimball Union Academy, at Meriden, Sullivan County, New Hampshire. After completing his studies here, he went to Hanover, New Hampshire, to learn the drug business, engaging as a clerk in the drug store of L. B. Downing. He served in this store for three years in order that he might become thoroughly familiar with the business. After this apprenticeship, he took the State Board examinations for pharmacy in both New Hampshire and Vermont and passed both of them, receiving as his reward the certificate permitting him to practice pharmacy. He then went to St. Johnsbury and served as clerk in the Brigham Drug store for one year. The next three years he was with the Pierce drug store at Barton, Vermont, at the end of which time he came to West Burke and bought the business of which he is now the head proprietor. Subsequently he added a jewelry store, and his attractive window displays have brought many customers to his door.

Mr. Coburn is the town auditor and represented his town in the Legislature in 1921. Politically, he is a Republican, and although he has not the time for service in an official capacity, he is always ready and willing to render service befitting a citizen. In Masonry, he has attained to the Master's degree, and he is also affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Both he and his wife are attendants of the Methodist Church of West Burke. His wife was Emma M. Rice, born in Newark, Vermont, a daughter of Hugh and Elizabeth (McFarland) Rice. Hugh Rice was a farmer.

**HOMER BLISS CORLISS**—In the United States government service for nineteen years Mr. Corliss may be counted as a useful member of the civic structure of the community. He comes of a family that has always taken an active and practical interest in town matters. He was born at Highgate, October 24, 1884, a son of Joseph A. and Luella S. (Bliss) Corliss, both of Swanton. His mother died in 1916. His father was formerly a farmer, and is at present constable and tax collector for the town of Swanton, positions which he has filled for several years.

Mr. Corliss received his early education in the district schools of Highgate, then the high school of Swanton, afterwards going away to the Moody School at Mount Hermon, Massachusetts. For three years he worked in a machine shop at Bellows Falls and after this period

of mechanical experience, he entered the government service in the Department of Customs. He has been in the service since 1909, and has acted as deputy collector in charge at Beecher Falls, as deputy collector and inspector at North Troy and in 1927 was advanced to the post of deputy collector in charge at this place. Mr. Corliss faithfully supports the principles and nominees of the Republican party, is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and a Master Mason.

Mr. Corliss has married Grace E. Sargent, who was born in Bellows Falls and is the daughter of William A. and Emma E. (Howard) Sargent. Both Mr. and Mrs. Corliss are members of the Methodist Church, but attend the Congregational Church as there is no Methodist Church where they reside.

**FRED HERRICK COBURN**—Active in postal affairs in Newport, Fred Herrick Coburn entered the post office service here in 1909 and is now assistant postmaster of this city. Mr. Coburn was appointed to his present rank on March 17, 1919, in recognition of his regular, valued activities in this branch of governmental work. In the civic life of this city, he displays a deep interest in political and fraternal organizations and has always supported to the greatest extent every project designed to help this community in public welfare or advancement.

Mr. Coburn was born in Newport, September 25, 1888, son of William L. and Ada P. (Buswell) Coburn, his father a native of Franklin, and his mother, who died when Mr. Coburn was a child, was born in New Hampshire. William L. Coburn married (second) Grace L. Morse, and he died November 18, 1925.

Fred Herrick Coburn was educated in the public schools of North Troy, and after completing a high school course, entered Derby Academy from which he was later graduated. For several years he followed the teaching profession, and taught in the schools of this State; he also engaged in farming pursuits. At the age of twenty-one he entered the Newport post office as a clerk, starting on November 1, 1909. Here his interested attention to the mail service of this city and his pleasant, courteous personality caused him to advance, and on March 17, 1909, he was appointed assistant postmaster. In politics, he is an ardent supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and in fraternal affiliation he is a Master Mason. He and his family attend the Methodist Church.

Fred Herrick Coburn married Bernice E. Jones, who was born in Canada, daughter of Frank E. and Olive A. (Aiken) Jones, who now reside in North Troy, having removed to this town from Canada when Mrs. Coburn was a child. Frank E. Jones has been identified with the agricultural life of his community for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Coburn are the parents of three sons: Dean F., and Robert F. and Herbert W., twins.

**JOHN A. AUBIN**—In industrial circles of Vermont, John A. Aubin, of Newport, is a prominent factor as the owner and operator of the Orleans Bobbin Works, one of the principal manufacturing enterprises of this section, producing a necessary adjunct to the textile trade which has made New England famous the world over. Mr. Aubin has been associated with this organization for the entire length of his business career, the enterprise having been founded by his father in 1897, and he assumed complete control and ownership in 1911. The concern manufactures spinning bobbins for cotton and woolen mills and employs on an average of forty people in the various processes of the plant.

Mr. Aubin was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, May 6, 1884, son of Louis P. and Rosena (LeBer) Aubin, both of whom were born in Canada and came to the United



States shortly after their marriage. Louis P. Aubin was an expert machinist by trade and was occupied in that capacity for some years at Lowell, after which he became master mechanic of a bobbin mill at Black Falls, and was later engaged in the same capacity in both Montgomery and Newport. Not long after coming to this city, he established the business known as the Orleans Bobbin Works which has been in constant operation ever since. He withdrew from active participation in factory affairs in 1911, and his death occurred in 1921.

John A. Aubin was educated in the Vermont public schools and graduated from Newport High School, after which he entered St. Charles College, at Sherbrooke, Province of Quebec, Canada, and was graduated from that institution of learning with the class of 1903. Immediately thereafter, he became connected with his father's plant and became thoroughly familiar with the various details of bobbin manufacture. The concern suffered a severe loss when the entire factory was destroyed by fire, but the father and son were undaunted, and rebuilt, proceeding to be more active than ever before. Owing to the illness of his father, Mr. Aubin took over the direction of the company and in 1911, bought out the entire organization. Under his management, the capacity of the plant was greatly increased and it has progressed rapidly to a position of prominence in industrial affairs. Mr. Aubin is ever alert to the introduction of modern methods and the utilization of new, progressive ideas and is recognized as one of Newport's foremost business leaders. He displays an intelligent, constructive interest in civic matters, and has served the people of this city as alderman for two years. In politics, he is a member of the Republican party. His fraternal affiliations are with the Knights of Columbus, the Foresters, and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of St. Johnsbury. His religious adherence is given to the Catholic Church.

John A. Aubin married Olivine Dumas, who was born in St. Johnsbury, daughter of John and Eleonore (Mallott) Dumas. To this union have been born five children: 1. Loretta. 2. Irene. 3. Beatrice. 4. Theresa. 5. Evelyn.

**CHARLES E. AUDINWOOD**—Twice a volunteer soldier in his country's time of need, the record of Charles E. Audinwood, of Derby Line, is otherwise outstanding and he is now one of the successful and popular business men of the district, enjoying the esteem and respect of the entire community. His interest in the progress of the town is one of his outstanding characteristics, ever ready to put his shoulder to the wheel when activities for the promotion of community happiness are initiated, and joining readily movements wherever his talents may be of service. Of attractive personality, he readily makes friends and so conducts his private life and public enterprises that men esteem him as a citizen of pronounced value to the State of Vermont.

He was born in Derby Line, March 1, 1892, a son of Edward and Alma J. (Eastman) Audinwood, his father having been a native of England and a veterinarian and mortician, his mother a native of Canada. Educated in the public schools of Derby Line and at Goddard Seminary, Barre, Vermont, and Stanstead Wesleyan College, his parents both having died, he purchased a one-half interest in the R. & G. Overall Company, of Rock Island, Province of Quebec, Canada, where he lived and worked for five years. He then sold his interest and, in 1915, enlisted in the First Vermont Infantry, was made a sergeant and saw service with the regiment on the Mexican border, returning in 1916 and then working in the mines at St. Cyr, Quebec, for two years, when he returned to the United States and again enlisted. With the Dixie (Forty-fifth) Division he served in the American Expeditionary Forces overseas for five months, being honorably mustered out in 1918 and returning to Derby

Line. Here he engaged in real estate and as a mortician and also conducts his summer camps on All Head Mountain and supervises the conduct of an apartment house of which he is owner. He is at present chairman of the Derby Line Village Board of Trustees and votes the Republican ticket. His fraternal affiliations are with the Blue Lodge of Derby Line, Free and Accepted Masons; the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Commandery, of Sherbrooke, Canada, Knights Templar, and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Montreal. He is Past Master of Golden Rule Lodge, of Free and Accepted Masons and also belongs to the American Legion. His summer residence is at Lake Park, Vermont.

**THERON L. MEADER**—In a few years, Theron L. Meader, of Newport, has risen to a distinguished place in florist circles in Vermont as the owner and operator of the Flower Shop in this city since 1924, prior to which date he had had no experience whatever in this direction. Mr. Meader rightly deserves the credit which he receives for his accomplishments, while as one of this city's most progressive business men, he has taken a vigorous part in civic advancement since taking over his present enterprise.

Mr. Meader was born in Cabot, June 15, 1891, son of George and Josephine (Lance) Meader, his father having died in 1912, while his mother still lives in Newport, both having been born in Vermont, and members of old, established families of this State. George Meader was occupied in agricultural pursuits all his life.

Theron L. Meader was educated in the public schools of Newport and after graduating from high school, entered Bryant and Stratton Business College in Boston, Massachusetts, also studying at the Franklin Institute of Heating and Ventilating. Completing his special studies, he became a salesman and for thirteen years was engaged in the sale of stoves, furnaces and heating apparatus, chiefly in the middle western States, New York State and Vermont. In 1924 he purchased the Flower Shop, which for almost half a century has been the most representative floral establishment in this city. This concern was inaugurated by Burt Ball who operated it for many years, disposing of it to the Honorable Tom C. Camp, former mayor of Newport, who conducted it for some years and then sold out to Mr. Meader. Although possessing no previous experience in horticulture and greenhouse operation, Mr. Meader had the advantage of a splendid business training together with the latent ability inherited by him from a long line of ancestors who were experts in agriculture. Under his management, the business has expanded steadily and the greenhouses now comprise 21,000 square feet under glass, while in plant operation, five men are regularly employed, in addition to an office assistant. Mr. Meader conducts a general florist trade and does not specialize in any particular product. In local affairs, he takes a popular interest in everything pertaining to municipal progress, and in political matters is an independent voter, preferring to judge the merits of the man rather than the party. His fraternal affiliations are with the Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a member of the Blue Lodge, in Boston, and of the Chapter and Commandery of Newport. He is a member of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Montpelier, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Montpelier, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a valued member of the Newport Chamber of Commerce.

Theron L. Meader married Marjorie Leavitt, of Derby.

**FRED S. LAYTHE**—Now assistant treasurer of the Butterfield plant of the Union Twist Drill Company, situated at Rock Island, Province of Quebec, Canada, Fred S. Laythe has been associated with this plant for thirty years. He maintains his home at Derby, Vermont.







*Geo C Robinson*

where he takes a broad interest in public affairs and is one of the highly esteemed citizens.

Mr. Laythe was born at Rock Island, Province of Quebec, September 19, 1863, son of John W. and Harriet (Greenleaf) Babbitt, both United States citizens who died when the boy was very young. Fred S. Laythe was thereupon adopted by Edson H. and Sarah Jane (Greenleaf) Laythe, his mother by adoption having been sister to his own mother. The boy was educated at Stanstead Wesleyan College, at Stanstead, Province of Quebec, and then for a short time was clerk in a grocery store. Later he went to work in the drug store of J. T. Flint, where he remained for two years, during which he studied telegraphy on the side. He then worked for two years for the Canadian Pacific Railway, and at the end of his period of service with the railway company bought one-half interest in the store of J. T. Flint. He continued as a member of that firm for five years, that having been during the period of President Grover Cleveland's administration; and, despite his opposite political views, Mr. Laythe served as assistant postmaster. At length they divided their interests in the store, both continued under his own name, our subject in the old stand and Mr. Flint at a new location. After one year Mr. Laythe went to the Pacific Coast and became engaged in the drug business for six years. At the end of that time, he returned east and went to work for the Butterfield Company, which subsequently sold its interests to the Union Twist Drill Company. He remained in the employ of the organization, and one year later was made assistant treasurer of the Butterfield plant. Since then he has continued in this position, and has fulfilled his duties therein in a manner that has brought satisfaction to both his fellow officials of the company and to its customers. Mr. Laythe, in addition to his business activities, has consistently taken a considerable interest in the social and fraternal affairs of his community, being a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and a Master Mason. In the Universalist Church he has served as trustee and clerk over a long period. His political allegiance he gives to the Republican party, whose candidates and policies he regularly supports.

Mr. Laythe married Mary A. Holmes, an adopted daughter of Horace D. Holmes. By this marriage there have been born the following children: 1. Lawrence Holmes. 2. Millicent M. 3. Eugene William. 4. Katherine Mary. 5. Fred Horace.

**MAURICE J. KEEFE**—In the field of public utilities, Maurice J. Keefe of Newport has been active since 1922, when he accepted his present post as treasurer and secretary of the Newport Electric Light Company, which is one of the important power concerns in this section of Vermont. Mr. Keefe has become one of the most popular adopted citizens of this community in the short time he has resided here, while in his business connection, he has been instrumental in aiding the progress of this section through the greater distribution of electrical power which has modernized to such a great extent the living conditions and industrial expansion of Newport.

Mr. Keefe was born in Walpole, New Hampshire, August 29, 1888, son of David and Elizabeth (Relihan) Keefe, both of whom were born in Ireland, his mother having died in 1916. David Keefe is active in railroad circles as a locomotive engineer and now lives in Walpole.

Maurice J. Keefe was educated in the public schools of New Hampshire, and in the Bellows Falls High School, from which he was graduated; he then entered a business college in Northampton, where he completed a commercial course. After this he became associated with the Springfield Street Railway Company at Springfield, Massachusetts, remaining with this public service

organization for three years. He then accepted a situation with the Westinghouse Electric Company and after a year in that connection, went to the Bosch Magneto Company at Springfield, Massachusetts, being active in that concern for three years. For four years, Mr. Keefe was identified with the National Wrapping Machine Company in this city, resigning to accept his present office with the Newport Electric Light Company. In this connection, he has been active since 1922 in giving to the people of this city efficient, dependable electric service. In civic affairs, he is an independent voter, preferring to choose his candidate on merit rather than align himself with any particular political party. His fraternal affiliations are with the Knights of Columbus, and he is an adherent of the Catholic Church.

Maurice J. Keefe married Flora Blake, who was born in Coaticook, daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Sweeney) Blake. They have one son, David Joseph.

**GEORGE C. ROBINSON**—The late George C. Robinson was one of Vermont's distinguished and influential citizens. The high official place which he held in the State and in the township of West Rutland, together with nearly forty years of continuous service rendered by him for the advancement of the marble-working industry, made him an outstanding figure in that State.

Mr. Robinson was a native of Michigan, born in the village of Clifton, in December, 1860, and was brought when a babe of one year to Vermont, which State continued to be his home to the time of his death in West Rutland, February 7, 1925. He was the oldest of seven children born to Asher C. and Eurette (Stevens) Robinson. His parents were both natives of Vermont, his father, born February 15, 1839, in Fairfax, died March 2, 1911, in Westford, and his mother, born in Jonesville, August 20, 1838, died May 27, 1903.

Mr. Robinson was educated in the schools of Vermont. After completing his studies in the district schools at Westford, Chittenden County, he attended the St. Johnsbury Academy, from which he graduated with the class of 1884. Later, he matriculated at the University of Vermont, and graduated in 1887, with the degrees of Civil Engineer and Mining Engineer. He went to Proctor, Vermont, during the summer of 1886, before his scholastic training was completed, and after completing his survey, started to build the Clarendon & Pittsford Railroad. He returned to the University to resume his studies in mining, but before graduation, again took up his work on the railroad, which was completed in 1887. His diploma was mailed to him while he was pushing the railroad to completion.

Mr. Robinson entered the employ of the Vermont Marble Company at Proctor, Vermont, the year of his graduation, 1887, but after a few months he was assigned to the works at West Rutland. He held various positions in the company's employ, and in 1889 he was made superintendent of the West Rutland plant. He later became general superintendent, and in this position continued to the time of his death. No one held higher place or was better known among the marble quarry industrialists in New England than Mr. Robinson. Prominent in civic matters, he was elected to serve two terms in the Vermont Legislature, and he also held a number of West Rutland town offices. He was president of the West Rutland Trust Company, and the West Rutland Water Works, both of which he was largely instrumental in organizing. And he was a member of the board of directors of the Vermont Marble Company.

Fraternally, Mr. Robinson was affiliated with Hiram Lodge, No. 101, Free and Accepted Masons, of West Rutland, and was also a Knight Templar, belonging to the Rutland Commandery. His religious support was given to the United Church of West Rutland, and he



served for a time as its secretary. A man of excellent character, he was honored with official place in State and township, and held that influential position in his community that in all its concerns made its industrial advancement and its high civic status secure for his and coming generations. At the time of his funeral all business was suspended in the town in the afternoon, and the public and parochial schools were closed, as a tribute of honor.

On July 6, 1921, George C. Robinson was married to Mehitabel M. Crawford, who, like her late husband, is a prominent figure in the community, a woman of recognized ability and able leadership. She is the daughter of Rev. William H. and Emma M. (Foye) Crawford. Her father, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, served in a ministerial capacity to the time of his death, October 5, 1906, having filled appointments to the East Maine, Northwestern Iowa, and Troy, New York conferences. His widow resides at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robinson, in West Rutland, Vermont.

Mrs. Robinson was born in Millbridge, Maine, March 16, 1879, and when ten years of age came to live in Vermont. She is a graduate of the Pittsford High School, class of 1896, and of the New England Conservatory College of Oratory, class of 1901. After teaching in the public schools of Vermont for a short time, she went in training at the Mount Sinai Hospital, New York City, to become a nurse. She graduated from Mount Sinai, and also the Sloane Maternity Hospital, and later organized and taught post-graduate work in Mount Sinai Hospital. She spent one summer in charge of a sanatorium at Burlington. Since her marriage she has interested herself in various capacities of work, many of which are of a public nature. She has always been interested in social service work, and did a great deal of this while in New York City. Upon the death of Mr. Robinson, she succeeded to the presidency of the West Rutland Water Works Company. She is president also of the Underhill Cemetery Association, of Underhill, and besides being a trustee, serves as secretary and treasurer of the McConnell Rest Home for Teachers. Mrs. Robinson is a director of the Elizabeth Lund Home, of Burlington; member and clerk of the Vermont State Committee of Development; member of the special school building committee, of West Rutland; trustee of the West Rutland Library, and director of Rutland County Red Cross. In religion, Mrs. Robinson affiliates with the United Church, and is active in its work and support, having held numerous offices. As secretary of the Rutland County Council of Religious Education, she is rendering invaluable service.

Mrs. Robinson early indicated her political preference—that of the Republican party—and has since taken an active interest in the works of that organization. At the present time she is serving as chairman of the West Rutland Town Committee, and as county chairman of the Hoover-for-President-Club. That she was recognized for her ability and usefulness to the State is shown in the fact that she was the chosen candidate elected by the people of West Rutland to serve them at Montpelier as their Representative a second term. She is making an enviable record.

**WILLIAM DARIUS KELLEY**—Head of the business founded by his father and the ownership of which is shared with his mother, Mr. Kelley has long been one of the prominent business men of North Troy. He was born in North Troy, August 24, 1885, the son of Darius William and Sophia J. (Kennison) Kelley. Neither parent were natives of this district, although they had come here to settle and establish the business many years ago. Mrs. Kelley came from Coaticook, the Province of Quebec, and Darius William Kelley was born in Littleton, New Hampshire. He founded the drug

business still called by his name in 1883 and when he died, Kelley's Pharmacy passed into the capable hands of his son, who has managed it ever since. Mr. Kelley's training for the business has been thorough and highly technical. His early education was acquired in the schools of North Troy, through the high school grade, and then he took a post-graduate course in the Vermont Academy. His intensive training for his work was taken at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy at Boston, and he subsequently passed the State board of examination in 1909. Carrying on a business that is, in the highest sense, of the most essential import in a community, Mr. Kelley has made himself felt as one of the constructive business men of the district and one who may be depended upon to foster and uphold any measure that is in the best civic interests. His interest in town matters is active and practical and he has served them in various ways. He has been village clerk and auditor, a representative to the General Court, and is trustee and treasurer of the Congregational Church. In his own profession he has been given the position of chairman of memberships of the Vermont Pharmaceutical Association and is a member of the association and of the National Association of Retail Druggists. Fraternally, Mr. Kelley belongs to the Woodmen of America, the Knights of Pythias, and is a thirty-second degree Mason of Knights Templar, the Scottish Rite, and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. Kelley married Jessie Harriet Munro, of Brooklyn, New York, and they have two sons, Darius Munro and Donald William.

**HARRIS EUGENE JENKINS**—One of the prominent and respected citizens of the village of East Burke, Vermont, is Harris Eugene Jenkins, who is now living retired from active business after many years devoted almost solely to agricultural pursuits. He was born in the town of Kirby, April 1, 1862, the son of Milo and Amelia (Sanderson) Jenkins, both of whom are now deceased.

Mr. Jenkins' father was a farmer, and after giving his son a practical education in the elementary schools of the neighborhood, he allowed him to assist in the work of the farm. Under the tutelage of his capable father he became very efficient in farm management. He liked the work, and in order to get the means with which to purchase a farm of his own, he began by working for the neighboring farmers when opportunity presented and when his father could spare him from his own farm. He continued to do this until twenty-one years of age, and during this time acquired a nice competency. Eventually he was able to purchase a farm of his own. This was located in the town of Kirby, and comprised one hundred and eighty acres. He worked this farm for a number of years with success, then sold it and accepted a position at the Vail Agricultural School as instructor on farm machinery. His knowledge of machinery and his ability to convey his ideas to others made him much sought after, and for a number of years he was employed by the International Harvester Company in a similar capacity. Mr. Jenkins is a man who is wide awake to opportunities, and during his more active days he did considerable business also in buying and selling real estate and farms. After selling his farm in Kirby, he removed to the town of East Burke, where he has resided ever since. During the calamitous flood in Vermont in the fall of 1927, his house was entirely washed away.

A man of public spirit, Mr. Jenkins has always been interested in civic affairs, and is always ready to lend his aid when he believes it to be for the interest of the community. His political views are in favor of the Republican party, which he serves. He is now serving his third term as selectman of the village of East Burke,



and has represented Burke in the Legislature. Prior to coming to East Burke, he was chosen selectman of the town of Kirby, and represented that town in the Legislature in 1906. In religion, Mr. Jenkins is affiliated with the Methodist Church, having served as a steward for the past thirty-five years. His wife is also a member of this church.

Mr. Jenkins married Ada (Shurtliff) Amidon, widow of Carl Amidon, and daughter of Nathan and Martha (Lincoln) Shurtliff, of Stockboro, Vermont. By her first marriage, Mrs. Jenkins had one daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins have no children.

**RICHARD HURST**—Owner and operator of Hurst's Hotel, at Newport, Vermont, Richard Hurst has built up this enterprise through able management and the application of sound business principles into one of the most prosperous ventures of its kind in this section of the State. The hotel, with its fifty-four guest rooms, is beautifully equipped in every particular, and in connection with it Mr. Hurst runs a very complete and up-to-date restaurant and a lunch room. He has been in the restaurant business for more than twenty-three years and has achieved success solely through hard work and his own ability.

Mr. Hurst was born in the Province of Quebec, Canada, in May, 1865, a son of James and Sarah Hurst. Both his parents died when he was only nine years old, and from that time on he has been his own master and made his own way. Living with friends in Canada, his education was necessarily limited by circumstances, but he early acquired the habits of industry and thrift which remained with him in all later life. His first paying job, he secured on a local farm where by hard work he was able to earn eight dollars a month. When he was a little older, however, he was engaged as a lumberman. Finally, when he was nineteen, Mr. Hurst left Canada and came to Vermont, settling first at St. Johnsbury, where he took up both farming and lumbering work. Some time later he became connected with the local railroad and for more than ten years was employed in the passenger service division, discharging with complete efficiency the various duties which fell to him, and winning merited advancement for his loyal efforts. For some time, however, he had desired to start in business for himself and when the opportunity offered he established a lunch cart at Newport which he operated successfully over a period of three years, finally disposing of his holdings and acquiring the restaurant under the Memphremagog House. When this hotel was destroyed by fire on May 15, 1907, the fruits of many years of labor vanished with the smoke and flames, but although he may have been discouraged, Mr. Hurst did not lose heart. In a few days he had obtained a lease on the property which is now the Hurst Hotel, and in only a few months he was firmly established on a sound financial basis, with a constantly increasing patronage throughout this section. The community was quick to take advantage of the excellent hotel and restaurant service which he offered, and by his able management the returns on his investment reached flattering proportions. In 1922 he purchased the property and building outright, and has continued its operation since that time, making a total of more than twenty years of successful effort.

Mr. Hurst is very well-known and highly esteemed at Newport, entering into all the various phases of community life. He has served both as trustee and as alderman, while he is now a member of the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Newport Rotary Club. Politically he leans to Republican candidates and principles, always heartily supporting worthy movements directed toward civic progress and welfare. Mr. Hurst is a member of the Newport Country Club, while he is affiliated fraternally

with the Free and Accepted Masons, and is active in the higher circles of this great order, being a member of all bodies of the York and Scottish Rites, including the thirty-second degree of the latter.

Richard Hurst married Alice Hosmer, who was born in Hyde Park, a daughter of Charles H. and Elizabeth (Avery) Hosmer, of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Hurst are the parents of two children: 1. Maude Elizabeth, who married Morris L. Blanchard; they now live at Hartford, Connecticut, with their son, Richard Frank. 2. Gertrude Alice, a dietitian in a New York City restaurant. Mrs. Hurst is a member of the Newport Congregational Church, while Mr. Hurst is an attendant and liberal supporter of all churches.

**FRANZ A. HUNT**—A member of the firm of Gilpin, Hunt and Company, Inc., Franz A. Hunt has devoted all his business career to printing and publishing work. The gradual expansion of his company, until now it is a prominent factor in the Vermont publishing field, may be traced in an appreciable degree to Mr. Hunt's able efforts and progressive policies. He is now treasurer of the firm and resident manager of its interests at Newport, where business is conducted under the name of the Express and Standard Corporation.

Mr. Hunt was born June 30, 1887, at Westmore, Vermont, a son of Seymour and Ida (Humphrey) Hunt. The father, who was born (as was his son) on the ancestral farm of the family, was an educator and teacher by inclination and training, but owing to circumstances over which he had no control, was also obliged to assume the management of the home farm, and was thus prevented from giving all his time to the educational work which he loved. Franz A. Hunt attended the district schools of Westmore, and in 1907 was graduated from Barton Academy. While going to school he also worked in his spare time at the printing office of Mr. Gilpin at Barton. It was upon the latter's advice that Mr. Hunt undertook the course of study at Eastman Business College, in Poughkeepsie, New York, which he completed in 1908. Returning to Vermont at the end of that time, he became bookkeeper for Mr. Gilpin, with whom he has since been associated. Later he was able to purchase a half interest in the job printing plant, and finally in August, 1919, there was incorporated the firm of Gilpin, Hunt & Company, Inc., taking in Mr. Gilpin's business as well as that of the partnership.

At that time the firm published the "Orleans County Monitor" and did a thriving commercial printing business, later acquiring a lease of the "North Troy Palladium" at North Troy. In June, 1920, a controlling interest was acquired in the Express and Standard Corporation, publishers of the "Express and Standard" at Newport, and Mr. Hunt moved from Barton to Newport to become resident manager of the company's interests there. Following this change the "North Troy Palladium" was purchased and combined with the "Newport News," a news weekly published at Newport, which had been started and promoted by Gilpin, Hunt & Company. The two papers then became the "Palladium and News," published on Tuesday morning. The "Express and Standard" is now published on Friday morning, giving Newport and Northern Orleans County a twice-a-week news service. In connection with the publication of these newspapers this office does a large volume of commercial printing. Mr. Hunt has built these papers up on sound business principles, until now they not only enjoy a prosperous circulation, but are also a powerful influence in community affairs. He has made every effort to attain the highest standards of excellence, and this in general is also the policy of his company in all its work.

Mr. Hunt is well known throughout the State for his many public-spirited activities. For three years now he has been president of the Vermont Press Association,



while he is also a member of the special State Publicity Committee and has accompanied the various publicity trains sent out by Vermont. At Newport he is prominent in public life, heartily supporting all worthy movements for civic advance and community progress. He is a charter member of the Newport Rotary Club, while he is also a member and is now vice-president of the local Chamber of Commerce. In politics a member of the Republican party, he is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order is a member of the Blue Lodge, the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and the Commandery of the Knights Templar.

Franz A. Hunt married Edith Campbell, of Westmore, Vermont, a daughter of Hugh and Margaret (Scott) Campbell. Three children have been born of this marriage: 1. Kenneth H. 2. Robert C. 3. Helen Edith. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hunt are active members of the First Congregational Church, at Newport, taking a prominent part in all church work, while Mr. Hunt is also a member of the business committee of the church. The family residence is situated at No. 17 Northern Avenue.

**CHARLES P. HUNT**—A conservative yet energetic citizen of North Troy, Mr. Hunt has held almost every office in the bestowal of the community and may be said to wield a wide-spread influence upon the civic development, and can always be counted upon to exert this influence to the best intent. He was born in Troy, June 19, 1855, a son of Samuel P. and Martha A. (Gilpin) Hunt. The elder Mr. Hunt was born in Monroe, Grafton County, New Hampshire, and came to Vermont in 1840, remaining here throughout his life and dying here on March 7, 1894. He was looked upon as a man of sound judgment and fine civic ideals and was greatly mourned by an appreciative community. Charles P. Hunt grew up on his father's farm and was educated in the local schools. He conducted his own farm for many years, although he is now retired, and was considered one of the prosperous and progressive-minded agriculturists when he gave up active pursuit of this vocation. His methods were modern and scientific to a degree and attended with notable success. All through his life he has shown the keenest public spirit and worked unceasingly in the interests of the community. Mr. Hunt served the town as chairman of the school board from 1895 to 1901, was chairman of the board of listers from 1895 to 1903, and has been commissioner and selectman for several years. He represented his town in the State Legislature in 1923-24. He is Republican by political affiliation and loyally gives his endorsement to the party's candidates at each election.

On July 6, 1881, Mr. Hunt married Addie A. Scott Meigs, a daughter of Hartley S. and Emily (Scott) Meigs of the Province of Quebec and three children have been born of the marriage: 1. Charles, born April 19, 1882, and died on December 22, 1890. 2. Maude E., who was born April 24, 1884. 3. Oliver H. P., born on February 18, 1894.

**EVERETT J. HILL**—For many years one of the leading men in the legal life of this county, Everett J. Hill, of Newport, has held the post of sheriff of Orleans County since 1910, and in his tenure of office he has given the people of this district an efficient, progressive régime. Mr. Hill is one of Vermont's pioneer railroad men, having been connected with transportation in this State for many years, in addition to which he was also active for a time in hotel management.

Sheriff Hill was born in Waterford, Caledonia County, November 9, 1849, son of James B. and Rosanna (Smith) Hill, both of whom were members of old, prominent Vermont families, his father having been born in St. Johnsbury, and his mother in Waterford. James B. Hill was active in agricultural affairs all his life.

Everett J. Hill was educated in the public schools of Lyndon, and at Lyndon Academy. Completing his formal education, he began his active career driving a team and was thus engaged for two years. He then became connected with the old Passumpsic Railroad, and remained with that system for approximately twenty-five years, beginning as brakeman and working up in a short time to the position of conductor on the road. After many years in that capacity, his health forced him to give up such active work, and the railroad company transferred him to the position of signal-man. However, his health being restored, he returned to his former post as conductor in which he was active for some time, being also an express messenger for four years. Relinquishing his association with railroad activities, Mr. Hill turned his attention to the hotel business and for one year was manager of a hotel in Barton and also conducted an exclusive resort hotel in Georgia for one winter season. Following his hotel ventures, he returned to railroad operation for a short time until he was appointed deputy sheriff of Orleans County in 1906. He ably filled the requirements of that civil office and four years later, in 1910, was elected sheriff of this county and has ever since continued to serve his people and State in executing so well the mandates of its courts and by his zealous protection of the life and property of each citizen. In politics, he is a staunch Republican, while his fraternal affiliations are with the Free and Accepted Masons, Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery, all of Newport, having passed through the chairs of all these various organizations and having had the honor of being senior deacon of the Grand Lodge of Burlington. He and his wife attend the Congregational Church.

Everett J. Hill married Ada B. Goff, who was born in Barre, a daughter of L. L. Goff.

**GARY S. HEATH**—In selecting Gary S. Heath to be postmaster of Derby Line the Washington authorities acted upon good advice, in the opinion of the great majority of the citizens of this Vermont town, for during his régime he has raised the office to a high plane of efficiency and seen it advance to the grade of second class. He has always been a man of action and wise discretionary powers, an industrious and painstaking worker who has never been completely satisfied with anything but the best of results from his activities. He has brought credit to the office and is one of the most popular citizens of Derby, as well as one of the really valuable units in the population of the Green Mountain State. He takes an active interest in all progressive civic affairs and is never too much engaged in his official occupation to fail in his duty to the people when called upon to lend his influence to the promotion of a sound cause. Of pleasing personality, he has made a vast army of friends and won the esteem and admiration of the populace for his substantial character and impeccable integrity.

He was born in Holland, Vermont, January 14, 1871, a son of Leander C. and Hortense M. (Clough) Heath, the elder representative of the family having been born in Stanstead, Province of Quebec, Canada, while the mother was a native of New York State. They were farmers and their son received his elementary education in the public schools of Holland and worked on the farm until he was nineteen years of age, when he became associated with the firm of J. A. Hunt in his Derby Line grocery store. Here he worked for five years, then going to Ayer's Cliff, Quebec, as a clerk in the general store of A. G. Clough. Two years there and he returned to Derby and entered the employment of R. J. Hunt in the capacity of bookkeeper in his hardware, plumbing and heating apparatus establishment. Seven years later he was appointed postmaster and resigned his position with Mr. Hunt to accept the appointment of the President. He has filled the position since and with growing







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satisfaction to the people whom he serves. The postmaster's assistant is his son, Gary E. Heath, and the office employs one clerk and operates one rural route. It was raised to the rank of a second class office in July, 1926. Mr. Heath is independent in his politics. He is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, Order of Free and Accepted Masons, and of the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. Also he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, with membership in all its branches and is Past Grand Master of his Quebec lodge. His church is the Universalist, of which he is a trustee and moderator.

Gary S. Heath married Amy B. Watson, a native of Wisconsin whose ancestors were settlers of Vermont. She is a daughter of Charles and Martha Watson. They are the parents of Gary E., a graduate of the elementary schools of Vermont and of the Bugbee Commercial College, of Stanstead, Quebec.

**ORVILLE D. HANCOCK**—Farmer and dairyman in the town of Newport, Vermont, Orville D. Hancock conducts a farm on the Troy Road, owns about twenty-five head of Jersey cattle, and carries at the same time some regular stock, all of a good grade. He has a market for his milk in Boston, seals his product on the farm and ships it direct to the city. His barn is modern in every way, with star equipment for stalls, and sanitary in all details.

Mr. Hancock was born in Coventry, January 25, 1878, son of Asa and Esther (Stevens) Hancock, the father a native of Coventry and the mother of Canada. They were farmers by occupation, and both are now deceased. Orville D. Hancock, of whom this is a record, was educated in the common schools of Coventry, and then went to work on his father's farm, where he remained until he was twenty-one years old. He started for himself, was on the farm three years at Coventry, and then came to Newport and ran the city farm for four years. At the end of this period he purchased his present property from Augustus Lane, whereupon he ran a creamery for eleven years in connection with his regular farming activities. He has devoted his time consistently to his farming and dairy enterprises, and has been successful in all of his undertakings.

Mr. Hancock, in addition to his business activities, takes part in a number of organizations and societies in Newport. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and the Grange. He and his family are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

He married Bertha Goodnough, a native of Coventry, daughter of George and Mary (Little) Goodnough. Mr. and Mrs. Hancock have become the parents of one daughter, Gladys, who was educated at Lyndon Institute, and who is now employed in the "Express Standard" office.

**ALLAN S. GILMOUR**, farmer and live stock dealer, was born December 18, 1865, in the town of Glover, Orleans County, Vermont, the son of David and Agnes (Speir) Gilmour. His parents were natives of Scotland, who came to this country when very young. They came to the State of Vermont and eventually settled in Glover at a time when the population was considerably less than eight hundred. David Gilmour began farming operations and continued in this kind of work to the time of his death. Both parents are now deceased, and of their family of four children, only two are now living, Allan S. Gilmour, and his sister Agnes, now Mrs. Cook.

Mr. Gilmour received his primary education in the district schools of the neighborhood in which he lived, and completed his scholastic training in the Glover Academy. After this, he helped his father for a time on the farm, then the youthful inclination for adventure

got the better of him and he went to California, where in the city of San Francisco he secured a position on a milk wagon. He worked at this for one year, then returned to the East, securing a position in a wholesale grocery and provision store in Massachusetts. After four years spent in this employment, he returned to his native town of Glover, Vermont, and there purchased a farm which he operated successfully for a number of years, and at the same time dealt largely in livestock. The past few years he has devoted most of his time to the cattle end of the business, as well as devoting a part of his time to real estate, his residence since 1920 being in West Burke, Vermont. Prior to his coming to West Burke, he lived for a time in the town of Barton, Vermont, where for three years he served as lister of the town, and for two years as overseer of the poor. While a resident of Glover, he was on the school board for seven years and overseer of the poor for three years. He is affiliated with the Republican party, and is a member of the Orleans Lodge, No. 55, Free and Accepted Masons, of Barton, and the Royal Arch Chapter, of Barton.

Allan S. Gilmour married (first) at Haverhill, Massachusetts, Katherine Davis, daughter of Albert Davis, of that place. Of this marriage there were born three children: Albert D., Phyllis, who died aged seventeen, and Marion J. After the death of his first wife he married Matie E. (Eldridge) Anderson, widow of Irvin W. Anderson. They attend the Methodist Church.

**HARVEY R. GARDYNE**—One of the executives of the Blair Veneer Company Mr. Gardyne may be counted as one of the important figures in the financial structure of the county. He was born in North Troy, September 23, 1891, son of Ernest Gilman and Susannah (Elkins) Gardyne, and grew up and received his education in this town. After graduating from the high school he entered Barton Academy and when he had finished at that institution he worked for a while in his father's dry goods and department store. Offered a position as clerk in the Blair Veneer Company, he went into that organization and has remained there ever since, gaining in promotion and responsibility from time to time, and now being its secretary, treasurer and general manager. When the buildings were destroyed by fire, Mr. Gardyne was instrumental in rebuilding the plant and in stimulating its sales policy into its present highly successful status. Mr. Gardyne is also one of the directors of the Valley Savings Bank and Trust Company. He gives his political influence to the Republican party and takes an active interest in matters that pertain to the town's welfare. He is also trustee and deacon of the Congregational church. Mr. Gardyne is a Mason, belonging to the Masonic Union Lodge, No. 16, of the Free and Accepted Masons; the Cleveland Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Malta Commandery of Knights Templar. He is a member of the Newport Country Club.

Mr. Gardyne was married several years ago to Nellie Marion Rice, daughter of George E. and Jessie R. Rice of Pittsfield, and four children have been born to them; Virginia Marion, Harvey R., Jr., Jeane, and Robert William.

**MYRON J. BLAIR**—In the person of Myron J. Blair the community in and near Troy, Vermont, possessed a citizen of great usefulness and public-spiritedness, a man who ever was eager to advance the best interests of his fellow townsmen and to do a kindly deed. Engaged for many years in the business life of Troy, he came to be widely known; and his host of friends sincerely mourned his passing, which came suddenly in 1926 and cut short a life of distinct value.

Mr. Blair was born at Jay, Vermont, on February 20, 1864, son of John and Emeline (Farwell) Blair. His



father, a native of Scotland, came to the United States when only six years old; the mother was born at Bath, New Hampshire. Myron J. Blair, of whom this is a record, received his early education in the public schools of Jay and North Troy, whither his family subsequently removed. Interested in music, and a skilled clarinet player, he devoted considerable time to the study of it; and later held positions as band leader and music teacher. When twenty years old he went to Boston, Massachusetts, where he worked in a factory and continued at the same time his studies of music. Then, while living at Newport, Vermont, he was leader of the band and a music teacher. He was employed at Frost Veneer plant for many years, and then went into partnership with W. E. Delarm. Together they started a veneer plant of their own at Newport under the firm name of Blair and Delarm. This they conducted for about six years, at the end of which time they lost all in a devastating fire. Then Mr. Blair became associated with Nelson & Hall Company, and formed a stock company under the firm name of Blair Veneer Company, at North Troy. This company was one of the largest veneer plants in this country, having a branch at Hancock, Vermont. In all of his business endeavors, Mr. Blair was eminently successful, bringing into his daily business life and relationships those qualities of sound business judgment and amiability of personality that were a part of everything that he did.

These same qualities made him a likely figure for public service; and so it was that he was called upon to serve in high public office. A Republican in his political views, he was called upon a number of years ago to become a candidate for the Vermont State Senate, and for a term represented the Troy district in the upper house of the State Legislature. A member of the Free and Accepted Masons, he was affiliated with the Scottish Rite bodies and held the thirty-second degree, and also was a member of the Mystic Shrine. He was very fond of fishing, but being constantly busy in the task of building up his business he had little time for his favorite diversion.

On September 18, 1894, he married Jennie L. Chaffee, born at St. Albans, Vermont, September 12, 1872, daughter of Arthur and Mary (McClarity) Chaffee, both natives of the town of Berkshire, Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Blair became the parents of the following children: 1. Marie Jessamine, who died at the age of eighteen years. 2. Marjorie Louise, who was graduated from Lasalle Institute. 3. Charlotte Helen, who studied at Chamberlain's private school, in Boston.

The death of Myron J. Blair occurred suddenly at North Troy on October 30, 1926; and was an occasion of sincere sorrow and grief among his many friends and acquaintances. His fellowmen felt his passing especially because of his great contribution to public life in Troy and vicinity, where he was an excellent citizen and ever active in town affairs. He will long be remembered as one of the town's foremost residents, a man of splendid personal qualities, and a kind and loving husband and father.

**JAMES T. GARDNER**—Always one of the first to lend his support to affairs of civic development and progress, James T. Gardner, of Newport, has the honor of having been the first alderman elected when the city was organized, while he also served as mayor of Newport for the term, 1919-20. Mr. Gardner is one of the leading business men of this community and in both commercial and political matters, he has done much to further the public welfare and to add to the happiness of his fellow-citizens. He is the owner and proprietor of the well-known establishment conducting business under the firm name, James T. Gardner and Son, Incorporated, handling musical instruments of all kinds together with the latest products of the musical world.

Mr. Gardner was born in Machias, Maine, May 16, 1875, son of Alfred and Elizabeth (Hanson) Gardner, both of whom were members of old Maine families. Alfred Gardner was active for many years in agricultural and lumbering interests.

James T. Gardner was educated in the public schools of Machias, Maine, and upon the completion of his formal education, entered the lumber industry in which he was successfully engaged for some years. On February 5, 1906, Mr. Gardner came to Newport to enter the employ of the Bailey Music Store, which was one of the units of the Bailey Stores, Musical. As employee of the establishment, Mr. Gardner won the confidence of the buying public, while at the same time, he interested himself in the civic and cultural affairs of his adopted community. Having an opportunity to take over the business with which he was connected, he and his partner, C. H. McCauley, purchased the concern from the Bailey interests and operated it for four and a half years under the name of Gardner and McCauley. At that time Mr. Gardner bought out Mr. McCauley's interests and has since conducted the business independently, until recently when his son became associated with him in its management. Their enterprise has kept pace with the times and is modern in every respect, giving to the people of this vicinity the advantage of the very latest output of the music trade with the same promptness as may be obtained in a metropolitan community. In addition to his commercial organization, Mr. Gardner owns a large farm of one hundred and forty acres outside Newport, where he makes his summer home, having a tenant operate the farm, and living in this city during the winter months at 99 Lakeview Avenue. As mayor of Newport, he gave to this city an administration which was characterized by remarkable strides in the direction of municipal advancement, being concerned at all times with bettering present conditions and aiming towards higher standards in every line. In politics, he is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and his fraternal affiliations are with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of the Chapter, Council and Malta Commandery, Knights Templar in which he has served as Eminent Commander. He is a member of Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Montpelier; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Modern Woodmen of the World. In civic affairs, he is prominent as a member of the Rotary Club and the Newport Chamber of Commerce. With his family he attends the Baptist Church.

James T. Gardner married Calista A. Sprague, who was born at Starboard, Maine, daughter of Nehemiah and Fannie Sprague, and to this union have been born five children: 1. Lawrence Emery, graduate of Newport High School, now associated with his father's business. 2. Catherine, married Milo Kendall, and they have one daughter, Marylin. 3. Lucile. 4. Richard. 5. Rudolph.

**ARTHUR D. FOGG**—It is indeed interesting to review the careers of men, who have from small beginnings risen to places of importance in the business world by their own efforts and initiative. Such a man is Arthur D. Fogg, lumber and real estate dealer of West Burke, Vermont. Although now well on in years, he is still actively interested in his lumber business, which usually keeps two sawmills in operation. And he also handles a small amount of real estate.

Arthur D. Fogg was born in the town of Westmore, Vermont, September 6, 1858, the son of Oliver Morse and Abbie (Orne) Fogg, both of whom are now deceased. His parents were both natives of Vermont, his father born in Sutton, and his mother in Westmore. Oliver Morse Fogg was a well-known carpenter-joiner and bridge builder of Vermont. His son, Arthur D. Fogg, acquired what scholastic training he had in the



district schools of his native town, and this did not reach above the elementary grades. His first position after leaving school was with the E. & T. Fairbanks & Company, manufacturers of weighing scales, electrical engines, etc., at St. Johnsbury, Vermont. He remained in their employ for twelve years, during this time saving his money in order that he might have it for investment at a future date. Upon leaving the Fairbanks Company he purchased a farm land in the town of Sutton, where for the next twenty years, besides farming operations he carried on a prosperous lumber business. During these years Mr. Fogg realized that money could be made in the lumber end of the business, and began buying other timber tracts, clearing them, and then selling the farms. In this he was most successful. During his residence in Sutton, Mr. Fogg was chosen selectman and served in this capacity for four years, and was lister for eight years. His continued reappointment to this office clearly shows him to have been a man of marked ability, highly regarded by his fellow townsmen. About 1905 he sold his farm in Sutton and moved to West Burke, where he purchased a grocery and provision business. This he conducted for about eight years, or until the beginning of the World War, when he took charge of the Parker Young Company Mills in West Burke. This continued until the close of hostilities, when he again engaged in business as a real estate and lumber dealer.

Mr. Fogg is a man who takes an active interest in civic affairs, and is always ready to assist financially or otherwise any project that he deems of benefit to his town. His political preferment is that of the Republican party, and during the years 1925-26 he served as representative to the General Court. He is also one of the village trustees. His fraternal associations include the Blue Lodge, of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of West Burke, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Sutton.

Mr. Fogg married Chloe Phillips, born in the town of Glover, Vermont, daughter of Oscar and Jane (Lewis) Phillips. Mrs. Fogg is a very capable woman. She is a graduate of the Montpelier Seminary, where she studied art, and for twenty years has been a teacher of art. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fogg attend the Methodist church.

**C. A. BROWN**—Vice-president and trust officer of the Orleans Trust Company at Newport, Vermont, C. A. Brown has risen to this high place in Vermont financial circles solely through his own efforts and ability. It was at the special request of bank officials that he returned to them after some years in other work, and their confidence thus expressed has been more than justified by the proved value of Mr. Brown's services to the institution.

Born at Newport, on September 4, 1874, Mr. Brown is a son of A. W. Brown, well known locally for many years as a wholesale dealer in flour and feeds, and of Avaline (Harvey) Brown. When he became of proper age, he attended the public schools of his birthplace, Newport Academy, and later Vermont Academy, from which he was graduated in 1894, completing his educational work with a business course at Boston. Mr. Brown began the business of life as a bookkeeper in the employ of True and Blanchard, resigning at the end of three years to accept a position with the Orleans Trust Company, with whom he remained associated for many years. Engaged at first in minor capacities he gained steady and merited advancement as his ability and the quality of his work became recognized and the value of his loyal services more apparent, rising finally to important positions of confidence and trust. From 1898 to 1907 he served as assistant treasurer in a very efficient way, relinquishing this post for the larger opportunities

offered to him at the end of this period by the telephone company. This connection he continued until 1924, winning wide reputation as capable executive officer and a man of vision and foresight, and finally, at the request of the officials of the Orleans Trust Company he returned to them as vice-president and trust officer. He has devoted himself to his duties with the company since 1924, contributing in an appreciable degree to the continued growth and prosperity of this enterprise. As Mr. Brown himself explains, he has no special hours at the bank, finding plenty of work to do there at all times.

Politically a member of the Republican party, Mr. Brown has been active in every worthy community movement, not as a politician, but merely as a good citizen. He is one of the few sons of Newport who has never left the place of his birth, and never lost interest in its progress and welfare. Before the incorporation of Newport as a city he served as a member of the Village Board of Trustees, and as lister, while during the period of the World War he was treasurer of the War Chest and active in all local drives. He is now chairman of the Orleans County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Mr. Brown is a member and for six years was secretary of the Newport Chamber of Commerce, while he is also a member of the Rotary Club.

C. A. Brown married Emma Barnes, who died in December, 1920, a daughter of Egbert and Annita (Pettes) Barnes. Three children have been born of this marriage: 1. Pauline, a graduate nurse of Montreal General Hospital, and now on the staff there. 2. Barbara, who has completed the secretarial course at Simmons College, is now with an investment house in Boston. 3. Virginia, a student at Newport High School. With his family Mr. Brown worships in the Baptist faith, taking an active part in all church work. Of the local congregation of this denomination, he is clerk and a member of the Board of Trustees.

**FREDERICK GLEED FLEETWOOD**—Representing the Morrisville District of Vermont in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth Congress, to which he was elected on the Republican ticket by a substantial majority over his Democratic opponent, James E. Kennedy, Frederick Gleed Fleetwood has served his constituents ably and satisfactorily. Prior to his selection for the national body of law makers he had served creditably in other offices and had been an active worker in the national field for his political party. He is a man of attractive personality, honorable in all his methods and has long been a successful practitioner of the law in this district.

He was born in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, September 27, 1868, and attained his education in the common public schools and at St. Johnsbury Academy, after which he attended the University of Vermont and later Harvard University, from which he was graduated in 1891. He served as town clerk and treasurer of Morrisville from 1896 to 1900, and as State's attorney for Lamoille County from 1896 to 1898. He was secretary of the committee on revision of the Vermont statutes in 1893 and 1894, and was elected to the House of Representatives in 1900. In the last-named year he was also a presidential elector and from 1902 to 1908 and again, from 1917 to 1919, was Secretary of State of Vermont.

**CURTIS STANTON EMERY**—An important figure in the life of Newport, Vermont, for many years, Curtis Stanton Emery has achieved a successful career in several fields of endeavor. Although now retired for the most part from active business life, he remains senior partner of the firm C. S. Emery & Company, custom-house brokers, which he established, while throughout a



long period he was well known as an attorney in this section of Vermont.

Mr. Emery was born in Brookfield, Vermont, November 6, 1861, a son of Amos and Sarah M. (Hibbard) Emery, both now deceased, who were farmer folk in this State. Like his son, the father was active throughout life in civic affairs, holding many town offices, and representing his community in the State Legislature on several occasions.

Curtis Stanton Emery attended the local public schools and Chelsea Academy, following which, having decided upon a legal career, he began the study of law in the offices of C. W. Clark at Chelsea. After several years of careful preparation, he was admitted to the Vermont bar, and then began the practice of his profession at Chelsea, with almost immediate success. For some time he devoted himself exclusively to this work, but finally accepted the position of cashier in the First National Bank at Chelsea, discharging all the duties of his office with greatest efficiency for a period of nine years.

Always vitally interested in the problems of government and the civic welfare, he participated actively in public affairs from the beginning of his career. For some time he was town clerk of Chelsea, and clerk of Orange County, and also served as county commissioner, while in 1888, 1898, and 1900, he was a member of the Lower House of the State Legislature, and in 1902 a member of the State Senate. During the session of 1888 both he and his father were members of the House, the elder man representing the town of Sharon, while the son was elected from Chelsea. In 1898 he served on the staff of Governor E. C. Smith, with the rank of Colonel. During the World War he was active in work growing out of it, serving as local and county food administrator, county chairman of several loan drives and war savings. In 1906 Mr. Emery resigned as clerk of Orange County and came to Newport as collector of customs, an office which he also held for a period of nine years. Upon the conclusion of this term of service he resumed the practice of law at Newport, building up an extensive practice as the demands for his services increased with his reputation in the local courts. In 1914, he established his custom house brokerage business, with offices in the Orleans Trust Company Building, and some years later took into partnership with him Mr. Carroll A. Davis, formerly deputy collector of customs in charge at Newport. Mr. Emery still continues as head of the firm, giving advice on important questions and matters of policy, but he has relinquished largely the active direction of affairs.

Politically Mr. Emery has always supported the principles and candidates of the Republican party, and it was as such that he served in the Legislature of the State. He has always considered the public's business no less worthy of his best attention than his own affairs, and has frequently given his time and ability to the service of the community at Newport. He was trustee of the village here for two years, and when it obtained its charter as a city he was chosen as its first mayor. He was first president of the Newport Rotary Club, served for some years as president of the local Chamber of Commerce, and is now president of the Newport Country Club. Whether in office or not, he has been an active member of these organizations. Mr. Emery is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of all bodies of the York and Scottish Rites, including the thirty-second degree of the latter. He is also affiliated with the St. Johnsbury Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Emery attends the local church of Christ Scientist, of which the other members of his family are active members.

Curtis Stanton Emery married Harriet J. Ordway, who was born at Chelsea, Vermont, a daughter of Franklin and Maria (Hatch) Ordway. Several children

have been born of this marriage: 1. Sallie, who was graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy, and became the wife of Harry A. Flint, of St. Johnsbury. He is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, and as a major in the United States Army, has been in attendance at the French War College in Paris for the past two years. They are the parents of one child, Sallie H. 2. Donald J., who was also graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy, and now makes his home at Daytona Beach, Florida, where he is engaged in the commercial art and advertising business. He married Ilabel Gaskell and they are the parents of two children: John, and Donald. 3. Doris E., a graduate of Abbott Academy at Andover, Massachusetts, who resides with her parents at home.

**CHARLES GOOD SCHURMAN, M. D.**—In medical circles, Dr. Charles Good Schurman of Newport ranks as one of the progressive younger members of this great profession. Dr. Schurman came to this city in 1924 and since then has become one of its foremost practicing physicians, while in municipal affairs, he manifests a constructive interest in all activities for civic betterment, especially the public health and welfare.

Dr. Schurman was born in Somerside, Prince Edward Island, Canada, May 8, 1898, son of Isaac N. and Clara (Good) Schurman, both of whom are now deceased, his mother having died in Nova Scotia. Isaac N. Schurman was active for many years in the flour, feed and grain business, and later in life went to Oregon, in which State he passed away.

Charles Good Schurman was educated in the public schools of Nova Scotia, and later attended Acadia University, from which he was graduated in 1917. After seeing active service in the World War, he returned to Canada and entered McGill University, where he applied himself to the difficult studies requisite to the medical profession. He was graduated from that famous institution with the class of 1923, receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine, and Master of Surgery, and served his internship at the Children's Hospital, in Buffalo, New York. In 1924, Dr. Schurman came to Newport and opened an office for the practice of medicine, and since that time has built up a large clientele, having won the confidence and attention of the people by his splendid ability and sincere interest in alleviating their ills. In fraternal connections he is a prominent member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a Master Mason, while in promoting the city's advancement he is active as a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He and his family attend the Episcopal church. During the World War, Dr. Schurman enlisted in the Canadian forces in the spring of 1917, and one month later was sent overseas as a private in the 4th Canadian Heavy Artillery. He participated in many engagements and battles in France and was discharged from the service, May, 1919.

Dr. Charles Good Schurman married Beatrice Redfield Parker, who was born in Coventry, daughter of John I. and Mary (Elder) Parker, and they are the parents of two children: Charles Good, Jr., and Mary Louise. Dr. Schurman's office and residence are located at No. 8 Prospect Street.

**CHARLES ARSENE PREVOST, M. D.**—One of the very well known members of the medical profession in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, is Dr. Charles Arsene Prevost, a native of Canada, who received his academic and professional education in his native land, but has been practicing in the States since 1891, a period of thirty-seven years. He has been located in St. Johnsbury during nearly all of that time, and has built up a very large practice here. Dr. Prevost is a musician of ability and



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gives freely of his leisure time to concerts, home talent plays, and church and social functions.

Dr. Charles Arsene Prevost was born in Lacadie Parish, Canada, December 9, 1862, son of Jules and Adelaide (Boissonault) Prevost, both of staunch Canadian stock, and both of whom later came to St. Johnsbury. Dr. Prevost was an ambitious lad and an earnest student and when the preliminary schooling was completed entered College Bourget, at Rigaud, Province of Quebec, where he was graduated in 1887, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He had chosen the field of medicine for his professional life work and after graduation entered the School of Medicine and Surgery, at Montreal, Quebec, Canada. There he remained for four years, completing his course with graduation in 1891, at which time he received not only the degree of Doctor of Medicine, but also the degree of Master of Surgery. After six months spent in Barre, Vermont, he came to St. Johnsbury, and purchased the practice of Dr. G. Goyett. Here he has been located for the past thirty-seven years, and here he has fully established himself as a skilled practitioner and also as a musician. Life was not all easy for him after coming to the States, for about a year after his coming to St. Johnsbury he lost everything he had in a fire. The loss of his first wife, too, brought sorrow and disappointment and left him with the responsibility of three small daughters, in 1897, but as the years passed success and happiness came abundantly, and both as a physician and as a citizen he is honored and respected. He is a member of the Vermont Medical Association, the Northeastern Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. In addition to the interests and responsibilities of his profession Dr. Prevost is also a talented musician and is greatly in demand for concerts, local talent plays, and church and social functions. Fraternally, he is identified with the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Society of Saint John the Baptist, and Modern Woodmen of America.

Dr. Charles Arsene Prevost was married (first), in 1892, to Marie Descoteaux. She died in April, 1897, leaving three small daughters: 1. Bernadette, wife of Gustave Amiot, general passenger and freight agent in the employ of the Canadian Pacific Railroad Company, who lives in Sherbrooke, Province of Quebec, Canada. 2. Germaine, wife of Dr. Antoine Hubert, who is a physician in the State Hospital at Grey Stone Park, New Jersey. 3. Marie, wife of Frank Landry, a druggist of St. Johnsbury. Dr. Prevost married (second) Robertine Gauthier. Dr. and Mrs. Prevost make their home on Railroad Street, in St. Johnsbury, where Dr. Prevost also has his office.

**ERTON A. SHOREY**—One of the many natives of Lyndonville, Vermont, who have located permanently in their native town and are here conducting successful business concerns is Ertion A. Shorey, proprietor of a gristmill which is kept busy the year round. Mr. Shorey was associated with his father, the founder of the business, until the death of the latter and since that time has continued the business alone. He is a graduate of Lyndon Institute and one of the active and much respected citizens of this community.

George Shorey, father of Mr. Shorey, was born in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, and received his education in the public schools. Eventually, he located here in Lyndonville and in time he purchased a feed business which is located in Broad Street. Later he installed machinery, and established the mill which his son now (1928) is operating. He remained active in the business until incapacitated by a stroke of paralysis in 1920, and died July 23, 1923. He married Mary Hill, who was born in Waterford, Vermont, and they had one child, Ertion A., of further mention.

Ertion A. Shorey, son of George and Mary (Hill)

Shorey, was born in Lyndonville, Vermont, March 21, 1874. After attending the village schools he entered Lyndon Institute, from which he was graduated in 1891, and then secured a position as clerk in a grocery store. When his father purchased the feed business which was the beginning of the present mill business operated by Mr. Shorey, the son became his associate and he remained with his father until the death of the latter. From 1920, when the father was stricken with paralysis, the son had full charge of the business and in the eight years during which he has been in full control he has materially improved and enlarged the enterprise. He draws his patronage from a wide radius surrounding Lyndonville and has established a reputation which not only holds his custom but which is steadily bringing him new buyers. Mr. Shorey is active in local affairs and at the present time is serving as village auditor. He is a member of the local board of trade and active in its affairs, and has always been ready to give his support to plans for the furtherance of the public weal. Politically, he supports the Republican party, and his religious affiliation is with the Methodist church.

Ertion A. Shorey married Nellie Forrest, who was born in West Burke, Vermont, daughter of John and Delia Forrest, the first mentioned of whom is a manufacturer of doors, sash, and window frames. Mr. and Mrs. Shorey became the parents of one son, Laurence Forrest, who after preparing for college in Lyndon Institute entered the University of Vermont, at Burlington, where he completed the electrical engineering course, graduating with the class of 1925. He is now (1928) an instructor in the University of Vermont.

**EDWARD C. FIELD**—One of the progressive citizens of the town of Troy, Vermont, Edward C. Field owns a farm of one hundred and thirty-five acres on the West Road, on which he does a general farming business. For a number of years he dealt in regular Jersey stock, but now carries just a good grade of cattle, not specializing, and keeping about thirty head. Mr. Field also renders important service as a public official of the town.

He was born at Albany, Vermont, December 26, 1877, son of James and Mary (Colby) Field. His father was born in Irasburg, Vermont, and the mother in Barton; they are both now deceased. His father was a farmer and blacksmith by trade. The family removed to Lowell, Massachusetts, when Edward C. Field was a small child, and there he received his early education. His father died when he was only nine years old, with the result that the boy was forced to work for a livelihood. He immediately found employment at various odd jobs, and peddled milk before the days of milk bottles. When fourteen years old, he returned to Vermont, where for some time he worked as a farm hand and was employed in sawmills. With these positions he kept busy until October, 1906, when he bought the farm which since that time he has continued to conduct with growing success. This property he bought from the Hadlock estate; and he has done not a little toward building it up and making it a good farm.

In addition to his farming pursuits, Mr. Field is active in public affairs, especially those concerning the town of Troy. He is chairman of the board of selectmen, in which body his term of service expires March 29, 1929. The State Highway Board also has appointed him as its agent in the reconstruction of roadwork. He is also chairman of the school board of Troy. Mr. Field and the members of his family belong to the Congregational church, now the Community church, of which he is a trustee. Mr. Field is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which body he is a Master Mason, and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics; while he also belongs to the Jay Peak Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Field married Ada Place, who was born at Jay,



Vermont, daughter of Judson and Eleanora (Hunter) Place. Her father was a farmer and stock dealer by occupation. By this marriage Mr. and Mrs. Field have become the parents of the following children: 1. Marshall, who was educated in the common schools and high school, and is now living and working at home with his father. 2. Catherine, who was graduated from high school and took one year of work at normal school, and is now a teacher in the elementary schools of Troy. 3. Alice, who at the time of writing was in her third year at high school. 4. Glenna, a pupil in graded schools. 5. James.

**FRANK R. SHERMAN** was born at Newport, August 25, 1879, a son of Francis M. and Mary J. (Beckwith) Sherman. His father, who was born at Lyndon, Vermont, first established the firm of Sherman and West in 1885, dealing in flour, feed, coal, and other products, in association with Mr. West, and upon the death of the latter took into partnership Mr. C. N. Brady. Later he operated the business under its present name, continuing this arrangement until his death on February 14, 1910. The mother, who is also deceased, was born in Burke, Vermont.

Frank R. Sherman attended the public schools of his birthplace and following graduation from the high school, undertook the course of study at Burdett's Business College, which he completed in 1898. Soon afterward he became associated with his father in business, into which he has continued to devote himself since that time, at his father's death becoming sole owner of the enterprise. In addition he has been a member of the board of directors of the Newport National Bank since 1918, and in January, 1928, was elected vice-president of this institution.

In politics Mr. Sherman is an independent voter. He holds membership in several local associations and clubs, including the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, and the Newport Country Club. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of the Blue Lodge, the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Council of Royal and Select Masters, and the Commandery at Newport of the Knights Templar.

Frank R. Sherman married Harriet M. Morse, who was born in Holland, Vermont, a daughter of Nixon and Mary (Hayes) Morse, of that place. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sherman are active members of the local Congregational church, of which Mr. Sherman is a deacon.

**GUY H. ALLBEE**—Combining his inborn talents for farming, cattle raising, and similar occupations, with special courses in vocational schools, Guy H. Allbee has become well known throughout this section of Vermont, through his success in agriculture and live stock dealing. His present pursuits have occupied him for almost thirty years, and he has added to his material business work a record in political, civic, and fraternal spheres that has made him a familiar figure in the life of this district.

Mr. Allbee was born March 25, 1872, at Brookline, Vermont, son of Timothy and Eliza Ann (Morse) Allbee. Timothy Allbee, who was born at Rockingham, Vermont, and is now deceased, was a substantial farmer, respected and esteemed during his lifetime. Eliza Ann (Morse) Allbee, a native of Dummerston, Vermont, now (1928) resides in Brattleboro. She and her husband had six children, four boys and two girls.

Guy H. Allbee laid the foundations for his education in the common schools at Brookline; attended Leland & Gray Seminary; graduated from Eastman Business College, and polished off his scholastic career by taking a two-year course at Burlington Dairy School. His education completed, Mr. Allbee followed the trade of butter-maker for ten years, his work taking him throughout many sections of Vermont. In 1901, he determined to locate permanently at East Hardwick, and here bought

the farm where he since has resided. This estate, located in the town of Hardwick, near the village limits of East Hardwick, comprises two hundred and fifty acres, and here Mr. Allbee carries on his general farming work and is a large-scale dealer in cattle and horses. His earlier training has contributed much to his success in business, and through his high code of ethics and fair dealing Mr. Allbee has attained a reputation beyond reproach. He is a Republican, a signal character in this organization, and this has led to his being drafted for public office on many occasions. In 1921-22 he served in the lower house of the State Legislature; in 1925 was elevated to the upper house and in that year was State Senator. He now is serving his community as a member of the Board of Selectmen, of which he has been a member for more than fifteen years. He also officiates in this community as a justice of the peace. In fraternal circles, Mr. Allbee is a member of Hardwick Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Morrisville Council, Royal and Select Masters; Morrisville Commandery, Knights Templar; Montpelier Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; St. Johnsbury Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and a member of the National Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He and his family are communicants of the Congregational church, and he has been a material aid in the benevolent works of this denomination.

Guy H. Allbee married, February 19, 1896, Belle Johnson, native of Monroe, New Hampshire, and daughter of George Lloyd and Amanda S. (Hinman) Johnson. Six children have blessed the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Allbee: 1. Ray Johnson, educated at Lyndon Institute. 2. Arline Elizabeth, educated at Lyndon Institute, graduate of Sargent School for Physical Education; a teacher in the schools of Amesbury, Massachusetts. 3. Howard, educated at Lyndon Institute; resides on the family farm. 4. Rachel Belle, educated in Hardwick and at Burlington; a teacher in the schools of Rochester, Vermont. 5. Lewis, served as a page in the Vermont House of Representatives during the 1925 session of that body. 6. Guyla Amanda, a student in the local school.

**JOHN M. BRADLEY**—In the motor car trade, John M. Bradley of Newport ranks as one of the leading dealers of this section of Vermont, operating a modern garage and sales agency where he acts as representative for some of the finest makes of American cars. His concern, the Bradley Auto Sales, Incorporated, is one of the most progressive organizations in this city and is a decided asset to the prosperity and advancement of this community.

Mr. Bradley was born in Stanstead, Province of Quebec, April 10, 1882, son of John H. and Ann (Mak-aig) Bradley, his father having been born in Glasgow, Scotland, and his mother born in Inverness, Province of Quebec, Canada. John H. Bradley came early in his youth to Canada where he has ever since been engaged in agricultural pursuits.

John M. Bradley was educated in the public schools of Quebec, and upon completing his formal education, went to Boston, Massachusetts, where he was connected with the ice business for seven years, working hard at that trade. Ever mindful of the future and spurred on by the ambition to succeed, he saved his money and returned to Stanstead, Province of Quebec, and there purchased a farm which he operated for two years. Mr. Bradley then sold out his holdings there and purchased a large farm of two hundred and ninety acres at Albany, this State, and was engaged for five years in directing its management. Disposing of this large agricultural establishment, he went to Hardwick, Vermont, where he was engaged for a year in the real estate business, after which he bought another farm in Derby and ran it for a short time. He then purchased an ice business sup-







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plying both Barton and Orleans with ice, and after building up a substantial business, sold out and went into the automobile trade. In all his previous ventures, Mr. Bradley was highly successful and always disposed of his holdings at good profit. For a year and a half, he sold various machines, after which, in partnership with Hugh Fairbrother, they purchased an agency and operated it under the firm name of Bradley and Fairbrother, Incorporated, for a year and a half. Mr. Bradley then bought out Mr. Fairbrother's interest and has since continued to conduct the business independently, under its present name, Bradley Auto Sales, Incorporated. Here he represents the Buick organization and sells all kinds of Buick passenger cars, while he is also agent for the G. M. C. and Mack trucks. The establishment requires, on the average, the services of ten men. In addition to his motor interests, Mr. Bradley is a director in the W. F. Noble and Sons Company Creamery, which has its headquarters at Somerville, Massachusetts. In civic affairs, he takes an active part, and in politics is a staunch Republican. His fraternal affiliations are with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Commandery, and Council of that order; the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Order of Eastern Star; Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Order of Rebekahs. He is an active member of the Newport Chamber of Commerce. He and his family attend the Baptist church.

John M. Bradley married Edith Blair, who was the widow of Ward Prouty, and they are the parents of one son, William. Mrs. Bradley has one daughter, Genevieve, by her first marriage.

**DR. ARCHIE L. LEONARD**—For the past eighteen years Dr. Archie L. Leonard has been engaged in general medical practice in Lyndonville, Vermont. He is a graduate of the medical department of the University of Vermont, and has been located here since the completion of his internship. He has built up a large practice and has become well known in this locality as a skilled physician and as a good neighbor and friend.

Dr. Archie L. Leonard was born in Glover, Vermont, November 2, 1885, son of Ora J., a farmer, and of Ella (Sherburne) Leonard, both natives of Vermont. As a small boy he attended the local public schools and then continued his studies for three years in Barton Academy and for one year in Lyndon Institute. He then matriculated in the University of Vermont, at Burlington, where he completed his course in 1908, graduating with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Nine months of his internship were spent in Fitch Hospital, in Connecticut, a State home for veterans of the Civil War, and four months in the Mary Fletcher Hospital, at Burlington, Vermont. When he left Fletcher Hospital he came to Lyndonville and opened an office for practice, and since that time he has been continuously engaged in general practice here. He has made for himself many friends in this locality, both professional and social, and the number of his patients has steadily increased as the years have passed. He is a Republican in his political faith, and though he has never sought office in public affairs he has always been public-spirited in the best sense of the term. He is a member of the Vermont State Medical Society, the Northeastern Medical Society, and the American Medical Association, and fraternally, is identified with Alpha Kappa Kappa college organization; and with the Masonic Order, being a member of Lyndonville Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; of the Royal Arch Masons, the Royal and Select Masters, Knights Templar, and of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Montpelier. His religious affiliation and that of his family is with the Congregational church.

Dr. Archie L. Leonard married Fayelene B. Trefren,

who was born in the town of Lyndon, daughter of Charles and Lillian (Dutton) Trefren. Dr. and Mrs. Leonard have two children: Lois K. and Donald Lee.

**VARNAM WHITCOMB WEEKS**—Though he has not resided long in the city of Burlington, Varnam Whitcomb Weeks is accounted one of the community's foremost business men, whose interest in the communal welfare manifests a sincere public spirit. Native of Vermont, he comes of a family long established in this commonwealth. He was born in Pawlet, September 17, 1894, son of Thomas Benjamin and Hattie A. (Taylor) Weeks, his father having operated a drug store in Pawlet for many years, being a prominent citizen, universally respected, a man of affairs.

Mr. Weeks secured his elementary and secondary academic instruction in the public schools of his native place, and at the age of only twenty-one years became postmaster of the village. He filled the post well, and for eight years held it, through two Presidential administrations, until 1922. But this eight years was broken into by the World War, for service in which he enlisted as a member of the 304th Infantry. As non-commissioned officer he was in charge of the postal express service overseas, spending fourteen months with Company H near the European front. When discharged, August 19, 1919, he held the rank of corporal. In 1919 he returned to Vermont, and in 1920 Mr. Weeks purchased a grain and feed business, going into association therefor with George E. Winters. This proved profitable from the outset, and the partners continue to operate it, though their other interests have become very extensive. In 1924 they purchased the Hudson and Essex agency, at Pawlet, and were fortunate in their direction of this enterprise, largely through the efforts of Mr. Weeks. In 1927 they secured the franchise to sell the Peerless automobile, covering the entire State of Vermont, and July 1, 1928, opened offices and showrooms for sale of the Peerless in Burlington. Here again their enterprise has met with marked success, and Mr. Weeks' part in that success has been considerable. He is a member of the American Legion, and Past Commander of the Pawlet post.

Mr. Weeks married Edith Elizabeth Hollister, a daughter of Warren Hollister and great-granddaughter of the historian who wrote Hollister's well known history of Vermont. Of this union were born children: 1. Donald Varnam. 2. George Thomas. 3. Elizabeth Anna. Mr. Weeks has his offices at No. 171 St. Paul Street, Burlington.

**WILMER S. DAVIS**—Rewarded for his many years of industrious activity, during which he engaged in various enterprises, Wilmer S. Davis, resident of St. Johnsbury, has been able to retire from active work and enjoy the fruits of his efforts. Various cities in Vermont have been the scenes of his labors and from end to end of the State his name is known and held in high esteem. Mr. Davis made it a life practice to acquire an intimate knowledge of the business in which he engaged and to apply his mind to the full power in promoting it. Nothing ever languished when his hand was at the wheel, for he knew not the meaning of idleness or possible defeat. Fairness in all his dealings was his watchword and in this attitude with others he met reciprocal treatment, for every man who had dealings with him knew that there would be nothing underhanded about it, but the most favorable methods commensurate with self-preservation. He asked nothing of others that he was not willing to concede and he expected and, usually, got that for which he looked. His success in life has given pleasure to others because of this code of ethics, for every fair-minded man takes joy in the progress of one who has made his own way without injury to those with whom he



was associated. He has thus proved himself a citizen of highest class, one of whom the community is justly proud, as he himself is of the citizenry of which he is a member.

He was born in Johnson, Vermont, August 9, 1868, a son of Cyrus and Maria (Converse) Davis, both natives of Vermont and both deceased. They were successful farming people, pioneers of this district and descendants of sturdy stock. Their son acquired his education in the local public schools, was graduated from high school and then attended the Johnson Normal School, leaving at the age of seventeen years to go to New York City, where he obtained work driving a baker's delivery wagon. After a time he returned to Vermont and located in Barre, where he found work as a clerk in a grocery store. He remained at this occupation for five years, then became the owner of the business, which he eventually sold and invested in a shoe store in Barre. After a year of this new enterprise he again sold and became a clerk in a general merchandise store at Lyndonville, also occupying himself as a travelling salesman for a grocery house at White River Junction. Associating himself with B. B. Scribner, he purchased the business of the George H. Cross Company and conducted it until 1927, when he retired. He is a director of the Citizens Savings Bank and Trust Company. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the order of Free and Accepted Masons of Lyndonville. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias of Lyndonville, and of the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club, as well as of the St. Johnsbury Country Club. He is a member of the official board of the Methodist Church of St. Johnsbury.

Wilmer S. Davis married Beatrice E. Robins, born at St. George, Maine, daughter of John and Emily (Shute) Robins. They have a daughter: Frances, married Donald McGregor, assistant treasurer of the Citizens Savings Bank, she being an academy and college graduate.

**HADDON W. LYSER**—Manufacturer, merchant and banker, Haddon W. Lyster has been an important factor in the life of Lyndonville for nearly fifty years and his partial retirement from business activities during the past few years does not make him any less an influence in the community, for his contacts and interests extend to almost every phase of the town's affairs and take him as far as New York City where he is a member of the firm of Lyster Brothers, 41 East 42d Street, manufacturers of diabetic foods.

The son of the Rev. W. H. and Cynthia (Carty) Lyster, Mr. Lyster was born at Shipton, Province of Quebec, July 18, 1862. His father was a Free Baptist minister who for years had pastorates in New York State and Vermont. Mr. Lyster was educated in the public schools and was graduated from Stanstead College, Province of Quebec, in 1880. With the ambition to pursue a business career, he spent a year as clerk in a store in St. Johnsbury. Coming to Lyndon, he was associated for three years with L. K. Quimby & Company leaving to become a clerk for J. C. Eaton. After a year in this capacity he was made a partner in the business and continued his active participation for thirty-six years, from 1885 until 1921. Mr. Lyster organized and established the Eaton Hardware Company at Lyndonville which was totally destroyed by fire in 1924. Constantly seeking to extend his business activities, Mr. Lyster associated himself with the organizing of the New York Lyster Brothers concern in 1917. However, he was not actively identified with management of the business until after 1924. His extensive business operations have naturally led him into banking and Mr. Lyster is not only a director of the Lyndonville Savings Bank and Trust Company, but director also of the St. Johnsbury Citizens' Bank and Trust Company. He sits also upon the Board of Directors of the Lyndonville Creamery

Association. Republican in his political affiliations, Mr. Lyster does not seek public office, but his interest in maintaining the best possible conditions about Lyndonville has led him to participate in civic affairs and he has served as lister and auditor for the town. He is a member of the Free Baptist Church, and serves on the board of trustees.

Mr. Lyster married Mary S. Lincoln, daughter of B. F. and Annie A. (Lumbard) Lincoln. Mr. Lincoln was a lumberman.

**WILLIAM CHARLES FINNESSY**—As president of the W. G. Reynolds Company Department Store at Burlington, Vermont, William Charles Finnessy is executive head of one of the leading concerns of its kind in this part of the State. Mr. Finnessy is widely experienced in the mercantile trade, having risen to his present position solely through his own energy and ability, and his sound judgment and capacity for executive detail, have contributed largely to the success of the enterprise with which he is connected.

Mr. Finnessy was born April 20, 1867, at Orwell, Addison County, Vermont, a son of Michael and Melissa (Garfield) Finnessy, of that place. He was educated in the public schools of Bridport, Vermont, and at the age of fifteen, began his business career in the mercantile business. From 1893 to 1902 he was postmaster at Bridport, discharging all the duties of his office in a very efficient manner. In 1905, he first came to Burlington, entering the employ of H. W. Allen and Company, with whom he remained for two years, and at the end of this time he became associated with the W. G. Reynolds Company Department Store. Mr. Finnessy's ability soon became apparent and he rose to responsible positions, serving as manager of several departments at various times, and later as buyer for the furniture and linen departments. In 1910 he became vice-president of the company, and in 1920 he was chosen its president, which position he has ably filled since that time. In addition to this work, Mr. Finnessy is vice-president and a director of the Vermont Acceptance Corporation.

He has always taken a prominent part in activities for the advancement of the community and the State, contributing liberally to many worthy causes. He is vice-president of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, and, during 1926 and 1927, was treasurer of the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Finnessy is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is a member of Washington Lodge, an Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Mason of the thirty-second degree, and a member of Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Hamilton Lodge, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a member of the Lions Club, of which he was president during 1927 and 1928.

In March, 1892, William Charles Finnessy married (first) Katherine Eugenia Witherell, of Bridport, who died in 1920. He married (second), in 1924, Elizabeth Charlotte Howard, of Burlington.

**GEORGE E. STEVENS**—The business career of George E. Stevens illustrates in a conclusive way the success which may be attained by industry, close application, and hard work. From a farmer boy, and later an apprentice painter, Mr. Stevens has risen to the position of one of the largest paint contractors in the St. Johnsbury section of Vermont, employing thirty men and owning a fine store at No. 2 Prospect Street, St. Johnsbury.

Mr. Stevens was born at Stannard, Vermont, in October, 1881, a son of Orrin E. and Della (Woods) Stevens, of that place. Both parents are now deceased. George E. Stevens attended the public schools of his birthplace, but the necessity of going to work in his early youth seriously limited his education. He acquired, however, a solid



grounding in essentials and the habits of industry and thrift which have played so important a part in his career. From the age of eleven until his eighteenth year, he lived out on a farm, assisting in the performance of the necessary work, but at the end of that time he began to learn the painter's trade. During the period of his apprenticeship which lasted for four years, Mr. Stevens worked for a St. Johnsbury painter for the modest sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents a day, but all the experience which he acquired in this time has proved of the greatest value to him. Thereafter, for several years he worked as a journeyman painter, but about the year 1907 he became associated with Mr. L. W. Stafford in business in St. Johnsbury as a paint contractor and dealer. This partnership arrangement proved to be very satisfactory and for fifteen years Mr. Stevens and Mr. Stafford operated a prosperous business, the connection ending in 1922 when Mr. Stevens bought out his partner's interests. Since that time he has conducted the work alone, constantly enlarging the scope of his activities, and in general supplying the community with a contracting service of the highest type. His paint and wall paper store is well known in the vicinity and extensively patronized, while equally successful is the antique store which he operates at No. 90 Portland Street. Mr. Stevens's business prosperity and the place he has won in the community life, resulted solely from his own efforts and fine ability. It is a typical example of a successful American career.

Maintaining a vital interest in civic affairs, Mr. Stevens may be classed in politics as an independent Republican, supporting the principles and candidates of that party in general but always exercising his best judgment in the matter. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He is affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Improved Order of Red Men, while he worships in the Congregational faith, attending the South Church of that denomination at St. Johnsbury. Every worthy movement for the welfare and progress of the community is assured of Mr. Stevens's hearty support and he has long been regarded by his fellow residents as a man and citizen of the greatest public spirit.

**HECTOR JOSEPH DAIGLE**—Agriculture, clerical work, and lumber manufacturing—these occupations were followed in turn by Hector Joseph Daigle, of Burlington, previous to entrance into the insurance field more than thirty-four years ago. Life insurance business has since proven to be the occupation best fitted for Mr. Daigle, and through careful selection of business associates he has developed a reputation in this State for integrity, honesty, and fair ethics excelled by no other member of his calling. Having been appointed general State agent for one of America's foremost life insurance companies in 1917, Mr. Daigle continues to occupy that post with headquarters at Burlington. Not only has his business acumen brought him honor and respect, for his accomplishments along other spheres of activity also have aided materially in increasing his large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Daigle was born February 14, 1862, at St. Damese, Province of Quebec, Canada, son of David Daigle, a farmer, and of Regina (Lucier) Daigle. His maternal grandfather, James B. Lucier, for sixty years was a professor at St. Hyacinthe College, in Quebec. He was a French Huguenot and lived to the ripe old age of ninety-seven years. Mr. Daigle's paternal grandfather, also of French Huguenot descent, was a native of Quebec, and he, too, lived a life full of years having died in 1872 at the age of eighty-seven, and was active in business until he was eighty-two years old.

Hector Joseph Daigle was reared on his father's farm in Canada and obtained his education at St. Cesaire Col-

lege. He was graduated from this institution in 1881, after having completed six years of training which included high school work and a commercial course. For five years after leaving school, Mr. Daigle operated his father's farm, following the latter's decease. Thence, for several years, he was employed as a bookkeeper for H. E. Lewis, lumber manufacturer, at Montgomery, Vermont. Eventually he purchased this business and supervised its activities for a term of years. In 1894 Mr. Daigle made his first contact with insurance work, when he entered the employ of the New York Life Insurance Company. He remained with this firm until 1900, during which year he severed his connections therewith and became allied with the Prudential Life Insurance Company, in the Ordinary Department, so continuing for nineteen years. In 1917 Mr. Daigle was appointed State General Agent for the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Philadelphia, with offices in Burlington, and that is the position he now (1928) occupies. As indicated heretofore, he has always chosen his business associates carefully, dealing only with the most reputable companies, and thus has been of material aid in creating the high standard now enjoyed by insurance firms of this country. He has exerted every effort to hasten payment of legal claims, and as a natural consequence has been responsible for the alleviation of the wants of many widows and children bereft of their husbands and fathers.

Mr. Daigle, who received his final naturalization papers at the age of thirty-five, has ever been a loyal and conscientious citizen of his adopted country, and particularly active in enterprises designed for the weal of his local community. He is not bound to any one political organization, but exercises his ballot in support of candidates and issues which he considers most deserving. Possessed of a splendid understanding of the needs for civic progress, he participates in the work of this kind that is carried on by the Burlington Chamber of Commerce. A Roman Catholic in religion, Mr. Daigle is a conspicuous figure in De Goesbriand Council, Knights of Columbus, as well as the order of Elks at Burlington.

Hector Joseph Daigle married in 1890, while residing in Montgomery, Vermont, Elma A. Hill, a native of that place, and they have two children: 1. Dr. Clifton C., a noted specialist in diseases of the head, practicing at Easton, Pennsylvania. 2. Zorinne E., cashier and secretary for the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, at Burlington.

**GEORGE ROLLIN STACKPOLE, SR.**—With the advance of all educational matters in Vermont State, there have come to the front as leaders such trained and talented men as George Rollin Stackpole, A. M., who, as superintendent of the public schools of Winooksi, is in a position to direct and to voice the purpose and the needs of school work and those who engage therein. In the course of his educational career, Superintendent Stackpole has been the means of materially expanding and building up the school curriculum and accommodations of Winooksi; and at the same time he has been a successful exponent of the vital interests of Vermont State teachers.

George Rollin Stackpole, Sr., was born November 7, 1881, at Potsdam, New York, son of Rollin and Catherine Stackpole; and he attended the graded and high schools of Potsdam. Graduating at the New York State Normal School, he then specialized in science and mathematics at the Clarkson College of Technology, afterwards studying for the Master of Arts degree at the University of Vermont. Entering upon his life work of education, he was at first stationed at Altona, New York, where he held the position of principal of schools. Afterwards, for two years he was in the public schools of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and successively, superintendent of schools at Salem, South Dakota, and principal of the high



and graded schools of Winooski, Vermont. Since 1923, he has been superintendent of Winooski public schools, and while in charge of the Winooski schools he successfully worked for the erection of two new school buildings, namely, the high school, built in 1912, and the new Memorial Grade School, built in 1928. He is a member of the faculty of the University of Vermont, as a supervisor of practice teaching, and he worked for the passage of the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement Law, appearing before the Senate and House Committee on Education in 1919, when this bill became a law.

Independent in politics, Superintendent Stackpole worked as a member of a Committee of Five in drafting the charter for the city of Winooski and he also served as a member of the committee that was appointed for planning the new Winooski-Burlington bridge, and the opening of that bridge, August 4, 1928. For several years he has been a trustee of the public library. Besides his chairmanship of several of the drives during the World War, he received a certificate of honor as a four-minute man from the Committee on Public Information, and signed by President Woodrow Wilson. Fraternally, besides his membership with the Champlain Valley Superintendents' Association, Superintendent Stackpole is a member of the Delta Psi college fraternity; the American Geographical Society; and the National Council of the National Education Association. He was president of the Vermont Head Masters Club for three years, and he has held several offices connected with the State Teachers' Association.

George Rollin Stackpole married, August 16, 1905, at Altona, New York, Theresa Cecilia Connors, daughter of Patrick and Ann Connors. Their children: 1. George Rollin Stackpole, (2), born May 13, 1907. 2. Claire Theresa, born March 29, 1914. 3. Eunice Margaret, born August 29, 1918.

**JOSIAH CHARLES SPAULDING**—Although almost entirely a mechanical operation, a considerable portion of real art must be introduced into photography in order to impart to the result that particular atmosphere that gives it individuality. Long practice and a born love of the work is essential to a possession of this ability, and both are represented in Josiah Charles Spaulding, of Hardwick, who, for more than a quarter of a century, has illustrated his skill in his exacting profession. Never satisfied with mediocre results, he has invariably given to each individual portrait entrusted to his creation a personal interest, and put into it all the knowledge he has acquired through the years in which he has made it a close study. Additional to his artistic abilities, Mr. Spaulding is one of the most reputable citizens of this community, interested in all civic enterprises of value to the people as a whole and ever ready to lend his aid wherever it may be of use in promoting the welfare of his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Spaulding was born in Morrisville, Vermont, October 31, 1871, a son of Freeman and Abbie (Patch) Spaulding, the first a native of Morrisville, the second of Hyde Park, Vermont, both deceased. They were the parents of five children, all of whom are deceased save Josiah Charles. He was educated in the elementary and high schools of Morrisville and then went to work in the photographic studio of H. E. Cutler, where he began his serious study of the art. He spent one year in that studio, then one year each in Lyndonville and St. Johnsbury, when he came to Hardwick and established the studio, September 16, 1903, which he has since operated. He is a Republican in politics, and both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Spaulding is secretary of the Hardwick Library.

Josiah Charles Spaulding married Annie May Prince, born in Johnson, Vermont, daughter of Daniel and Adelia Prince.

**JOHN ROLF SEARLES**—Senior member of the law firm of Searles, Graves and Waterman, John Rolf Searles has been a practicing attorney in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, since 1904. During this period of almost a quarter of a century not only has he been very successful in his professional work, but he has come to occupy a position of genuine importance in the life of the community. No movement which he considers for the best interests of St. Johnsbury will lack his support, and in the various offices he has filled, he has devoted to the public welfare the careful attention which he always gives to his own work.

Mr. Searles is a son of John E. and Clara E. (Bishop) Searles, both of whom were born in Stanstead, Province of Quebec, Canada, of families which came originally from Massachusetts. His father, who died in 1917, was engaged in the latter part of his life in the drug business in St. Johnsbury, where the mother now lives with her son.

John R. (J. Rolf) Searles attended public schools of Derby, Vermont, and the academy there, and when he completed his preliminary education, began the study of law in the offices of Porter and Thompson, at St. Johnsbury. During this period he acted as deputy county clerk, and in October, 1904, was admitted to the bar, and soon afterwards opened his own office. Later he formed a partnership with Abner Smith, now deceased, under the firm name Searles and Smith, and in 1907, in partnership with Robert W. Simonds, established the firm of Simonds and Searles, which later became Simonds, Searles and Graves. In 1917 Mr. Simonds withdrew, his partners continuing alone, and finally, on January 1, 1928, Sterry Waterman and Florence E. Moore joined them in the reorganization which resulted in the formation of the firm of Searles, Graves, and Waterman, with offices in the Citizens' Savings Bank Building, St. Johnsbury. Mr. Searles has always displayed a sound legal judgment, and a capacity for minute analysis which enables him to take instant advantage of any weakness in the presentation of a case by an opponent. His probity and high moral standard have won him the confidence of the entire community.

Since 1909 Mr. Searles has acted as counsel for the town of St. Johnsbury, and he is also attorney for various other local enterprises of considerable importance. Politically he is a member of the Republican party. He has served as secretary and vice-chairman, and later chairman, of the Republican State Committee. In 1925 he was elected to the Vermont State Senate, and for a time he was president of both Caledonia County and the Vermont State Bar Associations. In 1928 Mr. Searles was a delegate to the Republican National Convention held at Kansas City. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which organization he is a member of all bodies of the York Rite. He is a member and was once Potentate of Mt. Sinai Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Montpelier, and he is an honorary member of Karnak Temple of the same organization at Montreal. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, a member of St. Johnsbury Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce, and a director of the Country Club. He and his family attend the North Congregationalist Church of St. Johnsbury.

John Rolf Searles married Ida Louise Beck, who was born in St. Johnsbury, a daughter of John and Veronica (Buck) Beck, of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Searles are the parents of two children: Ruth Arlene and Priscilla May.

**HARRY LEROY FORD**—As secretary of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, Harry Leroy Ford has rendered valuable public services to the community in which he lives and works, and has definitely made a place



*J. H. Searles*





for himself among the leaders of this State. He is ever among the leaders of movements designed to improve conditions in his city and its environs, and has won the esteem of his fellow men for his progressive qualities, his alertness of mind and his constant diligence in behalf of the people of Burlington.

Born on October 11, 1875, in Randolph, Vermont, Mr. Ford is a son of Jacob W. and Ida E. (Phillips) Ford, both deceased. He received his early education in the public schools, and then attended the Randolph High School, from which he was graduated in the class of 1894. He entered Dartmouth College, with the class of 1898, but on account of illness was obliged to leave during his freshman year following which he spent three years in Nebraska for the benefit of his health, returning to Vermont in 1899. For a number of years he has been serving as executive secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce, and as such has fulfilled all his duties most commendably. In June, 1928, he was elected president of the New England Association of Commercial Executives, an honor of which he is justifiably proud.

Although, with his various duties, Mr. Ford is one of the most constantly busy men of Burlington, he takes time, nevertheless, to participate to a considerable extent in the social and fraternal life of his city and community. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is affiliated with the Washington Lodge; the Scottish Rite, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; and the Mount Sinai Shrine, in Montpelier. He also is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which his affiliation is with the Hamilton Lodge. In the Masonic order, he has been honored with membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. While Mr. Ford keeps a close watch on political matters, he is not definitely affiliated with either of the old established parties, preferring rather to follow an independent course, making his alignments with candidates rather than with parties. Ever active in the affairs of the First Baptist Church, he is superintendent of the Sunday School in this church. His life's work has ever been civic development, and at all times he has made a careful and scientific study of all problems relating to community life and advancement of the general social welfare.

Mr. Ford married Mattie Hersey, a daughter of George Hersey, and by this marriage there have been three children: Beatrice E., Gladys I., and Raymond H.

**LAWRENCE HALEY PLUMER**—Representative of a family that has been identified with the growth and development of New England for more than three centuries, Lawrence Haley Plumer of Essex Junction, while still a comparatively young man, has already experienced a varied business career in Vermont and adjoining States. His enterprises have encompassed service with public utilities companies, a theatrical venture, and other diversified occupations. Mr. Plumer also possesses a war record of merit, having volunteered for service during the World War.

Mr. Plumer was born February 5, 1890, in Newburyport, Massachusetts, son of Frank H. Plumer, who was born and resides in the old home at Newburyport, and of Augusta Louise (Rohde) Plumer, who was born at Blankenaise, near Hamburg, Germany, and who died in 1917, in her fifty-seventh year. The Plumers were among the original settlers of the Newburyport district, the immigrant ancestor having located there more than three centuries ago, in 1628. One of these progenitors, George H. Plumer, served as mayor of Newburyport.

After reaching the school age, Lawrence Haley Plumer enrolled in the public schools at Newburyport, and completed his education when he was graduated from high school. He began work at the age of eighteen years,

and was engaged in various occupations, eventually becoming associated with H. L. Doherty's Dominion National Gas Company and Cities Service Company. While so occupied, Mr. Plumer had headquarters in the Buffalo, New York, office, and operated in Canada and in the Buffalo territory. He was connected with the Doherty interests until 1914, when he severed his affiliations therewith and went to Boston, Massachusetts. In Boston, Mr. Plumer entered the moving picture exhibition business, purchasing an interest in the Regent Theater at Arlington, Massachusetts. Although this proved to be a most successful venture, Mr. Plumer disposed of it in 1917, in order to enter the service of his Government during the World War. In that year he joined the United States Army Medical Corps, was sent overseas to become a part of the American Expeditionary Forces, and his record during this conflict was most meritorious, although Mr. Plumer, like so many others who witnessed the horrors and bloodshed of warfare, is reticent and reluctant to discuss his experiences. Shortly before entering the service, Mr. Plumer married an Essex Junction girl, and after receiving his honorable discharge, he returned to Vermont. He now (1928) is engaged in mercantile pursuits at Essex Junction, and while holding the reputation of a wise and sagacious business man, also is conspicuous in civic and fraternal affairs here. He is a member of Ethan Allen Lodge, No. 72, Free and Accepted Masons; Burlington Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Burlington Commandery, Knights Templar; Vermont Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also is a popular member of social circles, as is attested by his membership in the Ethan Allen Club of Burlington and the Men's Club of Essex Junction, being a charter member of the last-named organization.

Mr. Plumer married, in November, 1916, at Arlington, Massachusetts, Anna Booth Fletcher, daughter of William Samuel and Carrie L. (Booth) Fletcher, and they have one son: Lawrence Haley, Jr., born May 9, 1921. Mr. and Mrs. Plumer reside in Essex Junction, where Mr. Plumer is connected with Fletcher's Store.

**JOHN WARREN GOSS**—President of one of the largest wholesale concerns in Burlington, the Burlington Drug Company, John Warren Goss, although a native of Wisconsin, is a descendant of families long associated with the progress and development of the Granite State. Mr. Goss, however, returned to the family's native district in early manhood; later lived for a time in the West, and subsequently came back to Vermont, and settled in Burlington, where he since has been a dominant figure in the community, now (1928) having assumed many other responsibilities not directly connected with his business.

Mr. Goss is a son of the late Charles Lincoln and Elizabeth (Weeks) Goss. Charles Lincoln Goss, a native of Brandon, Vermont, and now deceased, was for many years a prominent attorney in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, specializing as a patent lawyer. Elizabeth (Weeks) Goss, also a native of Brandon, is closely connected with one of Vermont's outstanding families, and a sister of Governor Weeks of this State.

John Warren Goss was born August 16, 1887, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, attended the public schools of that city, and was graduated from Milwaukee High School in the class of 1906. In the fall of that year he returned to Burlington, matriculated at the University of Vermont, devoted himself to the study of mechanical engineering, and left the University in 1909. After leaving college Mr. Goss returned to the West, and became an office employee of the Pillsbury Flour Company, one of the greatest milling concerns in the



world, located at Minneapolis, Minnesota. After one year in the employ of this corporation, Mr. Goss became purchasing agent for the Prescott Sawmill Machinery Company, Menominee, Michigan, and remained with them from 1911 until 1913. It was in 1913 that Mr. Goss located permanently in Burlington, at that time assuming the duties of secretary for the Burlington Drug Company, Incorporated. His widely diversified training in business had given him special qualifications, and it was not long until his abilities were recognized and he was promoted to vice-president. This promotion came in 1923, and three years later, in 1926, Mr. Goss was elevated to the presidency of the Burlington Drug Company, the position he now (1928) is filling. The Burlington Drug Company, a wholesale concern, is one of the oldest in Vermont, having had its inception when the old firm of Wells & Richardson Company was established many years ago. In 1891 the business was incorporated and assumed the title of Burlington Drug Company, Incorporated. As a reminder of his college days Mr. Goss retains his membership in the Sigma Phi fraternity, while in later years he has become affiliated with many societies, clubs, and fraternities which have as their main interest the improvement and welfare of Burlington. Among these may be listed the Burlington Rotary Club, the Burlington Country Club, the Ethan Allen Club, and the Lake Champlain Yacht Club.

John W. Goss married, in 1912, Alice V. Herrington, a daughter of Frederick C. and Ida L. (Colbath) Herrington. Mr. Goss has his offices with the Burlington Drug Company at No. 125 College Street, while he and his wife reside at No. 284 South Union Street, Burlington.

**WILDER ARTHUR SIMPSON**—In Caledonia County few men are more prominent or more influential than is Wilder Arthur Simpson, of Lyndon, successful farmer, public-spirited citizen, and able politician.

Wilder Arthur Simpson was born on the farm on which he is now living, known as the Wilder Farm, town of Lyndon, Vermont, June 22, 1887, son of James E. and Mabel (Wilder) Simpson. James E. Simpson operated the Wilder farm for a few years prior to his death, but he was killed in 1900, when the son, Wilder Arthur was thirteen years of age. The boy attended the local grammar and high schools, and then continued his studies in Lyndon Institute. When school days were over he engaged in farming, operating for his mother, and in 1920 he purchased the Wilder homestead farm from the Wilder heirs. Since that time he has been successful both in operating the farm and in the management of public affairs and for many years now he has been one of the prominent and influential citizens of Caledonia County. The Wilder Farm, which he now owns and operates, has been in possession of the Wilder family since 1808, when Zebina Wilder, one of the original settlers of the town of Lyndon, who came here in 1790, took over this fine farm. He began the task of clearing and cultivating in 1808, and when he died the work was continued by his son, Levi, who, in turn, left the scene of his labors to be followed by Elias Wilder. As has already been stated, James E. Simpson operated the farm for several years prior to 1900, having married Mabel Wilder, and in 1920 Wilder Arthur Simpson purchased the farm from the Wilder heirs.

While notably successful as a farmer, Mr. Simpson is best known as a public official, and there are few public offices of the town which he has not filled one or more times. He has served in practically all of the minor town offices, as moderator, and as school director, and in 1923 was chosen to represent his district in State Legislature. At the present time (1928) he is serving in the State Senate, is member of the State Highway Board, and is serving his seventh year as a member of

the board of selectmen. He is a Republican in his political allegiance, and for years now has been active in the affairs of his party. He is a member of St. Johnsbury Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Rotary Club, and he and his family are attendants of the Congregational church.

Wilder Arthur Simpson married Ruth Hoffman, who was born in the town of Lyndon, daughter of Edwin H. and Mary (Cahoon) Hoffman, the first mentioned of whom is deceased, and the last mentioned of whom lives in the town of Lyndon. Both the Hoffman and Cahoon families were among the early settlers of this township, and their descendants have through the generations since 1790 been prominent in the affairs of the locality. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson have four children: 1. Leland James, who is a student in high school. 2. Marion Helen. 3. Dorothy Ruth. 4. Mabel Laura.

**REV. WILLIAM A. PLAMONDON**—Burlington Catholics and the community in general have been greatly advantaged by the life-work and usefulness of Rev. Father William A. Plamondon, founder and builder of the flourishing parish of St. Anthony, and for more than a quarter of a century the venerated representative of his church and people here, and therefore a vital factor in the progress of the religious activities of the city. Admiration for the zeal and constructive effort of this well known priest is general both among his flock and the citizenry of Burlington; and the labors that he has accomplished have secured for the community a leading place in diocesan activities.

Rev. William A. Plamondon was born April 12, 1863, at St. Hilaire, Province of Quebec, Canada, a son of Louis Plamondon and Césarie (Brillon) Plamondon. Louis Plamondon was born in 1836, at St. Hilaire, and died there in 1880, in his forty-fourth year, a son of Louis and Louise (Gosselin) Plamondon, both natives of St. Hilaire. Césarie (Brillon) Plamondon was born in St. Hilaire in 1838, and died there in 1871, daughter of Marcelle and Catherine (Racine) Plamondon. Their children were: Louis; Azama; Joseph died in infancy; Henry; William A., of whom further; Hilaire; Arthemise; Felix, died in infancy; Alpee; and Corinne.

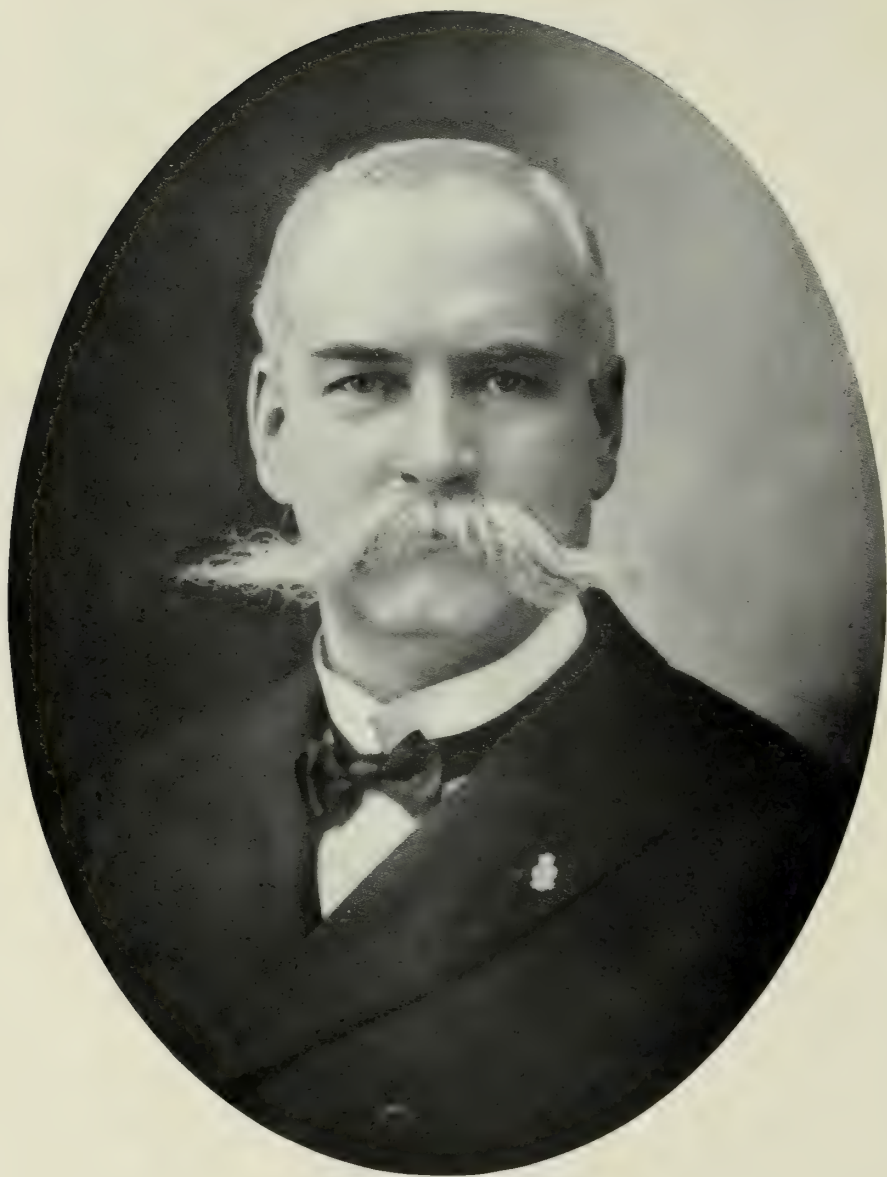
Father Plamondon first attended the parochial school at St. Hilaire, and his parents then sent him to Bellows Falls, Vermont, where he attended the public schools, to learn the English language. Then, matriculating at the Montreal College, conducted by the Sulpician Order, he took the classical course, and afterwards came to Burlington, Vermont, to enter old St. Joseph's College, where he finished his classical studies. Returning to Montreal, he entered the Seminary, taking the philosophical course, and completing his studies there, he again came to Burlington. He was then sent to Rome, Italy, by Bishop De Goesbriand for the course in theology, and upon the completion of his studies in Rome, he was there ordained a priest by the vicar-general, in October, 1893. Returning to the United States, and to Burlington, Bishop De Goesbriand granted him a rest until Christmas of that year, 1893. He was then sent to take charge of a church at Bennington, Vermont, to fill the vacancy caused by the absence of Father Barron, who had gone abroad for a period of six months.

Father Plamondon was then given a parish at Readsboro, Vermont, remaining in charge there as priest for seven years, when he was called to Brandon, to supervise the affairs of the parish there for eight months.

On January 13, 1903, Rev. Father Plamondon was called to Burlington, there to set about the task of organizing his present parish of the Church of St. Anthony, at Park Avenue and Pine Street; and he began to found and erect the beautiful and substantial brick church and rectory, for which he succeeded in raising the required amount of money from among a very small







*Sam A. Caddenwood*

number of communicants, made up of working people, whom he has inspired by his high ideals, and natural human understanding, to cooperate with him, until today, he has completely organized all religious societies in connection with the church, such as the Holy Name Society for older men and the young men of the parish; the St. Anne's Society for Women; and the Young Women's Sodality of the Blessed Virgin. He is now looking forward to the erection of a parish school. By January 13, 1929, Father Plamondon will have rounded out twenty-six years as rector of St. Anthony's parish, which he founded and organized.

**DALE L. ROUNDY**—Prosperous farmer and lumberman, Dale L. Roundy has experienced adversity, has triumphed over it, and is today one of the foremost citizens of the town of Burke. He owns a lumber mill, and has a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres on the edge of Lyndonville. He has on this farm some forty head of Jersey and Holstein cattle. In the mill he operates a business at sawing rough lumber, conducting this with the sound judgment and fortunate results that attend his every business undertaking.

Born in West Burke, February 24, 1900, Mr. Roundy is a son of L. G. and Addie (Mills) Roundy, his father being a farmer and man of affairs. Both parents survive to the present time (this is written in 1928), and make their residence on the family farm in West Burke. Mr. Roundy secured his elementary and secondary academic instruction in the schools of West Burke, graduated from St. Joseph's Academy, and set about in pursuit of his career without delay, first, to accumulate a financial capital on which to operate, working in the shops of Lyndonville. In this manner he was able to purchase a farm for himself, in West Burke. In due course he sold this, at a good price, and from G. A. Whipple purchased the present holding of two hundred and forty acres.

In the general affairs of the countryside and of Lyndonville, Mr. Roundy takes an interested part. He is known well for the sincerity and depth of his public spirit, and never since the year of his majority has he refused to aid a worthy cause directed toward the benefit of the townspeople. He adheres to the principles of the Democratic party, and fraternally is identified with the Blue Lodge of West Burke, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, at Barton.

Mr. Roundy married Dorothy Newman, who was born at Canaan, New Hampshire, daughter of Richard S. and Hallie (Bryan) Newman. The family attends the Methodist church, of Lyndonville.

Significant of the calibre which has made Mr. Roundy's career successful before the age of thirty years, it is recalled that he lost heavily in the flood of November, 1927, suffering heavy damage to his properties. When asked by his father what he would do, he replied simply, "I'll just start over again, as if the flood did not happen." He did, and has built to new heights through the strength of courage. He is one of the town's most progressive factors.

**CHARLES A. CALDERWOOD**—Founder of the store bearing his name in St. Johnsbury which observed its golden anniversary of continuous and profitable business enterprise in 1927, Charles A. Calderwood was a native of Greensboro, and came to St. Johnsbury from Wells River during the summer of 1877. He went into the furniture and undertaking business on Railroad Street, in the store in Odd Fellows Block now occupied by the St. Johnsbury Gas Company's offices. To effect this he purchased the junior partner's interest in the firm of Tisdale and Burnham, the latter having been junior. Five years later Hosmer Severance purchased the Tisdale interest, retained it three years, then, because of ill health, sold it to Jesse Cheney. It was Mr. Cheney

who had given Mr. Calderwood the financial assistance to buy the interest which meant his start in St. Johnsbury's business life, and about four years after they became partners the latter was able to purchase the holding of his benefactor. He then managed the business for himself alone, until death, taking his three sons into association as each came of proper age.

It was in 1893 that Mr. Calderwood took into partnership his eldest son, Charles Sherman Calderwood, who had completed the course in public schools and in St. Johnsbury Academy. The eldest son remained in the store and was of valued assistance in the growth of the business up to the year of his death, 1919. In 1913, Mr. Calderwood realized that the enterprise had expanded to that point where it had far out-grown the quarters in Odd Fellows Block, and he began to look about for a new address. With this in mind he purchased the Cottage Hotel property, on the west side of Railroad Street, intending to repair and remodel it to meet increasing needs. On fuller investigation, however, he was convinced that this was not the property required, and so, a year later, 1914, purchased the lot at the intersection of Eastern Avenue and Pearl Street upon which he erected the modern business block which today stands there, a monument to his business enterprise and judgment. It was completed in the fall of 1915, and has been the firm's headquarters ever since.

Mr. Calderwood died in June, 1916, only a few months after the store had been operating in its new location; and his family, following the high principles of business conduct by him laid down and adhered to through the years, has continued to maintain the firm's excellent standing. The business was incorporated in the fall of 1916, under the firm name always carried, of C. A. Calderwood. Present officers are: Mrs. C. A. Calderwood, president; C. Roy Calderwood, son of the deceased, vice-president and treasurer; and Alvi P. Calderwood (q. v.), another son, secretary and clerk. Mrs. Calderwood, who was Ida Pinney before her marriage, now (1928) in her seventy-eighth year, makes her home with her sons, at No. 9 Pearl Street, and maintains the personal interest which she has always felt in the integrity of the business. Her counsel and advice are invaluable, frequently sought out by her two sons.

Mr. Calderwood was always an enterprising, public-spirited citizen. He took a direct interest in community affairs and gave much of his time and means to the furthering of enterprises that yielded benefit to the town and State. At one time he was a member of the board of trustees of the State Board of Insane, at Waterbury. He represented St. Johnsbury in State Legislature, and was one of those directly interested and largely responsible for erection of the Masonic Temple on Eastern Avenue. He was a thirty-third degree Mason, one of the few in Vermont to hold that distinction, and was at the head of all local bodies in Masonry and later at the head of all State bodies in the order. His passing brought a sense of distinct and personal loss to the town wherein he lived the whole of his active career, and where his memory is one of affection not to be dimmed by many years. For his was a life well lived, replete of good.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. —Psalms XCI, 1.

**ALVI PINNEY CALDERWOOD**—Secretary and clerk of the well-known firm of C. A. Calderwood, Incorporated, dealers in furniture, undertakers, of St. Johnsbury, Alvi Pinney Calderwood is a son of the store's founder, Charles A. Calderwood, deceased (q. v.). Charles A. Calderwood married Ida Pinney, who like himself was born at Greensboro, and who survives her husband. They became the parents of three sons: 1. Charles Sherman, who was identified with the store for



many years under his father, and whose death occurred in 1919, three years after that of the latter. He married (first) Bertha Pearl, and they had a son, Theron Pearl Calderwood, now in the insurance business at Providence, Rhode Island; and (second) May Poole, and they had a son, Charles Sherman. 2. C. Roy Calderwood, vice-president and treasurer of C. A. Calderwood, Incorporated (q. v.). 3. Alvi Pinney, of whom follows.

Alvi Pinney Calderwood was born in St. Johnsbury, September 7, 1884. He graduated from St. Johnsbury Academy and later took up the study of embalming, at which he perfected his talents. He is now an experienced emblamer and funeral director, having under his chief charge this aspect of the store's enterprise. His career to the present time has been with the store organization, and in no small degree he is responsible for its remarkable success as a leading firm, having given its welfare his undivided attention. The business that was in the original store at the present site, confined to the street floor, has expanded to include the Pearl Street basement as well as the second floor of the building, and a trade-in department branch has been added as a popular and progressive feature. The second floor is fitted for undertaking, with salesroom, appropriately appointed chapel, and room for embalming. All of these are easily reached from the street, making it unnecessary to walk through the furniture department on the main floor.

C. A. Calderwood, Incorporated, is known as the headquarters of everything in the line of furniture and upholstery that is dependable and up-to-date. Alvi Pinney Calderwood is there in constant attendance to anyone wishing to see one of the heads of the store, and he and his brother are assisted by a most competent staff of sales persons and other assistants. Founded in 1877, the store's record of fifty and more years is perhaps unequalled within a wide radius of St. Johnsbury. Fifty years in business of service to the people of St. Johnsbury is a record of which the family of proprietors may well be proud. The high degree of confidence and appreciation felt by the people of the town was manifest at the golden anniversary sale. In this connection a local newspaper said, at the time of the sale:

It is evident that the purchasing public is fully appreciative . . . , for it is conservatively estimated that between twenty-five hundred and three thousand people visited the store last Saturday alone, and every day has seen a good patronage.

Floral gifts were seen in profusion, tributes from other companies in town and from larger concerns elsewhere.

While Alvi Pinney Calderwood gives the greater part of his time to conduct of the store, he is very active in outside affairs. Especially is he active in fraternal works, being a member of Granite Lodge, No. 35, of Barre, Vermont, Free and Accepted Masons; Haswell Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, No. 11, of St. Johnsbury; Past High Priest, Caledonia Council, No. 13, Royal and Select Masters, and its present Thrice Potentate Master; Past Commander of Palestine Commandery, No. 5, Knights Templar, and is present secretary of Past Commanders Association of Knights Templar Commanders of the State; member of the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and holder of the thirty-second degree. He is also affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is a member of the St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce and the State Chamber of Commerce. He belongs to the Country and Fish and Game Clubs, and attends the Congregational church.

Alvi Pinney Calderwood married Marion E. Hatch, who was born at Ryegate, Vermont.

**C. ROY CALDERWOOD**—Vice-president and treasurer of C. A. Calderwood, Incorporated, dealers in furniture and funeral director, C. Roy Calderwood is

one of the three sons of Charles A. Calderwood (q. v.), a review of whom, together with that of his brother, Alvi P., accompanies this sketch, and of Ida (Pinney) Calderwood.

C. Roy Calderwood received his preparatory education in the public schools, St. Johnsbury Academy, and entered Norwich University, whence he graduated with the class of 1904. Thereafter he took a business course at Poughkeepsie, New York, and from 1906 to 1918 was associated with the Standard Oil Company. Meanwhile, 1916, C. A. Calderwood, the store and funeral directing business in St. Johnsbury, had been incorporated, with himself named vice-president and treasurer, and when in 1918 he resigned the important position which he held with Standard Oil he returned to assist in the store's management, having been in contact with it under his father's instruction since boyhood. He has played no inconsiderable part in the later success of the enterprise which has now been in the family more than fifty years. Said a local newspaper on the occasion of its, the store's, golden anniversary, in 1927:

The most successful sale that is now in progress at the store of C. A. Calderwood, Inc., on Eastern Avenue . . . calls particular attention to the fact that the name of Calderwood has been closely identified with the furniture and undertaking business in this town and vicinity for a half century. The business was never more firmly established or more progressive than it is today, and the fact that it has always been the prime purpose of its managers to sell dependable merchandise at prices that are right and always to treat customers with equal deference and attention is the true secret to the success that has come to the concern through all the years. To serve a community fifty years is a credit to any firm, in any line of endeavor. The Calderwood company has earned its place at the forefront of St. Johnsbury business enterprises by a strict loyalty to the principles of merchandising and a faithful devotion to every detail for the convenience and wants of its constantly growing clientele.

Hand in hand with his responsibilities as an officer and executive of the store, C. Roy Calderwood has taken a liberal part in affairs of the community. A Republican, he is chairman of the Town Republican Association and possessed of a wide influence, which he exerts to the good of the party and the people in general. He is a member of the St. Johnsbury Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce, in each of which he is a popular figure. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in the former being Past Master of Temple Lodge No. 74, at Albany, New York, member of the Blue Lodge, Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Commandery of Knights Templar, and the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In the Elks he is Past Exalted Ruler of St. Johnsbury Lodge and Past District Deputy of the district in which this community lies. For ten years he was secretary of the Vermont State Undertakers' Association, and is a Past President of the Tri-State Undertakers' Association, including the states of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. In religious adherence he leans to the Congregational Church, which church he attends with his family, both he and his wife being active in the works of the denomination.

C. Roy Calderwood married Mae Bell Stoker, native of Albany, New York, and their children are: 1. Wesley Roy. 2. Marjorie Ruth. 3. Harriett.

**ALFRED HARRIS HEININGER** was born August 29, 1886, in Burlington, Vermont, son of Oscar Heininger, who was born in Neumarkt, Silesia, Germany, in 1857, died in 1922, and Bertha Natalie (Lehmann) Heininger, who was born at Neumarkt in 1860 and died in 1923. Attending the public schools at Burlington, Mr. Heininger was graduated at Burlington High School in



1904, and then, matriculating at the University of Vermont was graduated there in 1908, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He then went to Boston, Massachusetts, where he entered the employ of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, and while with this company he took up the study of law in the Law School of Northeastern University, and was graduated in 1916 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, being admitted to the Massachusetts bar in 1917. In 1915, while in the employ of the Edison Illuminating Company, Mr. Heininger organized the Kieslich Construction Company, of Burlington, with A. V. Kieslich as construction engineer, and partner, and his own father, Oscar Heininger, as partner, and this firm began to do important construction work from the day it began to function.

Within a short time, this firm had become a recognized building and construction company in Burlington and this part of the State. Mr. Heininger resigned from the Edison Illuminating Company in 1917 and returned to Burlington, where he became secretary and treasurer of the Kieslich Construction Company, a position he continues to fill. During the years that this concern has been engaged in business, mention may be made of a few of the important structures it has built, as follows: Bishop De Goesbriand Hospital, Burlington; Baldwin Refrigerator Company's new factory on Pine Street, Burlington; E. B. and A. C. Whiting Company's new factory on Pine Street; Welch Brothers' Vermont Maple Syrup Company's new plant on Pine Street; Vermont Milk Chocolate Company's entire new plant on Park Avenue; Free Press Association Building, Burlington; Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Building in Burlington; the beautiful residence of Dr. M. C. Twitchell, and W. E. McBride in Burlington; University of Vermont Baseball and Football grandstands; Burlington Trust Company Building; Junior High School and Gymnasium, at Burlington; Winooski Overgaiter Company's Building, Winooski; National Acme Company's Club, Windsor, Windham County Coöperative Creamery, Brattleboro; Swanton Coöperative Creamery Company Building.

In fraternal matters, Mr. Heininger is affiliated with Burlington Lodge, No. 100, Free and Accepted Masons, with the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the thirty-second degree; Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Burlington Lodge, No. 916, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Goethe Lodge, No. 592, D. O. H., and Burlington Chamber of Commerce.

Alfred Harris Heininger married, April 19, 1920, in Boston, Massachusetts, Dr. Erna Elisabeth Neumann, of Bremen, Germany, daughter of Paul Neumann, who was born in Silesia, Germany, and was formerly police commissioner of Bremen, Germany. They have a daughter, Erika Natalie, born June 7, 1922.

**MURRAY K. PARIS**—Postmaster at Lyndon, Vermont, for many years, Murray K. Paris has served in this position with the greatest efficiency, discharging all the duties of his office to the complete satisfaction of his executive superiors and of the community of which he is an important member. In various other phases of Lyndon life he takes an active part, and is highly respected and esteemed as a citizen of unusual public spirit.

Mr. Paris was born at Barnet, Vermont, on November 3, 1879, a son of Daniel Paris, now deceased, and of Henrietta (Kimball) Paris, of that place. His father was engaged in the lumber trade and was well known locally until the time of his death. Murray K. Paris attended the public schools of his birth place and completed his education at Lyndon Academy and Barber's Business College at St. Johnsbury. Beginning his business career he was variously employed until in 1901 he was appointed postmaster at Lyndon, although at that time not yet twenty-two years old. One of the youngest

postmasters in the country, Mr. Paris resolved to be also one of the best, putting forth every effort for the improvement of the local mail service, and continuing his efforts throughout all the five years of his first period of service in this position. In 1906 he resigned and went to Somerville, Massachusetts, where for a year and a half he worked with the Brown-tail Moth Commission of that State, in an effort to control the ravages of brown-tail moth. At the end of this time, he went to Orange, Massachusetts, and there for some time was connected with the New England Box Company, returning finally to Lyndon to enter the employ of the local mills. On January 10, 1914, he was reappointed postmaster of Lyndon, continuing in this service until the present time. At first a fourth class office, the Lyndon post office was advanced to the third class in 1922, profiting from Mr. Paris' able direction of affairs and long experience in the work.

Politically he supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party, maintaining a keen interest in political questions and the general civic welfare of the community, while he is affiliated fraternally with the local Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, and with the Sons and Daughters of Liberty. He is associated with various other local enterprises, while with his family he worships in the faith of the Congregational church.

Murray K. Paris married Mary B. Burton, who was born in Massachusetts, and after her father's death when she was only four years old, came to Lyndon with her mother and here grew to womanhood. Mr. and Mrs. Paris are the parents of one child, Murray Francis, who is now a student at Lyndon Institute.

**MAX L. POWELL**—An abiding interest in the progress of the community wherein he resides and devoted to the causes which attract the better element, Max L. Powell, of Burlington, is one of the soundest-principled citizens of Vermont and one of the most popular. He is now and has been for many years active in the law as well as in commercial enterprises, and has gathered about him a legion of friends, whose sincere esteem is a tribute to his native and cultivated qualities. Affable, finished in education and polished through a lifetime of contact with travelled men and women, Mr. Powell is representative of the highest class of citizenship in the State.

He was born in Richford, Vermont, April 26, 1869, a son of Colonel E. Henry Powell, and, following an elementary education in the local schools, was graduated from the Vermont Academy in 1885 and from the University of Vermont in 1889. He then went to Europe and took a post-graduate course at the University of Geneva, Switzerland, in 1892. Returning to Vermont, he studied law under the tutelage of his father and was admitted to the bar of the State in 1893. In addition to his legal work he has been a successful operator in real estate and conductor of insurance enterprises. He is the owner of the Vermont and Van Ness hotels in Burlington and president of the Hotel Vermont Corporation, also having financial interests in other hotels. He has served in the Vermont National Guard as Captain on the staff of General Greenleaf and was deputy State auditor from 1888 to 1892, in the last named year having been assistant clerk of the House of Representatives of the State Legislature. He was also secretary of the State Senate from 1896 to 1900 and Senator from 1910 to 1915, being president pro tem in 1910 and 1915. He is president of the Burlington Rotary Club and is now serving his third term as president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Max L. Powell married, in 1908, Lois S. McBride, of Burlington. Their children are: E. Henry, and Max L., Jr.



**ALVA H. RICH**—The owner of the general store of a small and growing town has the opportunity of being in closest touch with the vital issues of community life and may reflect and note the tide of prosperity, or equally well, of retrogression, as few other citizens have the chance of doing. Mr. Rich, as the proprietor of the general store of East Burke, in the heart of a fine agricultural district, must often have this sense of penetration. He has been a farmer himself, owning a farm of two hundred and sixty acres in the town of Glover, which, after running for six years, he was obliged to sell on account of his ill-health, which made the strenuous work of the farm too great a physical strain.

Mr. Rich was born January 28, 1898, at Glover and went through the graded school there, working on his father's farm or in a lumber camp during the summers. His father was Austin B. and his mother Alma J. (Haines) Rich. In 1913, he entered the Burlington Dairy School, the institution founded by Theodore N. Vail, late president of the American Telegraph and Telephone Company. Mr. Rich stayed there for two years specializing in the dairy course and then purchased the farm at Glover in the hope of utilizing by practical exposition, the theoretical knowledge he had acquired at college. When he was unable to carry on this plan, he sold the farm and embarked upon a commercial career, buying the general store of Carl Frasier at East Burke and running it ever since.

Mr. Rich is married to Florence Drew, a native of Wheelock, daughter of Noah and Mary (Smith) Drew. Her parents are now living on their farm at Cabot. Mr. and Mrs. Alva H. Rich have two children: Philip Warren and Rachel Arline.

**ELMER WATERS PIKE, M. D.**—Outstanding in the profession of medicine in Burlington, specialist widely known for his work in pediatrics, Elmer Waters Pike, M. D., was born January 21, 1891, in Ellenburg, New York, son of Leslie F. and Kate (Waters) Pike. His father, a mining engineer by training, profession and practice, has since retired to farming and dairy farming, in Isle LaMotte, where he is a foremost citizen.

In the public schools of Burlington, Dr. Pike secured his elementary and secondary academic training, graduating from high school with scholastic markings singularly indicative of an unusual intelligence. Thereafter he matriculated in the University of Vermont and became a student in that institution's college of medicine, from which he graduated in 1919, at the age of twenty-six, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Subsequently he took post-graduate work in medicine in New York City, specializing in pediatrics. He opened offices in Burlington in 1921, and from that year to the present (1928) has enjoyed a flourishing practice, notably in his specialty. He is attending physician at Mary Fletcher, De Goesbriand and Fanny Allen hospitals, and fraternally is affiliated with the American Medical Association, the Burlington and Chittenden County Clinical Society, and New England Pediatric Society. Non-professionally he is affiliated with Isle LaMotte Lodge, No. 81, Free and Accepted Masons; the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and the Council, Royal and Select Masters. He is a member of the Ethan Allen and Burlington Country clubs, the Exchange Club, and Burlington Chamber of Commerce. During America's participation in the World War he assisted in various campaigns of patriotic appeal.

Dr. Pike married, in March, 1920, Helen S. Crump, a daughter of William Crump, of Gloversville, New York; and their children are: Patricia, Janet and Joyce.

Dr. Pike holds the sincere professional and personal respect of all colleagues in the profession with whom he has come in contact. He is regarded as outstanding as practitioner among his generation, as the possessor of a brilliant medical future.

**NATHAN ABBOTT NORTON**—In the town of Lyndonville, Vermont, Nathan Abbott Norton has been known for many years as a skilled and able attorney. Since he opened his office here twenty-eight years ago he has not only made himself well known in his profession, but he has also become prominent in the affairs of the town and in numerous fraternal organizations. He is a graduate of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and is highly esteemed in Lyndonville and vicinity.

Nathan Abbott Norton was born in Glover, Vermont, September 21, 1865, son of Elijah A., a farmer and general dealer in cattle and live stock, and of Dolly Margaret (Abbott) Norton. After attending the elementary and district schools of Glover, Vermont, he continued study in the Johnson Normal School and eventually entered the law department at Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he was graduated with the class of 1895. In that same year he opened an office in Glover, Vermont, the town of his birth, where he remained for a period of five years. In 1900 he came to Lyndonville, Vermont, and here he has been engaged in general practice to the present time (1928). As the years passed he built up a very substantial practice, and he has always taken a very active part in local town affairs. His general business ability, as well as his professional skill, are well recognized, and he is frequently called upon for public service. He is an independent Republican, giving his support to the principles of that party, in general, but preferring to use his own discretion in voting for individual candidates. He served as State's attorney for Caledonia County from 1915 to 1917, and at the present time is town and village agent and electric light commissioner. He has long been known as a public-spirited citizen who exercises sound judgment in choosing which public measures he will support, and his opinion is much respected in the community. Fraternally, he is well known being identified with the Masonic lodge of Lyndonville as a Master Mason; with the Knights of Pythias, in which order he has occupied all the State chairs; Improved Order of Red Men, in which he has occupied all the State chairs; Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Modern Woodmen of America; the Foresters; Junior Order United American Mechanics; and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of St. Johnsbury. Mr. Norton is a man of many friends and his personal associates, as well as those who are associated with him in business and professional capacity pronounce him a man of staunch character and of talent. For some years after coming to Lyndonville he practiced in partnership with E. A. Cook, but for many years now he has handled his practice alone. His religious interest and that of his family is with the Methodist church.

Nathan Abbott Norton married Viola Robinson, who was born in Fletcher, Franklin County, Vermont, daughter of Demas Robinson. Mr. and Mrs. Norton are the parents of two children: 1. E. Guy, who was educated in Lyndon Institute and in Lexington Military Institute, and is now (1928) a member of the State motor police force. 2. Dorothy M., who was educated in Lyndon Institute and in Boston University, and for five years employed in a bank in Lyndonville; married, September 8, 1928, Lawrence F. Shorey, and they live at Burlington.

**NED EUGENE PIERCE**—As president of the Elias Lyman Coal Company, Ned Eugene Pierce is prominent in the business world of Burlington, Vermont. Mr. Pierce has been connected with this company for many years, supplying the community's fuel needs in a highly satisfactory way, and his rise to his present position has been thoroughly well merited by his ability and persistent effort.

Mr. Pierce was born on July 11, 1879, at North Shrewsbury, Vermont, a son of Edwin and Damarius (Aldrich) Pierce, of that place. His father was well







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known as a farmer, and served his country loyally as a soldier in the Union Army during the Civil War. Ned Eugene Pierce was educated in the public schools of his birthplace, attending the local high school, after which he undertook the course of study in Albany Business College. Beginning his business career, he became cashier for the Rutland Railroad, with which he remained from 1902 until 1905. In the latter year he came to Burlington and entered the employ of the Elias Lyman Coal Company, which connection has continued since that time. Mr. Pierce's advancement in the firm was rapid, and resulted solely from his own fine energy and ability. In 1908 he was elected treasurer of the company, and in 1919, he was chosen its president. In this position his sound judgment and able direction of affairs has resulted in a prosperous and constantly increasing volume of business.

Politically Mr. Pierce supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party, and to the various enterprises for the promotion of civic welfare he has contributed liberally of both his time and substance. He is affiliated fraternally with the Burlington Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order is a member of all bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the Consistory, and a member of Mount Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member and a past officer of Hamilton Lodge, No. 14, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Burlington Lodge, No. 916, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Pierce holds membership in the local Lions Club, and in the Burlington Chamber of Commerce. He and his family are members of College Street Congregational Church.

In 1903, Ned Eugene Pierce married Calista Martin of Poultney, Vermont, and they are the parents of two children: Percy D. and Arthur L.

**FRANK A. MORSE**—Manager and assistant treasurer of Our Husbands Company, Inc., at Lyndon, Mr. Morse is accepted as an authority on health and well-being of cattle, a crucially important subject in the agricultural portion of the State. Mr. Morse has lived in the heart of a farming country and has taken up the study of cattle diseases scientifically and with thoroughness. He was born in Danville, March 20, 1886, a son of Stephen and Bell (Cowling) Morse, both native of Danville, where his father conducted a general store for years. Mr. Morse received his education in the local schools, until going away to Barbers Business College at St. Johnsbury for technical training, and after finishing there he went to Keene, New Hampshire, to work with Mr. Gillis, training horses in a school for that purpose. His knowledge of animals is keen and wisely directed and he remained in this position for some time. In 1906, Mr. Morse joined the company of which he is at present an official, gaining promotion from time to time. Our Husbands Company, Inc., has been a useful factor of this agricultural State for many years. Founded in 1899, with its laboratory and main offices at Lyndon, it has put out a line of cattle remedies that has been of incalculable value throughout the farming and dairy districts. Their various remedies, their Cow's Relief, Cow Tone, Calves' Cordial, their Common Sense Calf Feeder, have all been favorably known. The breeding of thoroughbred cattle and raising fine horses, especially of the trotting type, has been one of the recognized industries of Vermont, and to successfully hold such a reputation, scientific study of corrective and remedial methods of animal Hygiene is essential. Mr. Morse also has a farm where he lives and which he carries on after the most approved methods. He is a staunch Republican in political thought and a member of the Washington Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons and a useful and active member of the local Grange. He is on the

school board, having served on that body for nine years.

Frank A. Morse was married to Stella Sargent, daughter of Frank Sargent of Colebrook, New Hampshire, and they have five children: Mary, Stephen, Priscilla, Phillis and Russell. They are members and constant attendants of the Congregational church, of which Mr. Morse is a trustee.

**FRANK W. BALL**—For many years Frank W. Ball was one of the best-known and most highly respected residents of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, where almost all of his business life was spent. At first a clerk in various dry goods stores, he gathered valuable experience, and when in 1903, he became a member of the Berry-Ball Company, dealers in dry goods, his ability and familiarity with the business proved of great value to the company. Mr. Ball was always active in the various interests of the community, and was esteemed by all those who knew him as a citizen of the greatest public spirit. He was born on June 24, 1865, at Sutton, Vermont, a son of Albert H. and Malinda (Eastman) Ball, both natives of Vermont and both now deceased. His father was well known as a farmer until the time of his death.

Frank W. Ball entered the public schools of Sutton, and later attended Lyndon Institute. Following the completion of his education he began his business career as a clerk in the dry goods store of Aaron Twombly at Lyndonville, which had succeeded the Sterns store, destroyed by the big fire. Later, Mr. Ball served in a similar capacity in other stores in Sutton, Lyndonville, Vermont, and Littleton, New Hampshire, with the Bellows firm. In 1892 he came to St. Johnsbury and accepted a position in the store of the Fairbanks Company, with whom he remained until they disposed of their interests to the Brooks Tyler Dry Goods Company. At this time he was asked to remain in his old position by the new company, who recognized his ability and business acumen. Finally, in 1903, Mr. Ball became associated with Mr. Berry and together they established the company which bears their names, Mr. Berry serving as president and Mr. Ball as vice-president and treasurer. In this venture, which proved most successful, Mr. Ball played a leading part, building up a large and prosperous trade throughout all the section, and by his honesty and fair-dealing establishing a clientele who were proud to be also his friends.

Mr. Ball's time and energy were devoted principally to the conduct of his mercantile enterprise, but in later years his sound business judgment and executive ability were largely recognized by others and he was asked to share in many important interests. He was a prominent stockholder and official in the St. Johnsbury Hotel Company until the property was finally sold to its present proprietor, while he succeeded the late Fred Gilman as the Caledonia County representative on the list of directors of the Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance Company, at Montpelier.

Politically he supported the principles and candidates of the Republican party, maintaining warm interest in the problems of government and the various movements for civic advance. He was affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he was a member of all bodies of the York Rite and a member of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Frank W. Ball married Ella Jewett, who was living in Wheelock at the time of the marriage. She was born in Lexington, Massachusetts, a daughter of Gorham Jewett of that place. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ball were active church workers, and attended the North Congregational Church of St. Johnsbury.

Mr. Ball's death occurred on September 13, 1928, while on a business trip to Boston. The news of his passing



occasioned the greatest sorrow in St. Johnsbury and the vicinity, which had come to know him so well through years of intimate acquaintanceship. He was a man of genuine ability, of the utmost integrity and a high sense of civic duty, giving his allegiance throughout life to the noblest ideals from which he never departed in any contingency. Although the immediate sense of loss at his death may fade with time, the memory of the man and of his work will always remain in the grateful hearts of all those who were privileged to know him.

**WALTER EDMOND PETERS**—One of the prominent men of Burlington whose career has been of interest and whose success in business has been considerable is Walter Edmond Peters. For thirty years he has been a resident in Burlington (as this is written, 1928), and throughout that period has participated actively in the city's major movements toward prosperous development. He is today counted among the foremost citizens of the community.

Native of the province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, Mr. Peters was born October 15, 1883, son of Walter and Jane (Stropp) Peters, his father, a farmer, having been born in Scotland, and his mother being of Scottish extraction. In the public schools of LaColle, Quebec, he secured his elementary and secondary academic instruction, and at an early age took up forestry. This started him in the work which was to make him one of the leadest florists of Burlington. Mr. Peters came to Burlington in 1898, at the age of fifteen years, in due course established a business to deal in flowers and seeds, and has continued thus occupied through the many years that have followed, with consistently augmented prestige and fortune.

In works of citizenship and in general affairs of interest to Burlington, Mr. Peters has been an active figure, well known for his public spirit, and for the spontaneity and liberality of his support when contributions are sought. Fraternally he is affiliated with Washington Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Commandery, Knights Templar; with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias, and the Modern Woodmen of America. He belongs to the Champlain Yacht Club, the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, Burlington Rotary Club, and is a communicant of the Episcopal church. In political adherence he is a member of the Republican party, staunch supporter of its principles and candidates. During the period of America's participation in the World War he was of valued assistance in the several campaigns of patriotic appeal, notably in those of the Liberty Loan, War Savings Stamps, and Red Cross.

Mr. Peters married, in 1914, Ellen M. Murphy, of Burlington; and their children are: Elizabeth Jane and Walter Edmond, 2d.

**PRESCOTT L. MOORE**—The department store in Lyndonville, Vermont, which now operates under the firm name of Moore & Tripp is an old and well-known one in the county, though its present owners have been in possession only since 1916. More than twenty years ago this enterprise was established here and during all of that period it has continued to deal in the same lines of goods. Its present owners purchased it of Heath, Clark & Company, and have continued the business along the old lines. Patrons come to this store from neighborhoods at a distance from Lyndonville and the reputation of the concern has been for many years such as to bring to its doors a steadily enlarging stream of buyers. Prescott L. Moore is the senior member of the present firm and is well known and well liked in the community. He is a veteran of the World War.

Prescott L. Moore was born in Morgan, Vermont,

October 1, 1895, son of Chester L., who is engaged in business as a garment manufacturer, and of Etta E. (Lyon) Moore, who live in Newport, Vermont. After attending the elementary schools of his birthplace, Mr. Moore continued study in Derby Academy and then found employment in a department store, where he remained for a period of two years. At the end of that time, in association with his brother-in-law, Hiram A. W. Tripp, he purchased the department store business of Heath, Clark & Company here in Lyndonville, and since that time the partners have been successfully continuing the business. The purchase was made October 16, 1916, when the business had already been in operation for more than eight years, and the partners knew that they were purchasing a well established business. Events have justified their faith and the patronage of the store, under its new name, that of Moore & Tripp, is constantly growing. In his political allegiance Mr. Moore is a Republican. He is a member of the local Board of Trade and is actively interested in its affairs, and he is also a public-spirited citizen who can be counted upon to contribute his share toward the work of advancing the public weal.

On May 26, 1918, less than two years after the purchase of the business, Mr. Moore enlisted for service in the World War and was sent overseas with the Machine Gun Battalion of the Seventy-sixth Division, but he was later transferred to the Sixth Division, with which he served for nine months, receiving his discharge June 27, 1919. Upon his return to this country he resumed his work in the department store and has since been devoting his time and his energy to the development of the possibilities of this prosperous concern. He is a member of Lyndonville Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Royal Arch Masons; and St. Johnsbury Commandery, Knights Templar; and he is also a member of the American Legion, the Lyndon Club and of the local Rotary Club. He and his wife are both members of the Congregational church.

Prescott L. Moore married Martha Pearl Wilmot, who was born in Barton, Vermont, daughter of William and Minnie (Brown) Wilmot.

**HIRAM A. W. TRIPP**, junior member of the firm of Moore & Tripp, was born in East Charleston, Vermont, December 10, 1888, son of Frank and Myra (Wolcott) Tripp, farmers who live in Orleans, Vermont. He received his education in the public schools of Charleston and in Derby Academy, and then secured a position as clerk in a department store in Derby, where he remained until 1916, when, with Prescott L. Moore, he purchased the department store of Heath, Clark & Company here in Lyndonville. This the partners have since operated under the name of Moore & Tripp. Like his partner, Mr. Tripp is a Republican in his political sympathies; and he is also a member of the Masonic Order, being identified with Lyndonville Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Lyndonville Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and St. Johnsbury Commandery, Knights Templar. His religious membership and that of his family is with the Congregational church.

Hiram A. W. Tripp married Genevieve Moore, and they have one child, Marjorie.

**WALTER FONDA PALMER**—Well-known citizen of Burlington, mortician of Statewide reputation in professional circles, Walter Fonda Palmer was born February 6, 1878, in Shelburne, son of Eli H. and Sarah (Fonda) Palmer. His father, who was born in 1831 and who died in 1921, at the age of ninety years, was one of the foremost figures in the Shelburne community through an extended period, from 1846 until the time of his demise. He was a pioneer farmer and stock



raiser, and held various offices within the gift of the town's voters.

Reared on his father's farm, Mr. Palmer secured his academic education in the public schools of Shelburne, and from 1900 until 1921 operated a gristmill. In the latter year he came to Burlington and formed a partnership with J. A. Corbin and Ray E. Frye, for the direction of a mortuary establishment. The organization prospered, for both its professional and financial affairs were well directed, each of the partners having specialized in one of the major branches. In 1927 Mr. Palmer purchased Mr. Frye's interest, and the undertaking parlors have since then been operated under the style of Corbin and Palmer. This firm is most efficiently appointed and directed, fitted in equipment and personnel for immediate service, and for long and difficult calls. Its prosperity has been the result, largely, of Mr. Palmer's personal efforts.

Mr. Palmer is a member of Friendship Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Burlington Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Burlington Commandery, Knights Templar, and Mount Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Also, he is affiliated fraternally with Green Mountain Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of social bodies aside from the two orders cited. During the period of America's participation in the World War, Mr. Palmer was of assistance in the several campaigns of patriotic appeal. Always he has been active in movements designed for the general welfare of Burlington and its people, and is known for the quality of his public spirit in support of such projects.

In March, 1903, Mr. Palmer was united in marriage with Lucie E. Peet, daughter of George F. Peet, of Shelburne, her father for many years having been a farmer and fur dealer. Of this union were born children: Lois H., Loren F., and Raymond E.

As his father before him, Mr. Palmer was of prominence in the community of Shelburne. A Republican of influence, he held several offices of the town, and in 1912 represented Shelburne in Legislature. He is a communicant of the Methodist church.

**HAROLD F. MASON**—Appointed as postmaster to Lyndon Center in 1927, Mr. Mason also owns and conducts the general store here. He has had a thorough training in merchandising and has an understanding of modern methods of putting before his public in the most pleasing way, the necessarily heterogeneous stock that such an establishment must handle. Mr. Mason is not a native of Vermont but of the neighboring State of New Hampshire, having been born at Stratford, in January, 1898, a son of Eugene H. and Minnie (Buckman) Mason, both New Hampshire born. His father has been in the fur business there for several years.

Mr. Mason attended the schools of Lancaster, New Hampshire, through the grammar and high school grades and started his business career as a clerk in the general store of Lancaster, remaining there for a time and then assuming the managership of a similar firm in Stratford. He resigned from there, when the opportunity was presented to him of buying the general store of Lyndon Center from C. B. Roundy, and is now settled in this community as an integral factor of the commercial life, supplying the district round about with the staple commodities and marketing the produce of the countryside. He is an Independent in politics and attends the Baptist church.

Harold F. Mason was married to Eunice Chandler, daughter of Harvey Chandler of Cabot, Vermont, and they have one daughter, whom they have named Ruth Chandler.

**BRENNER CHESTER NILES**—Since 1924 Brenner Chester Niles has operated the Graham-Page Auto-

mobile Company's sales and service station at Burlington, Vermont. Mr. Niles, an expert machinist and tool designer, has been very successful in his automobile work, handling the problems arising in the Burlington territory to the complete satisfaction of both his company, and those whom it serves.

Mr. Niles was born December 25, 1888, at Alburg, Vermont, a son of John Warren and Susie (Cady) Niles. His father was well known as a farmer at Alburg, where he also served as selectman and game warden. Brenner Chester Niles attended the public schools of his birthplace, was graduated from the high school there, and later entered Montpelier Seminary from which he was graduated in 1911. Beginning his business career, he was sales representative, during 1912 and 1913, for the International Publishing Syndicate, after which, for two years he was employed by the United States Rubber Company as a machine designer, having learned the tool maker's trade while still very young. In 1915, after the outbreak of the World War, Mr. Niles became connected with the Colt Patent Fire Arms Company, at Hartford, Connecticut. His services with this company were most important, and from 1915 to 1917 he helped to design and perfect the Browning light auto rifle, and had charge of its manufacture. When the United States entered the war, Mr. Niles became a member of the Ordnance Department, at the Springfield Government Plant, where he acted as tool, jig, and machine designer, devoting his time to improving methods of production. Because of his wide experience and ability he also acted as general efficiency expert for the plant. The period of his service extended from 1917 to 1920, and for two years of this time he was a member of the Government Wage Board for adjusting the wage scale. In 1920 Mr. Niles, in association with Mr. J. B. Mauley, entered the automobile business in Vermont, with branches at Brattleboro, and at Burlington, and finally, in 1924, he became an automobile dealer independently at Burlington, representing the Graham-Page Company and handling its products. He is regarded as one of the ablest and most progressive business men of the community. Mr. Niles has been interested in the growth and welfare of Burlington, supporting worthy enterprises toward this end. He is affiliated fraternally with the Loyal Order of Moose, while he and his family worship in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church.

On February 26, 1912, Brenner Chester Niles married Rosamond Bodine, daughter of William H. and Florence (Stoddard) Bodine. Mr. and Mrs. Niles are the parents of three children: Chester Howard, Florence Barbara, and Rosamond Anita. Mr. Niles' business offices are situated at No. 153 Main Street, Burlington.

**ARTHUR CHARLES McDOWELL, M. D.**—For many years an important figure in the life of Lyndonville, Vermont, Arthur Charles McDowell was a leader in the medical profession in this part of the State. The spirit of service to humanity which manifested itself first in his choice of a career, remained with him throughout all his life, a noble ideal to which he gave unqualified allegiance. Dr. McDowell considered his own convenience and safety as nothing when opposed to his professional duties, and his constant desire was to be of aid in the alleviation of pain and suffering. A devotion such as his to highest principles is rare, and recognizing this, the community at Lyndonville was glad to do him honor as it was, indeed, to call him friend.

Dr. McDowell was born at Sheffield, Vermont, December 14, 1856, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDowell, both born in Scotland and members of old Scottish families. When he became of suitable age, he attended the district schools of his birthplace, and the Orleans



Liberal Institute, following which he undertook the course of study in medicine at the University of Vermont. From this institution he was graduated in 1891 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and soon afterward began the practice of his profession at Barnet, Vermont, where he remained for a period of two years. At the end of this time Dr. McDowell came to Lyndonville, quickly winning the confidence of the community and building up a large practice as the demands on his services constantly increased. To his practice here he devoted the remainder of his life, advisor and friend to all those who came to consult him. Dr. McDowell kept well abreast of all the latest developments in the medical sciences by constant reading and study, giving to the community the advantage of his familiarity with the best and most modern methods. His reputation spread throughout all this section of Vermont, where he soon rose to preëminent position among the medical men.

Always public-spirited, Dr. McDowell was vitally interested in civic improvement and advance, supporting worthy movements toward this end with the utmost warmth. Striving in his professional work only to help others, he carried this ideal into every activity of his life, contributing liberally to the needy and to various benevolent causes. In politics he was a member of the Democratic party, and although active in the discharge of his civic duties, he would never consent to hold office, or to seek it for others, preferring to devote all his time to his profession. He was affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he was a Master Mason, while with his family he worshipped in the faith of the Universalist church. He was very active in church work as in every other good cause, a prominent member of the local parish, and in charge for many years of its building program.

Arthur Charles McDowell married, on November 25, 1892, Edith Dwinell, daughter of Joseph C. and Eliza M. (Bean) Dwinell. Of this marriage one daughter was born, Ruth Eliza, who was educated at Lyndon Institute, and married George F. Rousseau, garage owner and automobile dealer at Grand Isle, Vermont. They are the parents of several children: 1. Emilie, who died at the age of four. 2. Arthur McDowell. 3. David George. 4. Yvonne Emilie. 5. Ronald Keith.

Dr. McDowell's death occurred at Lyndonville, on March 2, 1912, after a very brief illness. Active and in good health until almost the very last, it had seemed that he might well be spared for many more useful years of service, but the work which he had already accomplished for the good of the community was large, and gratefully received. The memory of the man, his life, and noble character, will long remain among all those who knew him, an enduring monument to his fame.

**KARL CORNELIUS McMAHON, M. D.**—Burlington is fortunate in the excellence of its personnel of medical men. Here are to be encountered physicians and surgeons of renown throughout New England, many of them owing to celebrity in professional realms throughout the nation, for their work in research, their practice, or for their instruction and writings. Among the well-known physicians and surgeons of Burlington is Karl Cornelius McMahon, specialist in diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Though the tenure of his practice has not been extended, it has been long enough to give to Dr. McMahon an undisputable position in the field of his specialty, and he is today one of the foremost medical figures of his generation.

Dr. McMahon was born July 10, 1897. He is a native of Burlington, son of Michael D. and Mary (Lonergan) McMahon, both of whom are natives of

Vermont, their parents having been early settlers in this commonwealth. His father is treasurer of the Champlain Trust Company, of Winooski, and in that community is a prominent citizen. In the parochial and public schools of Burlington, Dr. McMahon secured his early academic instruction, and graduated from high school with markings indicative of scholastic excellence and intelligence. He matriculated in the University of Vermont thereafter, in 1919 taking the degree of Bachelor of Science. Medicine had come to interest him more and more as a life's work; he excelled in scientific study; and thus it came about that upon completion of the course leading to the bachelor's degree he became a student of medicine, College of Medicine, University of Vermont. He took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1922, at the age of twenty-four years.

From the outset of his medical career Dr. McMahon has specialized in the eye, ear, nose and throat. In post-collegiate days he took advanced work of post-graduate character at the Brooklyn Eye and Ear Hospital, Brooklyn, New York, and since 1925 has had offices in Burlington. Talented singularly in diverse directions, he parallels his actual practice through activity as instructor in the College of Medicine, University of Vermont, teaching the subject of the eye, ear, nose and throat. He is a member of the college fraternities, Nu Sigma Nu and Lambda Iota, and is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, being a communicant of St. Mary's Cathedral, Roman Catholic. Aside from the demands of his profession, which are increasingly heavy with time, Dr. McMahon participates in all movements of interest to public-spirited citizens. He is known well for the support that he accords worthy movements directed toward the community's general welfare and advancement. Endowed naturally with those attributes which beget friendship, his friends are many.

Dr. McMahon married, in 1925, Mildred Elizabeth Brown, daughter of Dr. E. T. Brown, of Burlington; and their children are: Edmund Brown and Mary Marsden.

**CHARLES A. AVERILL, D. D. S.**—A practicing dentist at Burlington, Vermont, for more than fifteen years, Charles A. Averill has won the confidence of the community in an unusual degree and built up an extensive and lucrative practice. Although the affairs of his profession keep him busily engaged, he has always retained an interest in the various phases of Burlington life, and has been active in civic and social circles.

Dr. Averill was born at Springfield, Vermont, in 1877, and was educated in the public schools of Bristol, in this State. Thereafter he undertook the course of study at Boston Dental College and from this institution was graduated in 1898, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. Soon afterward, he began the practice of his profession in Chicago, Illinois, where he remained for a period of two years. For one year he practiced in Leadville, Colorado, and for two years at Pueblo, in the same State, following which he removed to Denver where he engaged in dentistry for five years. At the end of this time, Dr. Averill returned East, coming to Burlington, which has since been his home. In the years of his practice here he has been very successful, his thorough training and solicitude on behalf of his patients winning immediate recognition in the community, which has been quick to appreciate his efforts.

Although inactive in politics, Dr. Averill is deeply interested in civic welfare and the progress of his State. He is a member of several Vermont associations and societies, and is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the Elks Club, and the Ethan Allen Club.



*Charles P. Gorrell*





Dr. Averill was married at Boulder, Colorado, in 1912, and subsequently, in 1917, obtained a divorce. His residence and his offices are situated at No. 148 College Street, Burlington.

**HARLEY W. POWERS**—There are few men in Essex County with a record of service and public spirit equal to that of Harley W. Powers, retired merchant of Gilman, Lunenburg Town, who first came to Gilman when the village comprised a mere handful of people, and here founded the mercantile establishment that he operated uninterruptedly until his recent retirement. This was many years before the Gilman Paper Company inaugurated its program of development and expansion, and Mr. Powers had no sinecure in winning financial rewards in his mercantile pursuits. But he possessed that sterling character and a trait of determination that refused to let him become discouraged during his early struggles, and he labored on, working long hours, ever fair and ethical in his business conduct. Eventually the enterprise was put on a paying basis, and as the village grew in population, Mr. Powers emerged into the smooth waters of success, which later enabled him to dispose of his business and retire from the restrictions of trade. However, he assuredly has not ceased his efforts on behalf of his community and fellowmen, for he continues active in his public life and now (1928) is serving his twentieth year as a member of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Powers is one of the two sons born to Archibald and Helen (Dodge) Powers, both natives of Lunenburg Town, and now deceased. Archibald Powers was a farmer, and his other son is Irwin H. Powers, who lives on the farm which the father cultivated for so many years.

Harley W. Powers was born on the home farm, January 11, 1875, and he received his rudimentary education in the public schools of Lunenburg Town. After attending Barber's Business College, he returned home, and there remained until he attained his majority, aiding in the conduct of his father's farm. When he was twenty-one years of age, Mr. Powers broke his home ties and went to New York City. He remained in the metropolis for four years, where he was engaged in the ice business. City life was not satisfactory, and Mr. Powers returned to Vermont, and for four years was employed as a clerk in the store of Franklin, Bell & Son, at South Lunenburg. Thence he removed to the village of Lunenburg, where he held the postmastership for a four-year period. Fulfilling a long-cherished desire for his own business, Mr. Powers then came to Gilman, and here founded the store that was to be his main interest until retirement. As heretofore noted, his profits were meager and his hours long and tedious, but eventually was disposed of at a profit which enabled Mr. Powers to retire. He has ever been deeply concerned with public affairs, however, and at various times has occupied practically every public office. For fifteen years he served as postmaster of the local office, which was conducted in his store. For the term of 1927-28, Mr. Powers represented his town in the State Legislature, and in the last-named year entered upon his twentieth consecutive year as member of the Board of Selectmen. His political convictions have led him to affiliate with the Republican party, and he has been of material aid in local councils of this organization. In fraternal spheres, Mr. Powers is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Concord Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; St. Johnsbury Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Nashua (New Hampshire) Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Montpelier, Vermont.

Harley W. Powers married Margaret Keating, of

Barton, Vermont, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Keating, and the children of this marriage are: 1. Helen, educated in St. Johnsbury Academy, St. Johnsbury, Vermont, and Leslie School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, at one time taught school, married James C. Thompson, and they reside in Bristol, Connecticut. 2. Marjorie L., educated at St. Johnsbury Academy, Keene (New Hampshire) Normal School, and Gray's Business College, of Portland, Maine; employed by the Gilman Paper Company as a stenographer.

**ERWIN HAINES OLMSTEAD**—One of the most conspicuous figures in insurance circles of Vermont, Erwin Haines Olmstead had attained substantial success in other vocations previous to entering the insurance field in 1913. The early portion of Mr. Olmstead's career encompassed experience as a drug store clerk, pharmacist, and a number of years with a New England Telephone Company. For more than fifteen years he has been connected with prominent insurance companies and now (1928) is general agent for the State Mutual Life Assurance Company of Worcester, Massachusetts, with headquarters in Burlington. Mr. Olmstead's efforts have not been confined to material pursuits, however, for he has attained high rank in America's foremost fraternal organization, is a popular clubman, and deeply concerned with civic affairs.

Mr. Olmstead was born August 23, 1879, at Greensboro, Vermont, son of John D. S. and Abbie D. (Haines) Olmstead. John D. S. Olmstead fought valiantly to preserve the Union during the Civil War, having been a member of the Fifteenth Regiment Vermont Volunteers. His peace-time pursuit previous to his death in 1921, was agriculture. Erwin Haines Olmstead attended the district schools of Greensboro, and after completing the courses therein, matriculated at Hardwick Academy, being graduated in 1896. At the age of eighteen years, Mr. Olmstead entered a drug store in the capacity of clerk. While thus employed he devoted himself diligently to the study of pharmacy and in 1900 became a registered pharmacist. This was followed by one year in a drug store at Hardwick, after which he went West and located at Denver, Colorado. He remained in this city and was engaged in the drug business until 1906, when he returned to Vermont. Mr. Olmstead continued as a pharmacist and druggist for a short period and then accepted a position as contract agent for the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company. After seven years' service with this company, he became dissatisfied with this work and entered the insurance field, his first connection therewith being made in 1913, at which time he became agent for the New England Life Insurance Company, with headquarters at Morrisville, Vermont. With this concern he attained considerable success which brought him further recognition, and in January, 1924, he was proffered the important position of general agent for the State Mutual Life Assurance Company of Worcester, Massachusetts, with headquarters at Burlington, since 1927. Since returning to this city, Mr. Olmstead has rapidly increased the business of his firm throughout Vermont and now is one of the chief figures in insurance circles in the Green Mountain State.

While Mr. Olmstead's prime interest naturally is in his business, he also is quite conspicuous in fraternal organizations and is a popular member of several clubs. In the Masonic organization he is affiliated with Hardwick Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Tucker Chapter No. 15, Royal Arch Masons; Lanville Commandery No. 13, Knights Templar; Burlington Council No. 5, Royal and Select Masters; Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, of Burlington, and Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His clubs include the Ethan Allen, at Mansfield, the Mansfield



Trout Club, and the Lake Waubunakee Trout Club. While not exceptionally active in political circles, Mr. Olmstead usually supports the Republican party's issues and candidates, and he and his wife are members of the Congregational church.

Erwin Haines Olmstead married, in March, 1904, Martha Page Hyde, daughter of William D. Hyde, of Hardwick, and they reside in Morrisville. Mr. Olmstead maintains his offices at No. 105 Bank Street, Burlington.

**CHARLES ASAHIL NILES** is fortunate in an unusual combination of possessions. He enjoys the widespread friendship and esteem that a city accords only to one who has given it years of faithful and efficient public service, and at the same time he has the independence of a man with a successful business of his own, for Mr. Niles resigned from the Burlington Fire Department in 1914 after ten years as its chief and since then has had time to make for himself a notable place in the automobile business. He is now proprietor of the Vermont-Van Ness Garage of Burlington.

"Chief" Niles was born March 13, 1875, in Whalensburg, New York, the son of George H. and Elizabeth (Durham) Niles. The mother had come from LaColle, Quebec, but the father was a native Vermonter who, born at Alburg, went to Shelburne in 1881 and thence to Burlington, where he died in 1912. A shipbuilder and engineer by trade, he had been associated with the Champlain Transportation Company for many years. Charles A. Niles was educated in the public schools of Shelburne, completing his high school work in 1892. Upon coming to Burlington in 1895 he joined the Burlington Fire Department as a member subject to call, and on April 25 of the same year registered as a regular member of the department. He served in every position in the department, but his progression from one place to the next above was regular and rapid, with the result that in 1904 he was elected chief. For the succeeding ten years he held the post to the satisfaction of Burlington and the men in the department who worked under his direction. In token of the high esteem in which he was held and the loyalty of his friends, he was presented with the "Elks' Fob" upon his resignation and retirement in 1914. Since 1914 "Chief" Niles has been engaged in the automobile business, first as manager of the Lane Manufacturing Company, then as a co-partner in the firm of Brodie & Niles, dealers in autos and accessories. There he continued until 1925 when he established his own business in the Vermont-Van Ness Garage. In connection with the garage he operates a shop on Church Street for the sale of accessories, tires and batteries.

Active in association, fraternal and church work, Mr. Niles has held every office afforded by the Vermont State Firemen's Association and was vice-president of the National Fire Chiefs' Association. He is a member of the Burlington Lodge, No. 100, Free and Accepted Masons; of Green Mountain Lodge, No. 1, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 916, and of the Commercial Travelers' Association of America. He is a member of the Burlington Methodist Church and is politically Republican.

Jessie M. Hawkins, the daughter of Burlington's City Court Judge Eugene W. J. Hawkins, was married to Mr. Niles in March, 1905. They are the parents of six children, Jane, Asahel, Ruth, Guendelin, Charles, Jr., and Elbridge.

**BERNARD IRA NEWTON**—In the Burlington Coöperative Milk Products Corporation, of which he was one of the organizers and incorporators and is now

general manager, Bernard Ira Newton has established a system under which individual dairymen in the vicinity of Burlington can market their products and care for them through coöperative methods that give to each the benefits of the most modern equipment and the best means of distribution.

Mr. Newton was born December 12, 1875, at Georgia, Vermont, the son of Ira Warren and Agnes Jeanette (Shepard) Newton, who had come from Quebec, Canada. The father was a native of Georgia, a farmer who served as road commissioner from 1891 to 1906, the date of his death. Bernard was reared on the farm and received his education in the Georgia public schools. His first business experience was obtained during four years spent working in the general store at Georgia, Vermont, and from 1906 to 1916 he was associated with the F. D. Abernathy Department Store in Burlington as department manager. He then went on a farm and for the next five years engaged in dairying and stock raising in Chittenden County, South Burlington. But in the meantime, in May, 1918, he had helped to organize the Burlington Coöperative Milk Products Corporation, with a plant located at 187 South Winooski Street. Here is to be found all modern apparatus for artificial cooling and pasteurization, and for distribution of milk, cream, butter, and cottage cheese. As general manager of the company, Mr. Newton plays an active part in the affairs of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a director, and in work of the Merchants Bureau. He is a member of the First Congregational Church and of Washington Lodge, No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons. He is Republican in politics, and has served efficiently and well as selectman for South Burlington for three years.

On December 4, 1915, Mr. Newton married Jessie Thomas, daughter of Charles H. Thomas of Peabody, Massachusetts. They have six children, Paul Thomas, Doris, Charles Ira, Robert Colwell, Priscilla June, and Morris.

**ALLIE NILES**—A member of the Lake Champlain Yacht Club and of the Chittenden County Fish and Game Club, Allie Niles is as well known and as highly esteemed in Vermont sports circles as he is among Burlington business people through his proprietorship of the Niles Tire and Vulcanizing Shop, 123 St. Paul Street.

Mr. Niles is a brother of C. A. Niles, for ten years chief of the Burlington Fire Department. They are the sons of George H. and Elizabeth (Durham) Niles. The father was a native Vermonter who, born at Alburg, went from there to Shelburne in 1881, and thence removed to Burlington. A ship builder and engineer, he was in the employ of the Champlain Transportation Company for many years, his death occurring in 1912. The mother came from LaColle, Quebec. The younger son Allie, was born in South Burlington, October 12, 1888. He attended the Burlington public schools and was graduated from the high school with the class of 1904. Upon finishing school he sought an apprenticeship in the printer's trade and soon became stereotyper and pressman for the "Burlington Daily News." Here he remained until 1915, when, determining to establish a tire and vulcanizing shop of his own, he went to Akron, Ohio, and spent a period of time in the Goodyear Tire Company's factory there, learning the business of tire-making from its rudiments upward. The thoroughness of his preparation has been reflected in the successful conduct of his St. Paul Street shop. In addition to the Yacht and Fishing clubs, Mr. Niles belongs to the Knights of Pythias, No. 7, and the Burlington Chamber of Commerce. In the affairs of both organizations he plays an active part. He is a communicant in the Methodist Episcopal church and is Democratic in politics.

In March, 1910, Mr. Niles married Ella S. Depatie.



daughter of Peter and Josephine (Roberts) Depatie of Milton. They have three children, Dorothy, Howard, and Virginia.

**ELZEAR OLIVER MITIGUY**—Thirty-six years' experience in commerce, more than half of that period having been devoted to the Burlington Drug Company, wholesale druggists, has won for Elzear Oliver Mitiguy the responsible position he now holds, that of president of this concern. Mr. Mitiguy's entire career has been confined to merchandising, he having obtained his first contact with this vocation late in the nineteenth century. His climb to success, while not spectacular, has been steady, and his career has been enhanced through his consistent work for his community and his fellowmen. He has served in public offices of trust and honor, has been of great aid to civic organizations, and his church has found him ever willing and ready to lend his support. Mr. Mitiguy is a son of the late Andrew and Elodie (Reeves) Mitiguy, his father having been a skilled blacksmith, and devoted his life to that trade. Andrew Mitiguy was a native of the province of Quebec, Canada, there was educated and after his marriage came to the United States. He and his wife settled in Vermont soon after the close of the Civil War, and here remained.

Elzear Oliver Mitiguy was born October 17, 1874, at Enosburgh, Vermont. There he obtained his rudiments of schooling and was graduated from Enosburgh High School in 1892. In the year of his graduation Mr. Mitiguy found his first full-time employment with M. P. Perley, who operated a general merchandise store at Enosburgh Falls, and was thus occupied until 1901, when he first came to Burlington. Here he was employed in an executive capacity by Hobart J. Stanley & Company for about nine years. In 1910, the Burlington Drug Company was under the management of F. C. Herrington, and Mr. Mitiguy entered this wholesale concern as an accountant. Two years later, in 1912, he was made secretary of the firm, and functioned most efficiently in that capacity until 1926. In the meantime, Mr. Herrington's son-in-law, John W. Goss, had become president of the Burlington Drug Company, and when Mr. Goss took up his new duties, Mr. Mitiguy succeeded him as vice-president, and on July 1, 1928, became president. Here he has been given ample opportunity to display his abilities, and his efforts have contributed to the continued growth and progress of the firm.

Possessed of a sense of responsibility for community advance, Mr. Mitiguy has been consistent in his duties as a citizen, has entered zealously into public life, and at the same time has been one of the most devout and stimulating members of his church. For two years Mr. Mitiguy served on the Aldermanic Board in Burlington, and he now (1928) is a member of the Board of Water Commissioners for the city. Since 1922 he has been a director of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, and he seeks relaxation from business cares at the Burlington Country Club, of which he is a popular member. Mr. Mitiguy's church has always occupied a place of importance in his life. He is a Catholic, and a member of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church here. As a part of his religious work he affiliates with the Knights of Columbus, wherein he is a Past Grand Knight and now serves as a member of the board of trustees. From the foregoing review, it is easily discerned that Mr. Mitiguy has combined the duties of good citizenship with a high code of business ethics, and thus merits the high esteem in which he is held in Burlington.

Elzear Oliver Mitiguy married, in 1902, Anna A. Foran, daughter of Denis and Mary Foran, of Burlington. Mr. and Mrs. Mitiguy have two sons: 1. Arthur, a graduate of Notre Dame University; employed in his father's firm, the Burlington Drug Company. 2. John,

a student at Notre Dame University. Mr. Mitiguy's brother, George A., also is connected with the drug company, serving as secretary.

**GEORGE ALFRED MITIGUY**—Although George Alfred Mitiguy educated himself for the legal profession, he preferred industry and commerce, and after graduation from law schools, Mr. Mitiguy entered into the last-named pursuits. The wisdom of his choice is attested by the success he has won and he now (1928) is filling the office of treasurer for the Burlington Drug Company, wholesale druggists, of this city. This concern, the largest of its kind in Vermont, had as its president John W. Goss, who succeeded his father-in-law, F. C. Herrington, as chief executive. The firm at one time was titled Wells & Richardson Company, but in 1891 was incorporated and assumed its title of Burlington Drug Company. Mr. Mitiguy has a brother connected with the corporation, Elzear O. Mitiguy, at one time secretary, and vice-president, and now president (see a preceding biography).

Mr. Mitiguy's parents were Andrew and Elodie (Reeves) Mitiguy, the father having been born in Canada and the mother in the Province of Quebec, Canada. They came to Vermont after the Civil War, and here their children were born and reared. Andrew Mitiguy followed the blacksmith's trade during his mature life. George Alfred Mitiguy was born March 9, 1873, at Enosburgh, Vermont, and gained his earlier education in the public schools of that town. His preliminary training completed, Mr. Mitiguy matriculated at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he devoted himself to the study of law. He was graduated in 1901 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and admitted to the New York State Bar, yet never followed his profession. In the year of his graduation Mr. Mitiguy returned to Burlington and here became associated with the O. L. Hinds Company, manufacturers of clothes for children. He remained with this company for nine years, until 1911, and during the later years of this period served as secretary of the firm. In the last named year, Mr. Mitiguy transferred his allegiance to the W. H. Dean Company, of New York City, became superintendent of a factory owned by this concern, which manufactures clothing, specializing in aprons, until 1914. The ensuing years, from 1914-16, found Mr. Mitiguy functioning as manager of the Burlington plant of Berry-Hall Company, wholesale dealers in teas and spices. It was in 1918 that Mr. Mitiguy was induced to enter the Burlington Drug Company, also a wholesale concern, and his first position with this corporation was that of accountant. Eventually Mr. Mitiguy was made secretary, and finally was promoted to the post he since has occupied, that of treasurer. His work has been of great aid in the progress of the firm, and with his background of legal training, Mr. Mitiguy is especially fitted for his present position. Conspicuous in his civic work, he is a member of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, while he finds recreation through his membership in the Burlington Country Club. Affiliated with St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, he aids in the benevolences of that religious denomination and is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

George A. Mitiguy married (first), in 1903, Katherine Mullins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mullins, of Brooklyn, New York, and they had a daughter: Alice. Katherine (Mullins) Mitiguy passed away in 1914, and Mr. Mitiguy married (second), Irene Leville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leville, of Burlington. This second marriage occurred in 1915, and Mr. and Mrs. Mitiguy have two children: George Alfred, Jr., and Mary Elizabeth. Mr. Mitiguy's offices are at No. 125 College Street, Burlington, and the family home is located at No. 181 Union Street, this city.



**J. LINDLEY HALL**—After spending ten years with one of Burlington's leading wholesale grocery firms, J. Lindley Hall turned his attentions to insurance, and since 1897 has devoted himself to this vocation, in which he has attained material success, now being a representative of several underwriters in this city. Mr. Hall's prosperity may be attributed mainly to his thorough business methods, devotion to his duties, and his meritorious business conduct. Possessed of a most engaging personality and ease and facility in making and retaining friends, Mr. Hall is well placed in his occupation. He has attained signal honors in noncommercial circles in Burlington, is a member of many clubs and fraternal organizations, and has served his community in public office. Allied business interests which occupy a part of his time include his connection with the Burlington Savings Bank. He was born April 28, 1866, at Monkton, Chittenden County, Vermont, son of Joseph and Mary (Morrison) Hall. Joseph Hall, a native of Canada, came to the United States early in life, remaining in this country thereafter.

J. Lindley Hall entered the public schools of Burlington and there gleaned his elementary schooling. Later he matriculated at the University of Vermont, attending two years, and then began a ten-year period of employment with Spaulding & Kimball, wholesale grocers of Burlington. Although he proved able in the wholesale business, this occupation was not entirely suited to Mr. Hall and, in 1897, he entered the insurance field, his first position being that of general agent for the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company. Incidentally, Mr. Hall has since maintained his connection with this company. Being what is commonly known as a "good mixer," he has steadily increased the prestige of his firm in this vicinity, and in his conduct of the office of general agent has given conscientious and devoted service. His friends are innumerable, and everyone who has come into contact with him in a business way has testified to his high standard of ethics and meritorious execution of his duties. Convincing proof of Mr. Hall's signal attainments in insurance circles is noted through mention of the fact that he has broken all records, and for three years in succession has attained the one million dollar mark in life insurance. Such a record as this, naturally, drew the attention of other Burlington institutions to Mr. Hall, and he has been called to serve as a trustee for the Burlington Savings Bank. Other organizations not directly connected with his business include his membership on the board of trustees of the Home for Aged Women, and he is a trustee of the local Young Men's Christian Association. He is a member of Washington Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and attained the thirty-second degree in that order, Scottish rite. A coöperator in the ranks of the Rotary Club, he also is a member of the Burlington Country Club, and vice-president thereof, and member of the Ethan Allen Club. A member of the Republican party, it was but natural that his talents should be recognized by this party, and this led to his being drafted by this party for membership on the Board of Aldermen (four years), and for three years he was a water commissioner.

J. Lindley Hall married Cora Child, of Washington, District of Columbia, and the three surviving children of this marriage are: 1. David Brewer, of Kansas City, Missouri. 2. William M., resident of New York City. 3. Clara, married John F. Fuller, and they reside in Clinton, Massachusetts.

**ERNEST BRUCE METCALF**—Native of Royalton, Vermont, Ernest Bruce Metcalf was born April 2, 1882, a son of John W. and Harriet (Bruce) Metcalf, his father having been an educator, a teacher of penmanship in Norwich University for a number of years.

Mr. Metcalf secured his elementary academic instruction in South Royalton, graduated from the high school

of that community, and attended Albany Business College, of Albany, New York. In 1911, at the age of twenty-eight and following various experience in the field of business enterprise, he came to Burlington as accountant for the Lyman Coal Company. In 1919 he became treasurer of this organization, and as treasurer has continued through the years that have succeeded to the present (1928). Interested in the general affairs of Burlington, Mr. Metcalf is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is a member of the United Commercial Travelers of America, of which he was secretary for eight years, and a communicant of the First Congregational Church. Politically he adheres to the principles of the Republican party. In business enterprise other than that of the coal company he has several connections, notably as director of the Champlain Transportation Company. During the World War he was helpful in the campaigns of patriotic appeal, particularly in subscriptions to the various loans.

Mr. Metcalf married, August 25, 1903, Bertha Hadley, a daughter of Mandeville A. and Hattie (Hinds) Hadley, of Eden, Vermont; and their children are: 1. Harriet. 2. Bertha. 3. Rosamond. 4. Ernestine. 5. Elizabeth.

**ARCHIE SHERMAN HARRIMAN**—Notable accomplishments in the work of the Masonic order and in the educational field, where he may be said to have worked out a dual career, are credited to Archie Sherman Harriman, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons.

Mr. Harriman is a member of a distinguished old New England family, his ancestors settling in Maine about 1790. His father, Bradley Harriman, and his mother, Adelia Susan (Harriman) Harriman, were both natives of Maine and their son was born at Orland May 17, 1868. He received his education at the East Maine Conference Seminary at Bucksport, and at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, where he was accorded a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1897. Mr. Harriman was an outstanding scholar even in his school days, winning the valedictorian honors of his college class. He was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity. Determining to make a profession of educational work, he returned to the East Maine Conference Seminary in the capacity of instructor and taught there from 1893 to 1898. He then was made principal of the Washington Academy at East Machias, Maine, which position he held from 1899 to 1905. Mr. Harriman left his native State to come to Vermont in 1905, when he accepted the position of principal of the Middlebury High School. Here he remained twenty-three years, retiring from his position, and from active participation in school work of the State, in 1928, after making many notable contributions to the educational field and building for himself an enviable place in the esteem of Middlebury people.

In June, 1928, at the close of the school term, Mr. Harriman came to Burlington as Grand Secretary of all the Masonic Grand bodies of Vermont. No one could be better fitted for the position. A member of Union Lodge, No. 2, Free and Accepted Masons of Middlebury; Potter Chapter, No. 22, Royal Arch Masons; Middlebury Council, No. 14, Royal and Select Masters; Calvary Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar; and Vermont Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Mr. Harriman has served as head of all the bodies with the sole exception of the Consistory. He has been Grand Master of the Masons of Vermont; Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons of Vermont, and Grand Master of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters. He has also used his literary ability in the service of Masonry and is the author of the "Index-Digest to the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Vermont." He has been chairman of the Cor-



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responsence Committee of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery since 1923.

In March, 1892, Mr. Harriman married Harriet M. Condon, daughter of Sewell J. Condon of Orland, Maine. They are the parents of three daughters, Abby, Alice and Margaret.

**HARRY A. YANDOW and HARVEY D. YANDOW**—Said the "Exide News," tire and battery service trade publication issued by the Exide organization, in a recent issue:

Vermont, with its historic associations, beautiful green-clad mountains and picturesque valleys, is indeed alive to its opportunities for development. In fact, it is a state of many thriving communities, among which is Burlington.

All of which leads up to the two Yandow brothers, Harry A. and Harvey D., Exide dealers in that city.

And it is of the Yandow brothers of Burlington, together with their profitable business, that we write here.

Harry A. Yandow, elder of the brothers, son of Charles and Mary (LaValley) Yandow, was born January 25, 1890, at Essex Junction, Vermont. His father, long active in affairs of Essex Junction, has since retired. Harry A. Yandow learned the printing trade and business, at which he worked for fifteen years, 1906 to 1921, in the city of Essex, in Montpelier, and in Burlington. In 1921, then in association with his brother Harvey D. Yandow, he engaged in the tire and battery business at No. 153 Cherry Street, Burlington. On June 1, 1925, the firm removed to present quarters, Nos. 152-56 Cherry Street, opposite the former address. The company has prospered largely, through the efforts of the brothers, and is today one of the finest in Vermont, more concerning which will follow further down in this narrative. Fourteen men are employed in its various departments. Harry A. Yandow is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, and the Union of St. Jean Baptiste, Burlington Council, and is a communicant of St. Joseph's Church. He married, in 1913, Minnie A. LaPointe, of Burlington.

Harvey D. Yandow, son of Charles and Mary (LaValley) Yandow, was born December 26, 1891, at Essex Junction, and attended school there and in Burlington. Having learned the trade of bookbinder, he followed this in Burlington, Springfield and New York City. When the United States entered the World War, however, he dropped his craft in order to enlist, 1918, and served overseas with the 50th Battery, 6th Anti-Aircraft Sector, receiving his discharge in 1919. In 1921, as indicated, he joined his elder brother in formation of the tire and battery company, with which he has been identified through the years succeeding. Harvey D. Yandow is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion, the United Commercial Travellers of America, Vermont State Chamber of Commerce, and Burlington Chamber of Commerce. He is a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church. Harvey D. Yandow married, in 1919, Alma Bonnette, of Burlington; and their children are: 1. Donald Robert. 2. Kenneth Bernard. 3. Ruth Marie.

Concerning the tire and battery business founded by the Yandow brothers in 1921 and removed to present large and modern quarters in 1925, the Burlington "Free Press" remarked as follows:

No recently built business structure in Burlington is more noteworthy than the Yandow Tire and Battery Company's combined storage garage, salesroom and vulcanizing and battery plants on Cherry Street between South Winooski Avenue and Church Street. Fronted by a filling station with a semi-circular drive through a canopy of Colonial design, the building to no small degree enhances the neat appearance of the wide newly paved street.

In this building are four rooms on the ground floor. One is an office and salesroom, connected with which is

a ladies' rest room, both having terrazo floors, with the exception of a small area in the office. The salesroom leads into a battery shop, and the office into a tire repair room. The cellar of this brick veneer building is used for storage and heating plant, and the second floor as a tire warehouse.

The equipment of the battery room includes a General Electric constant potential battery-recharging outfit having a capacity for forty storage batteries, which it can charge in eight hours. Service is given on any kind of storage batteries, but the company is dealer for the Exide.

The Yandow service includes the following: storage, in a fire-proof garage; washing, with the National high pressure system; alemiting, with a high pressure automatic gun; spring bath, in which alemit penetrating oil is applied with an air-spray gun; gasoline, Texaco, New and Better; oil, Texaco, Waverly and Mobiloil; crank case service; battery repairing, recharging with the aforementioned General Electric re-charger; tires, for sale, Firestone and Oldfield; vulcanizing, Firestone system, with factory-trained repairmen; and vacuum cleaning, for car interiors.

**EUGENE JOHN WHITE**—Born at Shoreham, Vermont, August 17, 1892, Eugene John White is a son of Lucius J. and Olive (Abair) White. His mother was born at Middlebury, Vermont, where her parents were pioneers in that farming community. His father, a farmer, was a native of Vergennes, Vermont, and lived to the age of sixty-two years, death occurring in 1927, after the family had come to Burlington.

Eugene John White was five years old when his parents came to Burlington. Here he attended the public schools, and upon completion of academic instruction learned the trade of painting and glazing. Since 1909 he has followed the trade of painter and glazier, and in 1925 he went into business for himself, with a shop at No. 60 St. Paul Street, where he installs glass. His business has become extensive with the years and he is today among the foremost glaziers of the State. Constantly interested in the general affairs of Burlington, Mr. White is affiliated with Burlington Lodge, No. 100, Free and Accepted Masons, with the Knights of Pythias, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He supports all worthy movements designed for the advancement of the city's economic, civic and social welfare, and is known for his public-spirited endeavors. His friends are many, and include both residents and non-residents of Burlington.

On September 11, 1911, Mr. White was united in marriage with Laura Prenavost, a daughter of Leon and Lucy (Lander) Prenavost; and their children are: Stanford, Clayton, and Dorothy. The family residence is at No. 12 Hayward Street, Burlington.

**FRANK JAMES WHALEN**—His father a former representative in the Vermont State Legislature, Frank James Whalen, president of the Hagar Hardware Company, wholesale hardware dealers of Burlington, represents a family that has been in the forefront of State affairs for many years and he takes by right his place as a leader in the community of Burlington.

Both Mr. Whalen's father, James F. Whalen, and his mother, Ellen (Burke) Whalen, were natives of Vermont. James F. Whalen, who was associated with the Strong Hardware Company of Burlington, interested himself throughout his life in public activities and served in the State Legislature as a representative from Bolton. His death occurred in 1924. Frank, born September 10, 1889, at Vergennes, received his education in the Burlington public schools and upon his completion of the high school course enrolled in Ottawa University. He was graduated with the class of 1910 and returned to Burlington to become associated with the Strong Hardware Company in the capacity of traveling salesman. So suc-



cessful was he in his work that he continued in the position ten years, leaving the Strong Company in 1920 to become a traveling salesman for Breck and Sons of Boston. After two years, however, he accepted a position with the Hagar Hardware Company of Burlington, and he has served as general manager, treasurer and is now president of his concern. Mr. Whalen is a member of the United Commercial Travelers' Association.

Marrying, in 1910, Anne Marie Valiquet, daughter of U. Valiquet of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, Mr. Whalen now has five children, Madeline, Francis, Kemener, Muriel, and Powell.

**WILLIAM HENRY WARD**—President of the Ward Cab Company and of the Northern Vermont Mineral Corporation, William Henry Ward was born in Montpelier, November 29, 1874, son of James and Helen (Brown) Ward. His mother was a native of Ireland; his father, of Windsor, Vermont, his parents having been early settlers in this State. James Ward was a farmer and dairyman, overseer of the poor at Barre for many years, and a man of prominence. He died at the age of sixty-four years, in 1892.

William Henry Ward graduated from Goddard Seminary with the class of 1897, then being twenty-two years of age. From 1902 until 1922 he conducted a successful ice business, at Barre, and was two terms alderman from Ward No. 1, license commissioner for several years, and mayor of that community from 1914 until 1918. It was in 1922 that he came to Burlington, and here established the Ward Cab Company, a corporation, of which he is president. In 1927 he organized the Northern Vermont Mineral Corporation, for development of the talc industry. The mines of this organization are located at Waitsfield and Fayston, Vermont, and the company under Mr. Ward employs about twenty men. The corporation is chartered to manufacture marking crayons—a new industry for the State. Through Mr. Ward's application, wise decision and ability, both the cab and crayon companies have prospered roundly.

Mr. Ward is a member of Granite Lodge, at Barre, of the Free and Accepted Masons; the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Commandery, Knights Templar; the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; and Mt. Sinai Temple, at Montpelier, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Politically he adheres to the principles and supports the candidates of the Republican party. He is a communicant of the Universalist Church.

Mr. Ward married, in 1902, Maud Scott, of Barre, daughter of Lucius W. and Almira (Cotton) Scott, her father having been a carpenter by trade. Of this union was born a son, Clarence Scott.

**CAPTAIN JAMES WAKEFIELD**—All through his youth and young manhood, Captain James Wakefield followed the sea, a witness of many thrilling adventures and an active participator in as many more. Industrious, willing, and quick to learn, he advanced rapidly toward that day which every sailor longs for, when he becomes for the first time master of his own ship. And then, having learned all there was to learn, and seen most of what there was to see, Captain Wakefield took up his life ashore and leaving his native England behind him came to the United States and settled at Burlington, Vermont. In this place he established himself in business as a ship chandler, and here he passed the remainder of his life, an honored and respected citizen and an important factor in the business life of the community. The business which he founded survives today under the active management of his sons.

Captain Wakefield's father, John Wakefield, descendant of an old English family of this surname, was born, lived and died in England. He married Mary Proctor and of their thirteen children, James Wakefield was the

youngest. He was born at Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, England, July 8, 1829, and with three of his six brothers went to sea at the earliest opportunity. One of his first recollections was of the coronation of Queen Victoria, when he was but eight years old, and of the feast which was spread as custom decreed in the open meadows in honor of the event. His thirteenth year found him an apprentice on the brig "Vine," a collier on the English coast in winter, and along the coasts of Sweden and Denmark in summer. When about seventeen years old, he shipped on board the bark "Sir Francis Bondhead," a vessel then in the merchant trade along the Spanish coast. At that time a revolution was in progress in Sicily, but unaware of this fact, the vessel entered the harbor of Messina to take a cargo of brimstone aboard, and Wakefield went ashore with the other sailors. A timely warning from a kindly Sicilian probably saved the lives of the entire company as even then they escaped with difficulty to their ships. During that night the rebels captured the castle in the harbor, and trained the cannon on the English vessel as they sailed away, although for some unknown reason they did not open fire.

Three hundred miles out, the vessel encountered a hurricane and sprung a dangerous leak, the water rising steadily during two days in spite of every effort with the pumps. Then the boats were lowered and as Mr. Wakefield waited the captain and crew went below, broached a case of wine and proceeded to get uproariously drunk in the face of the impending danger. They left the ship just before she foundered, bringing one raw ham and a compass. There they were, eighteen drunken sailors and one sober boy, without food, three hundred miles from a shore where rebellion made landing perilous, and facing a gale that threatened immediate destruction. In the evening a British brig passed, but thinking they were pirates, gave them no aid. All through the night and the next day they fought the storm and only on the second night did an Italian brig overhaul them. They also were in fear of pirates and made them wait until morning before taking them aboard. Finally the company were set ashore on the Island of Malta and all shipped eventually for England, except Wakefield who signed with the ship "Leander" for the Black Sea. Subsequent voyages found him on board the "Sun," bound for Russia from Hull, with a crazy second mate, a sailor wanted for murder in Denmark, and a cook with a cork leg, and later, on the brig "Barragat" for Constantinople with a cargo of coal. The vessel went ashore under full sail in the Dardanelles, and only with the utmost difficulty was floated and proceeded to discharge her cargo. At Kirth in Crimea she re-loaded with flaxseed and put up the Mediterranean for home. The captain got drunk at Gibraltar and when a fierce gale came up soon afterward, the cargo shifted endangering the ship and her crew. Although the decks were storm-swept, the voyage was completed, but only after greatest difficulties were met and overcome. Mr. Wakefield was afterward supernumerary on Lord Nelson's old flagship, "Victory," a relic of the battle of Trafalgar, and then shipped on the "Superb," a British man-o'-war of eighty guns, sailing for Tunis under Admiral Parker.

While at Tunis, where he remained for four years, Mr. Wakefield heard that a brother who had been away from home for twenty years was living at Whitehall, New York. Accordingly he sailed in an American ship and found his brother, with whom he remained for a two-weeks visit, afterwards sailing down the Hudson to New York City, where he signed on a ship bound for Charleston, South Carolina. That was in 1853. He sailed on the ship "Olivia," shipped to New Orleans on a Baltimore clipper and thence went to Rio Janeiro. On this voyage the crew stole all the tea. In retaliation the captain withheld all the coffee and a mutiny followed. The crew was driven below and then one by one called up to be put in irons. When every man had been shackled,







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Mr. Wakefield, who was second mate, passed a chain through their bound arms and locked the whole outfit to a stanchion in the hold. He decided, after this experience to quit the sea, and in 1854, returned to England. With his wife and child he sailed for America, where he intended to settle. When off the coast of Newfoundland the ship was overtaken by a hurricane and the masts torn out. While the officers and crew took refuge between decks, Mr. Wakefield crept across the deck, cut away the rigging and saved ship, cargo, and passengers. He lived for a short time in Whitehall, New York, where his brother had located, but in 1857, he came to Burlington, and opened a sail loft, where he made sails and dealt in ship supplies. His business as ship chandler grew to large proportions, and he remained active in its operation until within a year of his death.

One more thrilling experience on the water must be recorded. In 1876, in December, a heavy storm stripped the steering gear from a vessel three miles from the Burlington breakwater. Helpless she drifted toward shore, rolling heavily with a cargo of stone. Of all the old captains and lakemen, Mr. Wakefield and his son Jack alone made an attempt to rescue the crew. They pulled out to the breakwater in a fourteen-foot government lighthouse boat and when the vessel struck they had reached the spot. The captain of the ship threw two women into the strong arms of the old sailor in the little boat, and then as the vessel rose on the crest of the waves, one by one the sailors jumped into Mr. Wakefield's boat, the captain coming last, only about three seconds before the vessel sank. The father and son pulled the boat with the rescued crew safely to land, amidst the acclaim of those who had gathered and knew not how to aid. Few ships put into Burlington now, but once James Wakefield's books contained the names of a hundred trading vessels of various kinds.

Captain Wakefield was held in the highest esteem by his fellow townsmen. His integrity and sterling character won the respect and confidence of every man. He was particularly fond of his home and family, but any movement or enterprise for the best interests of the community enlisted his strong support. In politics he was a member of the Republican party, taking an active part in public affairs after he became a citizen in September, 1870, while he was affiliated fraternally with the Burlington Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order was also a member of Burlington Chapter, of the Royal Arch Masons, Burlington Council of Royal and Select Masters, Burlington Commandery of the Knights Templar, as well as all bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree of the Consistory. Captain Wakefield was a member of Cairo Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, while with his family he was a communicant of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, of which he was also sexton from 1859 to 1872, during the administration of Bishop Hopkins. Until his death he was most faithful in attendance and altogether an exemplary churchman.

Captain Wakefield's passing, on June 22, 1912, removed from Burlington life one of the city's most honored and respected residents. A successful business man, a brave and stalwart sea-voyager, faithful in the discharge of all his duties, and the soul of integrity, he was the warmest friend of all the hosts of those who knew him. Only with his death, perhaps, did the community come to realize the extent of its deep affection for him and the constant value to the city of his mere presence.

Captain Wakefield married, on July 13, 1852, in England, Lavinia Merrishaw, born May 8, 1832, in Walpole, Saint Peter's, Norfolkshire, England, daughter of Henry and Mary (Patten) Merrishaw. She died at Burlington, Vermont, September 27, 1895. Children:

1. Henry Merrishaw, born in England, April 16, 1853, died at Burlington in 1861.
2. James, born at Whitehall, New York, September 5, 1855, and for many years the keeper of the lighthouse at Essex, New York. He married Mary Jane MacGlinn, and they became the parents of Charles, and Arthur, who married Helen Sheldon, and has one daughter, Gertrude Louise.
3. John William, born at Burlington, December 29, 1857.
4. Mary, born December 28, 1859.
5. Lavinia, born June 27, 1861.
6. Henrietta, born August 16, 1862, married William Linsley, and they have two children, Joel Wakefield and Helena Wells.
7. Frederick Walter, born February 8, 1864; married, in 1889, Mary Fitzgerald; children: Harold Frederick, born March 16, 1891; James Gerald, born September 24, 1892; Elizabeth Gladys, born September 23, 1893, died September 22, 1894; Julius Edward, born August 22, 1897; Robert Donald, born May 8, 1899; Frederick Walter, born May 31, 1901; and Clarence Seward, born February 20, 1904.
8. Albert Edward, born August 18, 1865; married, June 25, 1901, Lucretia Leach; children: John William, born April 26, 1902; Albert Edward, Jr., born September 10, 1904, and Ruth Marion, born in October, 1917.
9. Sarah Elizabeth, born October 8, 1867; married Arthur O. Marble, of Northfield, Vermont.
10. Henry Porter, born January 20, 1870.
11. Theodore Benjamin, born March 15, 1872; married Emma Jones and has one daughter, Theodora.
12. Emma Jane, born May 2, 1874; married James McIntyre, of Burlington, and has one child, George Arthur.
13. George Francis, born December 10, 1876.
14. Helen, who died in infancy.

John William Wakefield, Frederick Walter Wakefield, Albert Edward Wakefield, and George Francis Wakefield, sons of Captain James Wakefield, took over the business established by their father, and since 1911 have conducted it under the name of James Wakefield Sons, Frederick Wakefield being now deceased. All of them were taught the trade of sailmaking by their father and from the time of leaving school were associated with him in the business. In later years the making of awnings has been added to the original business of the sail loft and an extensive trade developed throughout the State of Vermont and surrounding country. The present plant at No. 52 College Street, Burlington, was erected in 1910, and is commodious and modern in every particular. The firm continues the ship chandlery business, furnishing everything needed for a lake vessel, and dealing also in flag poles and in the erection of steel smoke stacks. In their own field, James Wakefield Sons have the largest business in the State.

**PERLEY FULLER HAZEN**—A business man of long experience and of proved energy and ability, Perley Fuller Hazen has been president of the Passumpsic Savings Bank since September 1, 1925. During this period, his able administration of the bank's affairs has more than justified his selection as president. In St. Johnsbury, where he makes his home, he is highly esteemed as a public-spirited citizen, and active in the life of the community.

Mr. Hazen was born in Hartford, Vermont, on July 11, 1854, a son of Edward Hazen, a carpenter and joiner, and of Sarah (Tilden) Hazen, both natives of Hartford, and both now deceased. Perley Fuller Hazen attended the public schools of his birthplace, and while still a boy, was forced to begin work, taking a place in a wood working factory where he devoted himself to the manufacture of chairs. In September, 1872, he became associated with the firm of E. and T. Fairbanks and Company, an association which was to continue with the exception of eighteen months, for fifty-three years. Mr. Hazen began work with this company as an office boy, working his way up through years of service to



positions of trust and importance. During the eighteen months in which he was absent from their employ, he served as manager of the Hooker Manufacturing Company of St. Johnsbury. On September 1, 1925, fifty-three years to the day, and almost to the hour from the time when he first commenced work with the company, he resigned to become president of the Passumpsic Savings Bank, of which institution he had served as trustee since 1912, and as vice-president for several years. On the occasion of his departure from the Fairbanks Company, he was presented by his associates with a beautiful gift as a testimonial of affection and esteem. Mr. Hazen is also a director of the First National Bank of St. Johnsbury, president of the Brightlook Hospital Association, and president of the Board of Trustees of St. Johnsbury Academy.

Politically, he is a member of the Republican party, and although he never sought office, he served for four years as a member of the town board of trustees, and for most of this period he was chairman of the Board. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of all bodies of this organization, and a member of all bodies of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is also a trustee of the St. Johnsbury Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, a member of the local Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the St. Johnsbury Country Club and of the Burke Mountain Club.

On April 14, 1881, Perley Fuller Hazen married Minnie F. Baker, of St. Johnsbury, who died in November, 1919, a daughter of Andrew Oliver and Pamela (Denison) Baker of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Hazen attended the North Congregational Church, where Mr. Hazen is chairman of the business committee.

**ARTHUR GORDON TITTEMORE**—As principal of the Burlington Business College, Arthur Gordon Tittlemore furnishes an important factor in the business life of the community, training as he does, the younger element in the first precepts of commercial procedure and ethics and serving as a feeder to the adult commercial world. His is a most successful college and his training for the head of such an institution has been practical and thorough. He was educated in the public schools of Franklin, Vermont, through the high school grade, then took the course at Eastman College, Poughkeepsie, graduating in 1909, and then entered the office of the Vermont Marble Company as a bookkeeper. After serving this practical term in an office, he went to the Concord, New Hampshire, Business College as instructor in charge of the commercial department, and later acted in the same capacity at the Business College of Lowell, Massachusetts. He remained there from 1913 to 1920. On January 1, 1920, he was offered the position as head of the Business College of Burlington, an institution that had been established in 1878 and had a reputation for stability and worth for many years. He has worthily carried on the traditions of this fine old college, inculcating efficient methods of modern-day commerce and finance bringing the curriculum into a splendid state of perfection and thorough-going usefulness.

Arthur Gordon Tittlemore was born May 7, 1891, in Franklin, Vermont, son of Homer L. and Olive (Green) Tittlemore. His father was a Canadian, a farmer by occupation and his mother, a native of Vermont, the Green Mountain State.

Fraternally, Mr. Tittlemore is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Green Mountain Lodge, No. 1; Washington Lodge, No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons, and Haswell Lodge of Perfection, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is a member of the Exchange Club and highly esteemed as a useful force in the community and a citizen to whom his co-citizens may look for cooperation in their best endeavors for the good of their city.

Mr. Tittlemore married in 1913, Mabel A. Webster, a daughter of Daniel B. Webster, of Concord, New Hampshire, and they have had two children, Gardner L. and Robert Webster Tittlemore. As a family they are members of the Methodist church.

**FRANK HUBBARD TAPLIN**—A man of wide business experience and proved ability, Frank Hubbard Taplin has been manager since 1925, of the Burlington office of the C. H. Goss Company, automobile dealers and authorized agents for Packard and Hupmobile motor cars. His able and efficient management of his company's affairs has resulted in a constantly increasing volume of business, while he himself is regarded as an influential and one of the most progressive business men in this section. He was born November 18, 1887, at St. Johnsbury, Vermont, a son of William Arthur and Grace (Hubbard) Taplin, of that place, his father having been a merchant there for many years.

Frank Hubbard Taplin was educated in the public schools of his birthplace and at St. Johnsbury Academy, from which institution he was graduated in 1907. Beginning his business career, he soon became connected with Standard Oil Company of New York, in their Albany offices, and here he remained for a period of three years from 1909 to 1912, occupying various positions. From 1912 to 1918 he was employed by the Singer Sewing Machine Company as chief clerk in their Chicago office, and later at Detroit, following which, for one year, he was associated with the S. H. Kress and Company chain store operators of New York City. In his position in New York City he was engaged in statistical work, resigning this place in 1919 to become connected with the C. H. Goss Company in Vermont, and he was given charge of the Burlington office of this firm.

In political affairs, Mr. Taplin is a member of the Republican party while he is affiliated fraternally with St. Johnsbury Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at St. Johnsbury. He is also a member of the Ethan Allen Club and of the Burlington Country Club. Mr. Taplin has given his hearty support to enterprises designed to promote the general welfare of the community and State. With his family he worships in the faith of the Congregational Church.

Frank Hubbard Taplin married, in 1913, Ethel Goss, daughter of Charles H. Goss, of St. Johnsbury. Mr. and Mrs. Taplin are the parents of one son, Charles Arthur.

**THEODOTIUS P. STRONG, JACKSON STRONG**—One of Burlington's most successful business men is Jackson Strong, who, in association with his brother, owns and operates Huntley's, Launderers, Cleaners and Dyers, in this city. Jackson Strong undoubtedly is one of Burlington's youngest business men, although he has been connected with his present vocation for many years and gained much valuable experience under the preceptorship of his father, who owned this concern until his death.

Jackson Strong's father, Theodotius P. Strong, was a native of Canada, having come to Burlington from that Dominion, and in 1893 began his association with the laundry business, which was to occupy him until his death, which occurred on May 3, 1928. He first was an employee for the founder of this business, Mr. Huntley, and later owned several similar establishments located in Ware, Massachusetts; Bellows Falls, Vermont, and in other sections of the State. He eventually became proprietor of the Huntley establishment, which carries on a general laundry trade, and also devotes part of its equipment to cleaning and dyeing. Theodotius P. Strong undoubtedly was one of the most valuable contributors to the growth and development of Burlington during the time of his active career, and few movements designed for the public weal were carried to successful conclu-



sions without his participation and coöperation. In commercial affairs he evidenced deep interest and was a conspicuous factor in the Burlington Chamber of Commerce. In the Republican party he exerted much influence and was ever faithful in his support of this political organization as he was in religion. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, liberal in his contributions to that congregation, while in fraternal circles he was a popular member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of Eden Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Ware, Massachusetts. He was a lover of horses and fond of out-of-door recreation. Of a modest and retiring disposition, Mr. Strong ever shunned the spotlight of publicity, and while his philanthropies were innumerable, few of them ever became generally known. Theodotius P. Strong married Georgian Stone, and they had three children: Jackson, of whom further; Edwin, and Cornelia. Mrs. Georgian (Stone) Strong a native of Burlington, predeceased her husband, she having passed away in 1920.

Jackson Strong was born August 31, 1905, at Ware, Massachusetts, and later came to Burlington with his parents. Here he was educated in the public schools, and was graduated from Burlington High School with the class of 1924. Since completing his education, Mr. Strong has been connected with his father's interests, and when the latter passed away, in 1928, he and his brother succeeded their father in the conduct of Huntley's, Launderers, Cleaners and Dyers. In October, 1928, the business was incorporated under the name of Huntley's, Inc., with Mr. Strong as president and treasurer. They are adhering to the policies, practices, and high code of ethics that have long been synonymous with the name of Strong. The Burlington establishment now enjoys a most enviable reputation in Vermont and its agencies are located in most of the principal towns and cities of this State. Huntley's Laundry is located at No. 103 St. Paul Street, this city.

Jackson Strong married, July 7, 1928, Jeannette L. Hays of Burlington, Vermont.

**PERLEY MELBOURNE STOUGHTON**—Few men now engaged in the business spheres of Burlington have lived careers filled with the interest attending that of Perley Melbourne Stoughton. His commercial and financial experience was antedated by a remarkable record in the World War. He was of the third generation in paternal descent to carry arms, and distinguished himself on the battlefields—or more properly writing, “over” the battlefields—of Europe. The family of which Perley Melbourne Stoughton is a member was established in this country by his great-grandfather, who was one of four brothers of the name of de Stockton to come from England in the forepart of the nineteenth century. They took residence in Vermont, and have been represented most honorably through succeeding generations.

Augustus C. Stoughton, son of Alansing Stoughton and father of Perley Melbourne Stoughton, was born in 1848. He secured his education in Burlington, and at the age of sixteen years enlisted for service under the colors of the North in the Civil War. It is said that he was the youngest Vermont soldier in that war, having enlisted with the 1st Vermont Cavalry, following Generals Sheridan and Custer. Shoulder to shoulder he fought the South beside his father, in Company L, 1st Vermont Cavalry, and was discharged at the close of the war with the rank of a corporal. After the war he followed railroading, on the Central Vermont Railway, for many years, and is now (1928) in retirement, at the age of eighty years. He has served as commander of Stannard Post, Grand Army of the Republic; is Past Department Commander of the Grand Army for the State of Vermont, and has filled the chairs in Hamilton Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He makes his residence in Burlington, on Clymer Street, is

a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has always been a steadfast Republican.

Augustus C. Stoughton married Harriet Adele Patnod, a daughter of Charles J. and Mary A. Patnod, of Rutland; and of this union were born children: 1. May, wife of Harry J. Foley, of Burlington. 2. Carl Fayette, of North Charlestown, New Hampshire. 3. Perley Melbourne, of whom follows.

Perley Melbourne Stoughton, younger son and youngest child of Augustus C. and Harriet Adele (Patnod) Stoughton, was born March 13, 1892, in Burlington. He was in the class of 1911 in the Burlington High School, meanwhile, from 1909, having formed identity with the Burlington “Free Press,” well known newspaper of Vermont and New England. His first work for this newspaper was as proofreader, but he remained with the publication eight years, till 1917, and the last four of these he was in the paper's reportorial department.

In 1917, after the United States had entered the World War, Mr. Stoughton resigned his position with the “Free Press” to enlist in the Aviation Corps, and was assigned to study at the ground school maintained at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was one of ten selected from the ground school and one of the first hundred men of the air force to be sent overseas, to England, where he was attached to the British Flying Corps for training as pilot. He passed the flying course at Oxford University, and it is of interest to note that he received his British “wings” before he received those of America. Upon his arrival in France he was attached to the One Hundred and Sixty-sixth Aero Squadron, First Day Bombardment Group—the only American bombing unit to get into action on the war front—with which group he served until his “last crash” in a plane, November 8, 1918. This took him from the service most honorably. He was mustered out with the rank of first lieutenant, having entered the service as first-class private. During his period of service he was a pilot.

After returning to the United States, the war behind, Mr. Stoughton set out once more at his career, but instead of returning to the city room of the Burlington “Free Press” took up insurance selling, as representative for the New York Life. Later he became representative for the Burroughs Adding Machine Company, with territory across northern New York, and in 1922 entered the automobile business, at which he has continued through the years following. In 1924 he went into business for himself, taking over the franchise of the Durant Motor Company, for Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties. In 1928 he incorporated his business under the present style—Stoughton Motor Company, Incorporated, purchasing at that time the old State Armory Building at Main and Pine streets as headquarters for show rooms, repair department, and offices. He now handles the Nash products, having franchise for the two counties above mentioned. He employs a staff of twenty men.

Mr. Stoughton is a member of Burlington Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Burlington Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; is a communicant of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, a member of the Ethan Allen Club, Lake Champlain Yacht Club, and adheres politically to the principles of the Republican party.

In 1920 Mr. Stoughton was united in marriage with Pauline Adele Preston, daughter of Frank J. and Linnie (Mace) Preston, of Burlington. Her father is owner and director of one of the leading jewelry firms in the city, a man prominent in general affairs. Of this union was born a daughter, Clarissa. The family residence is at No. 176 Ferguson Avenue.

**HAROLD MILES LITTLE**—Among the successful business men of Burlington, Vermont, is Harold Miles Little, of the firm of Johnson & Little, dealers in Willys and Overland automobiles and proprietors of a



garage and service station. Their show rooms are located at No. 199 Main Street, but their service station and garage is doing a thriving business at No. 163 Church Street. Both partners are veterans of the World War and both are young men of ability and of initiative. During the more than four years which have passed since the establishment of the business they have built up a very satisfactory patronage and have made themselves known as reliable mechanics.

Harold Miles Little was born in St. Albans, Vermont, August 6, 1890, son of Peter, a blacksmith by trade who is now (1928) living retired at St. Albans, and of Mary (Miles) Little. The father is a man of ability who has held local public office in St. Albans and who has the respect of his fellow-citizens. Harold Miles Little attended the public school of his birthplace, graduating from St. Albans High School with the class of 1906, and then further prepared for a successful business career by taking a course in Burlington Business College. He learned the trade of the machinist in the shops of the Central Vermont Railroad Company, and then, in 1915 engaged in the automobile business. When the United States entered the World War he was among the first to enlist for service, May 2, 1917, at which time he was attached to Company D, One Hundred and Third Machine Gun Battalion, Twenty-sixth Division, United States Army, with which unit he served overseas from October, 1917, to the close of the war, taking part in the engagements at Chateau-Thierry, where he was wounded; at the Meuse-Argonne; at Siecheprey; and at Apremont, where he was gassed. After his return to this country he was discharged, April 20, 1919, and resumed his activities in the automobile business. In 1924 he formed a partnership with Raymond Johnson (q. v.) under the name of Johnson & Little and engaged in business selling Willys-Knight and Whippet automobiles and operating a service station and repair garage. The show rooms at No. 199 Main Street are well equipped and attractive and display a complete line of the cars for which the firm is agent. At No. 163 Church Street the firm of Johnson & Little conducts a well appointed garage and service station, and there Mr. Little's experience and ability as a mechanic are valuable assets to the business. Both Mr. Little and Mr. Johnson have made many friends in Burlington, and both young men are known to be business men of integrity and of ability. Mr. Little is a member of the American Legion and of the Disabled Veterans of the World War, also of the Knights of Columbus, and his religious membership is with St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Harold Miles Little was married, in 1921, to May Johnson, daughter of John Johnson, of Burlington, Vermont.

**RAYMOND WALTER JOHNSON**—Under the firm name of Johnson and Little, Raymond Walter Johnson and Harold Miles Little are conducting a successful and rapidly growing automobile business at No. 199 Main Street, in Burlington, Vermont, where they are handling Willys-Knight, Whippet and Stearns-Knight cars. They also conduct a service department and garage at No. 163 Church Street, and in both departments of their business they are catering to a large patronage. Mr. Johnson is a graduate of Burlington High School and before engaging in this business was an assistant superintendent and paymaster in the Vermont Milk Chocolate Company's plant and later a salesman in the employ of an auto concern.

Raymond Walter Johnson was born in Burlington, Vermont, December 31, 1897, son of John William, who was engaged in the granite business but is now retired (1928), and of Nellie M. (Finnegan) Johnson. He attended the public schools of Burlington, graduating from Burlington High School with the class of 1915, and

then secured a position with the Vermont Chocolate Company, in which connection he was made paymaster and then assistant superintendent. From 1917 to 1923 he maintained that association, but in the last named year he decided to make a change and to become familiar with a new line of activity. He entered the employ of an automobile concern, as salesman, and in this capacity made himself acquainted with the general facts of the automobile business. In 1924 he formed a partnership with Harold M. Little (q. v.), taking the agency for the Willys-Knight and Whippet cars, and since that time the partners have been most successfully engaged in building up a very satisfactory enterprise. They operate under the name of Johnson & Little, and have their show room at No. 199 Main Street, here in Burlington, where they keep on display and ready for demonstration a fine line of cars. Each year of their business experience has brought a material increase of sales, and in connection with the handling of the Willys-Knight and Whippet cars they also operate a well stocked service station and a garage which takes care of the repair needs of a very large patronage. The garage is located at No. 163 Church Street. Upon the entrance of the United States into the World War Mr. Johnson enlisted for service, in 1917, but was discharged because of physical disability. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Lake Champlain Yacht Club. Politically, he gives his support to the principles of no one party, but casts his vote independently, preferring to support the candidate he considers personally best fitted for the office, regardless of partisanship. His religious affiliation is with St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

**STANLEY EDWIN BROWNELL**—Though Stanley Edwin Brownell has held his present position as postmaster in Burlington only since 1923, he is by no means new in the postal service of Uncle Sam, for at the age of twenty-one he entered the railway mail service in which he remained for about twenty-six years. Subsequent business activities have in no way lessened his fitness for successful management of the responsibilities of his present position, and Mr. Brownell is giving to the government and to the people whom he serves top-notch service. His present term of office began in January and will extend to January, 1932.

George W. Brownell, father of Mr. Brownell, was born in Williston, Vermont, February 22, 1814, and died September 24, 1905, son of Samuel A. Brownell, who was also a native of Williston and a highly respected citizen of the place. He received his education in the public schools and then followed the occupation of his father, who was a tiller of the soil, but added to that occupation an extensive livestock shipping business, the head office of which was in the town of Williston. He was a lieutenant in the State Militia, appointed by the Governor in 1836, and throughout his life was a public-spirited citizen. He was also a man of initiative and of courage as is evidenced by the fact that in 1836 he and his wife yielded to the spirit of adventure and exploration and undertook the difficult journey "West" by mule and ox-team, stage coach and river boat, going as far as Fort Dearborn (now Chicago) in the days when railroads had not yet been built across the continent. He married Almira Barry, a native of Burlington, Vermont, where she was born January 16, 1817, and a descendant of Sir John Barry. She died March 15, 1909, aged ninety-three years, the mother of twelve children, seven boys and five girls, of whom three are still living (1928): Stanley Edwin, of further mention; Charles, of Chicago; and Mrs. Carrie Morrill, of Williston. George W. Brownell was a direct descendant of Captain John Forbes, of Revolutionary fame.

Stanley Edwin Brownell, son of George W. and Almira (Barry) Brownell, was born in Williston, Vermont,







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March 19, 1859, and received his early education in the public schools, including Burlington High School. He continued his studies in Williston Academy and under private tutors, and in 1881, at the age of twenty-one, entered the railway mail service, in which he remained until 1907, completing a period of service of twenty-six years. At the end of that time he decided to enter the business world and became a partner of the late C. L. Soule in the wholesale tobacco and cigar business, operating under the name of C. L. Soule & Company. This connection was continued, under the above name, until 1923. In September of that year he was appointed acting postmaster in Burlington, and on January 23, 1924, he was appointed by President Coolidge to serve as postmaster of Burlington for a term of four years. On January 13, 1928, he was re-appointed for another four-year term, and he is now serving the first year of that second term. Throughout the five years of his service in this important position Mr. Brownell has given complete satisfaction to his superior officers and to the people of Burlington. Mr. Brownell is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and is well known in the Masonic order, being a member of Washington Lodge, No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons; Burlington Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons; Burlington Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar; Burlington Council, Royal and Select Masters; of all the Scottish Rite bodies, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; also of Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Ethan Allen Club and of the Burlington Country Club, and his religious affiliation is with the First Congregational Church.

Stanley Edwin Brownell was married, in 1893, to Helen S. Stetson, daughter of Benjamin F. and Margaret Stetson, of Champlain, New York.

**EDWARD WILBUR CRANNELL**—While Edward Wilbur Crannell is interested in lumbering, having holdings in California, and was at one time a large-scale manufacturer of women's garments, it is in the ranks of Freemasonry that he has attained the highest recognition. There are very few Masonic organizations in Vermont that have not felt his influence, and Mr. Crannell is one of that comparatively small group honored with the thirty-third degree. Although he is a native of Canada, most of his mature life has been spent in this country, he having come to Burlington more than forty-four years ago. Another high connection Mr. Crannell has in fraternal circles is that with one of the foremost non-sectarian fraternities in New England, which he serves as president. He is also an accomplished writer, his works including many beautiful poems on the philosophy of life.

Mr. Crannell was born July 29, 1865, at Ottawa, Canada, son of Levi and Julia (Walcott) Crannell. Levi Crannell, now (1928) a resident of Ottawa, at the age of eighty-eight years, is still engaged in the lumber business, which he has followed all of his life, and is president of the Little Redwood Lumber Company. This concern is located in Humboldt County, Northern California, with headquarters at Crannell, a town named in honor of Levi Crannell.

Edward Wilbur Crannell, after attending public schools in Ottawa and Toronto, including high school, matriculated at Toronto University and was graduated therefrom in 1883. The year after he had completed his university training Mr. Crannell came to Burlington and here assumed charge of a branch establishment of the Bronson-Weston Lumber Company. He occupied this position for about six years, or until this concern disposed of its interests, in 1890. From 1890 until 1915 Mr. Crannell was a manufacturer of ladies' garments and wearing apparel, serving the custom trade, with headquarters at Burlington. In the last-named year he re-

tired from his active business pursuits and since has devoted the bulk of his time and efforts to affairs closely related to fraternal organizations, he having become a member of the Masonic order in 1890. Mr. Crannell's principal commercial holdings include an interest in the Little Redwood Lumber Company, of California, of which, as heretofore mentioned, his father is president.

Since 1920 Mr. Crannell has been secretary of all the Scottish Rite bodies of Masonry of the Valley of Burlington. He is a member of Burlington Blue Lodge, No. 100, Free and Accepted Masons; member of Haswell Lodge of Perfection (Scottish Rite); J. W. Roby Council (Scottish Rite); Rose Croix Chapter (Scottish Rite); Vermont Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret; Burlington Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons; Burlington Council, No. 5, Royal and Select Masters; Burlington Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar; Red Cross of Constantine; Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He has served at the head of the aforementioned bodies; was Grand Lecturer of the Grand Chapter for seven years and has been highly honored through bestowal of the thirty-third degree which was conferred upon him in 1927. He now (1928) is secretary of Vermont Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Another high fraternal office held by Mr. Crannell is that of president of the New England Order of Protection, a non-sectarian fraternal insurance order, which was organized in 1887. He is a member of the Unitarian Church, and in 1928 was chosen as secretary of the United Commercial Travelers of Vermont. Mr. Crannell has written many beautiful poems, dealing with the philosophy of life, and one of these, entitled "A Mystery," has been so highly praised that it is included in this short biography.

#### A MYSTERY

We often ponder on this thing called life  
And sometimes wonder where its import lies;  
One lives in luxury and knows no strife,  
Another weeps and, broken-hearted, dies.

Two travel on the road with hearts aglow,  
With keenest prospects for the coming day;  
The hand of fate descends and lays one low,  
The comrade sees but gloom along the way.

Our day begins with brightness in the sky  
And ere the sun, at noon, has reached his stand  
Shall shadows, dark, across the pathway lie  
And on our souls shall grief its furrows brand.

Has Providence withdrawn His tender care  
Or plans He thus but for His children's good,  
Or are we creatures but of earth and air  
To stand today, tonight fall where we stood?

Youth speaks of hope for earthly things to come;  
Age, traveling the past, has sought in vain:  
The feet grow weary and the flesh is numb;  
For all the labor wrought, the price is pain.

Much of our ill is of our own design;  
The careless of the past have lent their part;  
The future grows by acts of yours and mine  
As plants are of the seed from which they start.

Oh, for a courage, brave, to stem the tide  
Or push from out this avalanche of tears  
And give us hope that there is else beside  
And faith to banish all our foolish fears.

One page is filled with health and joy and love,  
The next is black with sickness, grief, despair;  
The twig of green returned by searching dove  
Was symbol that the dark had turned to fair.

Mr. Crannell married (first) in 1893, Adelaide Knapton, daughter of William Knapton, of New York State. Adelaide (Knapton) Crannell passed away in 1917, and Mr. Crannell married (second), March 2, 1923, Stella C. White. He and his wife reside in Burlington, and Mr. Crannell's offices are located in the Masonic Temple here, at No. 19 Converse Street.



**GLEN OAKES BURNEY**—Boiler making and electric welding are the specialties of Glen Oakes Burney, who was recently made a partner in the Vermont Electric Welding Company, located at Nos. 189-91 Battery Street, in Burlington. As associates in business Mr. Burney has Oscar Rodney Levin (see a following biography), and R. C. McDonough, both able and practical men, skilled in their special field. Since the establishment of the business in 1926 the concern has made rapid progress, building up a large patronage, and incidentally, establishing a reputation which is one of its most valuable business assets. Mr. Burney is a graduate of Concord, New Hampshire, High School, and came to Burlington in 1928, when he became a partner in the Vermont Electric Welding Company.

Glen Oakes Burney was born in Concord, New Hampshire, September 14, 1902, son of Henry R., a carpenter by trade, who died in 1921, and of Nellie (Oakes) Burney. He attended the public schools of Concord, graduating from the high school with the class of 1918, and then served an apprenticeship as a boiler maker. He also learned the trade of the electric and acetylene welder, and then, in 1928, came to Burlington and joined his old schoolmate Oscar R. Levin of the firm of Levin & McDonough, engaged in electric and acetylene welding. He was admitted to the business as a partner, under the name of the Vermont Electric Welding Company, and since that time the young men have been successfully building up a most satisfactory business. The concern specializes in boiler making and in electric welding, and Mr. Burney has special charge of the boiler making. Patrons have learned that the Vermont Electric Welding Company turns out first class work and can be relied upon for a first class job and for prompt service, and satisfied customers are daily bringing to No. 189 Battery Street new business. The young men are earnest and progressive, skilled in their special lines, obliging, and conscientious, and already they have made for themselves an assured place among enterprises of their kind in the city of Burlington. Mr. Burney is a member of Blazing Star Lodge, No. 11, Free and Accepted Masons, of Concord, New Hampshire; and his religious membership is with the Methodist Church.

Glen Oakes Burney was married, June 3, 1924, at Concord, New Hampshire, to Doris W. Hayford, daughter of Harry N. Hayford, who was a silversmith in the employ of W. B. Durgin & Company, of Concord, but is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Burney have three children: Beverly Jean, Marjory Ruth, and Joan.

**OSCAR RODNEY LEVIN**—Among recent additions to the successful business enterprises of Burlington, Vermont, is the Vermont Electric Welding Company, located at Nos. 189-91 Battery Street. Oscar Rodney Levin, R. C. McDonough, and Glen O. Burney, all young men of energy and ambition, also of ability, are the owners of the concern, and during the two years which have passed since the establishment of the enterprise they have built up a very satisfactory business. Mr. Levin is a man of practical experience and training in the welding business, as is also Mr. Burney, and the firm specializes in steam boilers and machine castings.

Oscar Rodney Levin was born in Concord, New Hampshire, January 23, 1905, son of John R., a mechanic by trade, who died in 1924 at the age of fifty-four years, and of Hannah C. (Levin) Levin, who were cousins. He attended the public schools of Concord, graduating from high school with the class of 1919, and then apprenticed himself to the Electric and Acetylene Welding Company, at Concord. Seven years later, on April 1, 1926, in association with R. C. McDonough, he engaged in the electric and acetylene welding business for himself at Burlington, under the name of Levin & McDonough, locating at Nos. 189-91 Battery Street,

where the business is still located. In 1928 Glen O. Burney, who was skilled in boiler making and electric welding (a sketch of his life precedes this) was admitted to partnership and the firm name was changed to its present style, the Vermont Electric Welding Company. The concern does a general electric and acetylene welding business, specializing in steam boilers and machine castings, and the new partner, Mr. Burney has special charge of the boiler making. A very satisfactory business has been developed and the patronage of the concern is rapidly increasing. Good workmanship and reliable business methods are making the young men known to a steadily growing custom, and there is every indication that this young business project is destined to take a permanent and important place among the business activities of the city. Mr. Levin is a member of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce and of the Knights of Pythias, and his religious membership is with the Methodist Church.

Oscar Rodney Levin was married, September 8, 1926, to Muriel P. Philbrick, daughter of Charles Philbrick, of Danville, Quebec. Mr. and Mrs. Levin live at No. 20 Green Street, in Burlington.

**CHARLES DAVID COHEN**—Some eighteen years of experience in the employ of prominent New York City retail concerns, as clerk in the employ of Stern Brothers, and as buyer in the upholstery and interior decoration department of Lord & Taylor, fully prepared Charles David Cohen for the successful management of a business of his own in Burlington, Vermont, where he is one of the owners of the Hall Furniture Company. His associate, Max Feinberg, has charge of the branch of the business located at Bennington, Vermont, while Mr. Cohen takes care of the Burlington store, at Nos. 212-14 College Street. He carries a full line of home furnishings, and has made the store known for the artistic attractiveness and the quality of its goods. Both his father and his maternal grandfather were prominent business men in New York City, and Mr. Cohen has inherited his full share of business ability. Solomon Bernstein, his maternal grandfather, was a real estate operator in New York City to the time of his death in 1903, and was one of the organizers of the Free Burial Society of New York City.

Oscar Cassel Cohen, father of Mr. Cohen, was born in London, England, but was brought to this country by his parents in 1870. He received his education in New York City, and became a man of pronounced ability. He was the first business man in the city to engage in the importation of Italian groceries and other products on a wholesale basis and was building up a very substantial business when he died, in 1903, at the early age of thirty-four years. He married Sarah Bernstein, daughter of Solomon Bernstein, a real estate operator of New York City and organizer of the Free Burial Society of that city, and among their children was Charles David, of further mention.

Charles David Cohen, son of Oscar Cassel and Sarah (Bernstein) Cohen, was born in New York City, October 11, 1889, and received his education in the public schools of his birthplace, graduating from high school with the class of 1907. For a period of ten years following his graduation he was employed in the dry goods store of Stern Brothers, in New York City. At the end of that time, in 1916, he secured a position as buyer in the employ of Lord & Taylor, Fifth Avenue, New York City, in charge of the department of upholstery and interior decoration. In that position he rendered most efficient service from 1916 to 1924, making himself thoroughly familiar with every phase of the business of that department and becoming expert in anticipating the demands of the buying public as well as in the fine art of successful purchasing. In 1924, having accumulated the



necessary capital, as well as the needed experience, he came to Burlington, Vermont, and looked about for a suitable opening for the establishment of a business of his own. He found his opportunity in the Hall Furniture Company, which he purchased, and with Max Feinberg as an associate set about the task of operating the main store at No. 212 College Street and its branch in Bennington, Vermont, Mr. Feinberg taking charge of the branch. The Hall Furniture Company had been in operation since 1883, and therefore already had a well established patronage and a reputation built up through a period of forty years, and Mr. Cohen has not only sustained the old standards but has added to the usefulness and attractiveness of the concern. He carries a complete line of upholstery materials and of home furnishings of all kinds, and his long experience in the employ of Lord & Taylor in New York City has enabled him to give his patrons the benefits of the best to be had in all departments of his business. He has built up a high class and exclusive trade, as well as a general patronage, and has made the Hall Furniture Company a guarantee of quality and of good taste. Mr. Cohen is a member of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce and active in its affairs. During the World War he served as a member of the New York City Draft Board, and was active in the various drives which carried "over the top" the home war work.

Charles David Cohen was married, in 1924, to Eva Yett, daughter of Harris Yett, of Montpelier, Vermont, and they have two daughters: Edythe Elinore and Sara Harriett. The family home is at No. 16 Adam Street, in Burlington.

**FRANK JOSEPH DWYER**—In Burlington, Vermont, one of the best known morticians is Frank Joseph Dwyer, whose establishment is located at No. 71 Cherry Street, in what was formerly known as the old John Mathews homestead. Here Mr. Dwyer has established a first class modern funeral home, with every convenience for the expert handling of his profession, and during the seventeen years in which he has been engaged in this business he has taken his place as one of the leading morticians of Burlington. Mr. Dwyer is a native of Burlington and has spent his life here. He has been active in local public affairs, serving as commissioner and as alderman, and is known as a public-spirited and progressive citizen who is always ready to aid in furthering the welfare of the city.

Edward Dwyer, father of Mr. Dwyer, was born in Hemingsford, Canada, in 1833, and died in 1919, in his eighty-seventh year. He was brought to Burlington, Vermont, as a boy, by his parents, who settled in this city, where the father operated a livery business for many years. The boy attended the public schools of Burlington, and later was the successful owner of a livery business. He married Mary E. Boyle, and among their children was Frank Joseph, of further mention.

Frank Joseph Dwyer, son of Edward and Mary E. (Boyle) Dwyer, was born in Burlington, Vermont, August 10, 1874, and received his education in the public schools of his birthplace, attending high school here until he was eighteen years of age. He then entered the employ of W. G. Greene, dealer in paints and oils, and that connection he maintained for a period of fourteen years, from 1892 to 1906. He then made a change, severing his connection with the W. G. Greene business and associating himself with the Berry-Hall Company, wholesale dealers in teas and coffees. He had not yet found just the line of activity he desired, however, and in 1911 came his opportunity to become the owner of a well established business. In that year he purchased the undertaking business of John R. Kelley, who was located at No. 17 North Champlain Street, and for eleven years he continued the business in that location. In 1922 he

purchased the property at No. 71 Cherry Street, corner of Pine Street, the old John Mathews homestead, and this he has transformed into a modern, attractive, and thoroughly well equipped funeral home. The John R. Kelley business was an old one which had been in existence since 1880, a period of thirty-one years at the time of its purchase by Mr. Dwyer, and many of its patrons are members of families which have been served by this business during all those years, when the loss of loved ones made such service necessary. Mr. Dwyer has established a reputation for tactful and skillful management of funerals, for square business dealings, and for discretion and understanding in dealing with his patrons in their times of sorrow, and the years are steadily adding to his already large patronage.

Along with the successful management of his business Mr. Dwyer has also found time for a considerable amount of public service, having completed six years as a member of the board of commissioners of the city of Burlington, and six terms as a member of the board of aldermen. He is a member of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, and of the Knights of Columbus, and is well known as an able and progressive citizen who is a generous supporter of all measures planned for the advancement of the general welfare of the city.

Frank Joseph Dwyer was married, in 1903, to Margaret A. Fallon, daughter of James and Margaret (Fitzgerald) Fallon, and they are the parents of two daughters: 1. Mary C., who is a graduate of Georgian Court College, at Lakewood, New York. 2. Margaret Ursula, who is a graduate of the University of Vermont, class of 1928.

**ALBERT COX LAIRD**—In the business of life, accident, and health insurance there is little that is unknown to Albert Cox Laird, of Burlington, Vermont. He has been in the business for more than fourteen years, and prior to entering this field of business activity read law and served as deputy county clerk of Washington County. He attended Dartmouth College, and afterward served as reporter on the staff of the "Evening Argus," of Montpelier. At the present time (1928) he is district manager for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, located at Burlington, Vermont, and is also manager for the Mutual Benefit Health and Accident Association of Omaha, Nebraska, covering Vermont and New Hampshire.

Albert Cox Laird was born at Randolph, Maine, January 31, 1890, son of Fred L., a native of Marshfield, Vermont, and judge of the Municipal Court at Montpelier, Vermont, and of Nelly (Cox) Laird, the last mentioned of whom, in 1927 represented the city of Montpelier in the State House of Representatives and is a candidate for the State Senate in 1928. Mrs. Laird is a woman of more than average ability and has been active in political affairs for some years. Albert Cox Laird attended the public schools of Montpelier, including the high school, and then entered Dartmouth College, at Hanover, New Hampshire, with the class of 1913. He also began reading law before his college course was finished, continuing into the year of 1914, and during that time he also served as deputy county clerk for Washington County. In 1914 he entered the employ of the National Life Insurance Company of Montpelier, and later he located at Brattleboro, Vermont, where he sold insurance for the same company. In 1917 came the entrance of the United States into the World War, changing the plans, and in thousands of cases the life courses of so many of the young men of the country. Mr. Laird was one of those who enlisted early, in 1917, as a member of the Two Hundred and Twenty-third Aero Squadron, with which unit he served overseas for a period of eleven months, receiving his discharge June 30, 1919. Upon his return to civilian life he promptly entered the em-



ploy of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, in which connection he was located at Springfield, Massachusetts, from 1919 to 1922. In the last named year he came to Burlington as district manager in the employ of the same company, and in 1928 he also took over the management of the district which includes the States of New Hampshire and Vermont for the Mutual Benefit Health and Accident Association of Omaha, Nebraska. Since that time he has been successfully handling both managerships and is rendering effective service to both companies. He is a member of Brattleboro Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; and of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon general law fraternity; also of the Ethan Allen Club.

Albert Cox Laird was married, in 1920, to Susan K. Knight, daughter of Frank C. Knight, of Brimfield, Massachusetts, and they have four children: 1. Helen Irene. 2. Albert, Jr. 3. Royden Cheney. 4. Nellie Cox. Mr. Laird has his offices at No. 188 Main Street, and the family home is located at No. 60 Adams Street, in Burlington.

**GEORGE JOSEPH LUMBRA**—As president and treasurer of the Champlain Valley Fruit Company, Incorporated, George Joseph Lumbra is well known to business men in the northern section of the State of Vermont. The concern was organized in March, 1915, and buys goods from all parts of the United States, handling about five hundred car loads of stuff annually and distributing throughout northern Vermont and a part of New York State. Twenty years ago Mr. Lumbra entered the employ of the Northern Provisions Company, of Burlington, as office assistant and stenographer. Now (1928) he is president and treasurer of one of the big concerns of this part of the State and is annually increasing the volume of his business, which is located at No. 243 South Champlain Street, in Burlington.

George Joseph Lumbra was born in Montgomery Centre, Vermont, January 22, 1892, son of Ephraim and Alma (Touchette) Lumbra, both natives of Montgomery Centre and members of families which settled in Vermont as pioneer farmers. The father had charge of the Nelson-Hall butter tub department at Montgomery Centre and was also engaged in farming. Mr. Lumbra attended the local public schools completing the grammar grades, and then entered Burlington Business College, where he took courses in all the commercial branches, but he later took courses in accountancy with the International Correspondence School, of Scranton, Pennsylvania, and also the Alexander Hamilton Institute course. In 1908 he entered the employ of the Northern Provision Company, of Burlington, as office assistant and stenographer, and continued in that position until 1912. In that year the Northern Produce Company succeeded to the produce business of the above mentioned concern and Mr. Lumbra continued with that organization until it went out of business in 1915. In March, 1915, Mr. Lumbra was one of the organizers of the Champlain Valley Fruit Company, Incorporated, of which he was made secretary. Later, he purchased the interests of the other members of the concern and at the present time (1928) he is president and treasurer of the corporation. The concern buys fruits, vegetables, and canned goods from all parts of the country, averaging about five hundred car loads per year, and distributes throughout the northern half of this State and in portions of New York State. Mr. Lumbra has long ago established a reputation for reliability and for prompt service, and he is one of the men of the city whose success has been well earned. Ability, initiative, and close attention to business have brought him substantial rewards and have placed him among the successful business men of the city of Burlington. Mr. Lumbra is a member of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, in the affairs of which he takes an active interest, of the Burlington Rotary Club,

and of the Knights of Columbus, and his religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic Church of St. Anthony. Politically, he supports the candidates of the Republican party.

George Joseph Lumbra was married, in 1912, to Marion Thomas, daughter of Napoleon Thomas, of Burlington, Vermont, and they have two sons: 1. Thomas, aged thirteen years (1928). 2. Donald, aged twenty months.

**MARSHALL MAXWELL TATRO**—Throughout his long and notable business career, Marshall Maxwell Tatro has been connected only with one firm, the Singer Sewing Machine Company. Entering their employ as a very young man he rendered such outstanding service in the various positions which he was called upon to fill, that he was rapidly advanced to high executive positions which he filled with the greatest ability, until a breakdown in his health forced him to retire to his beautiful summer home in Concord, Vermont, where he is now living. In recognition and appreciation of his services, his company refused to accept his resignation, and he is officially on indefinite leave of absence until such time as his health will permit him to take up his duties again.

Mr. Tatro was born in the town of Pigeon Hill, just on the boundary line in the Province of Quebec. He was educated in local district schools and preparatory schools, also attending Phillipsburg Academy, and while still a child came with his parents to Vermont. When he completed his academic training, Mr. Tatro entered the employ of the Singer Manufacturing Company, as the firm was then called, becoming a representative of the company in the State of Vermont, and through the hardest kind of work achieved a record which won the highest commendation from his superior officers. His success was all the more noteworthy because he was still at the time a very young man. In a short time he was promoted and took charge of the business at Biddeford, Maine, the section around Dover, New Hampshire, being added to his territory some time later. Mr. Tatro always gave his best efforts to his company, working as loyally and as tirelessly as if the business was his own, and again his efforts were rewarded with advancement as he took up his headquarters at Portland, Maine, in complete charge of the company's affairs in most of Maine and New Hampshire. He continued to attract the favorable attention of his executive officers and he became, first, supervisor of agents in the State of Maine, and was then chosen general agent, having charge of the New England States with headquarters at Boston. While Mr. Tatro was still in that position, he was made assistant to the vice-president of the Singer Sewing Machine Company of New York, and soon took up his work in the executive offices, promoting and supervising the work of general agents and new agents traveling through the West, New England, and a large part of Canada. Finally he was appointed general agent of the Chicago territory, including most of the Middle West, and in this position he remained with the greatest success until 1923, when because of his strenuous labors in behalf of his company his health broke down completely and his doctors ordered immediate retirement. Mr. Tatro's resignation, however, was returned to him unaccepted and he left in his quest for renewed health with his company's best wishes for a speedy return.

Mr. Tatro has owned his beautiful Vermont estate for thirty years, and Green Mountain Hall, as it is called, situated on the Roosevelt Highway halfway between St. Johnsbury and Concord is well known in this vicinity. It was to this beautiful spot that he retired, and here in the healthful outdoors, doing just enough improving work around his place to keep him occupied, Mr. Tatro is slowly recovering the original soundness of his constitution and gaining renewed energy.

Although his busy life has prevented much active par-



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ticipation in civic affairs, Mr. Tatro has always maintained an interest in their progress, and has frequently contributed to worthy enterprises of this sort as well as to purely benevolent movements. In politics he supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party, while he is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons. In the work of this great order he has been very active, holding membership in all bodies of the York and Scottish Rites.

Marshall Maxwell Tatro has been twice married, (first) to Hepsibeth (Miltimore) Jones, daughter of William and Hepsibeth (Dufur) Miltimore and widow of Envile Jones. By her first marriage, Mrs. Tatro was the mother of one daughter, Eldie, now the wife of Chancey A. Miltimore, and this child Mr. Tatro brought up in his home with all loving affection although he never legally adopted her. Mrs. Tatro died in 1922, leaving a child of this second marriage, Cleona H. Tatro, who is now the wife of Dr. H. H. Miltimore of St. Johnsbury, Vermont. Mr. Tatro married (second) Hazel E. Black, his secretary for twenty-three years, who was born in Chicago, a daughter of John and Emily (Blachford) Black. Of Scotch and English ancestry, her mother and grandmother were both born on the Island of St. Helena, to which Napoleon was exiled by the English government. On that island the English built a house of forty-five rooms, known as the Longwood, which Napoleon was to occupy, but before it was completed he died at his first residence known as the Briars. For some time thereafter the Longwood stood vacant, but then Mrs. Tatro's grandfather, who had fought in the battle of Waterloo, leased it from the government for a period of seventeen years, and here his descendants were born. A second lease of the same period was secured upon the expiration of the first, so that for many years the home built for the great commander remained in the possession of the family. Mrs. Tatro has been a constant source of aid and inspiration to her husband in all his activities. She is a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church.

**WALTER VERNON MacARTHUR**—Among the younger executives, but who may be counted as of the substantial citizens of Burlington and one who has won the genuine esteem of his fellows, Mr. MacArthur was originally from Prince Edward Island, Canada, as was his father before him. He was born there January 20, 1892, at Charlottetown, a son of George and Mary (Martin) MacArthur, both of whom were born there. The family moved to Boston, Massachusetts, when he was a small child, his father opening a restaurant there and dying while still a young man, in 1898. The family then moved to Newton, a suburb of Boston, and Walter Vernon MacArthur attended school there graduating with the high school class of 1908. He then came to Vermont and took over a farm at Alburg in Grand Isle County, which he conducted for ten years until, in fact, the World War caused most of the young men of the country to throw over all considerations of matters outside of the great conflict. He enlisted in 1918 and was sent overseas with the Three Hundred and Thirty-sixth Battalion, Light Tank Corps, and saw active service at the St. Mihiel sector. He received his honorable discharge, with rank of sergeant at Camp Devens, in 1919. From the fall of 1919 to 1922, he held a position as night superintendent of the Vermont Milk Chocolate Company and from 1922 to 1927 was in the employ of the Charles P. Smith Company, Inc., in a managerial capacity, dealers in Ford and Lincoln cars. In 1927 he became manager of the Chilton Paint Company, distributors in Vermont of Chilton paints. Mr. MacArthur takes an interest in politics and gives his vote and influence to the Republican party. He is a member of the First Congregational Church which he and his family attend. He is a member of Alburg Columbus Lodge,

No. 11, Free and Accepted Masons, Grand Island County Hill Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

Walter Vernon MacArthur is married to Sarah M. Hall, a daughter of Allen M. Hall of Isle La Motte, and there are two children: Claire E. and Walter Vernon, Jr.

**HERMAN MACHANIC** has settled into the active business structure of Burlington with entire satisfaction to himself, seemingly, and to the community at large. His business, the Vermont Cleansing Company, has occupied an outstanding position in the commercial world since its inception in 1923 and its growth is increasing yearly. His father was engaged in the cleansing and dyeing business in Brooklyn, and removed to Montpelier and later to Burlington where he settled and where the children grew up and were educated.

After finishing at the high school, Herman Machanic entered the University of Vermont, graduating from that institution with the class of 1918 with a degree of Bachelor of Science, specializing in chemistry with particular bearing on the action of dyes on textiles. To carry his researches to further conclusions, he went to Lowell, Massachusetts, and took a post-graduate course at the School of Textiles there. He then went into the employ of the E. I. du Pont and De Nemours Company in Delaware in the research department of their chemical laboratory devoting much time in experimental study. He remained there from 1918 to 1921. In 1923, feeling that he was ready to establish his own plant, he and his brother, Allen Machanic started the business, equipping their plant with every modern appliance and making it as far as apparatus and system is concerned, the equal of the best metropolitan plants of this character, and it has achieved prestige throughout the State.

Herman Machanic belongs to the Lions Club and is an active member of the National Association of Cleansers and Dyers, always in the van of enlightening research and new ideas of benefit to the trade.

**DELBERT WILLIAM McMAHON**—As general manager of the Hagar Hardware Company, of Burlington, Vermont, located at No. 98 Church Street, Delbert William McMahon is at the head of one of the well-known and well established business concerns of Burlington. He was educated in the public schools of this city and is a veteran of the World War.

Delbert William McMahon was born at Essex Junction, Vermont, September 26, 1897, son of Thomas, who was in the employ of the Central Vermont Railroad Company to the time of his death in 1912, at the age of fifty-four years, and of Clara (Lunt) McMahon, both natives of Chittenden County, Vermont, but of Scotch and Irish lineage, their ancestors having come to this section of Vermont as pioneer farmers. Mr. McMahon attended the public schools of Burlington until he was sixteen years of age, and then, in 1913, engaged in farming. In this line he continued until 1917, when the entrance of the United States into the World War called him away from his work. Like many thousands of young men all over this wide land he promptly responded to his country's call and was among the first to enlist, becoming, in 1917, a member of the Tank Corps of the Three Hundred and Fourth Battalion, United States Army, with which unit he served overseas until the close of the war, receiving his discharge in 1919, with the rank of first class private. In 1920 he entered the employ of the Hagar Hardware Company, of Burlington, as clerk, and his connection with this well known concern has been continued to the present time (1928), to the mutual advantage of Mr. McMahon and the company. In 1925 he was made general manager of the concern and in that capacity he is steadily contributing to the growth and prosperity of the enterprise. Integrity,



sound judgment, and close attention to the business in hand are bringing liberal returns in the way of progress for the business of the Hagar Hardware Company and personal success for the general manager, and each year is adding to the already large patronage of the concern. The company handles all the general lines of the hardware business, carrying a full stock of first class goods, and has established a wide-spread reputation for reliability. Mr. McMahon is a member of Washington Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; and of the American Legion, and his religious affiliation is with the First Congregational Church. He is well liked among his many business and social associates, and is known as a public-spirited citizen, who prefers to serve his fellows as a private citizen rather than in public office.

Delbert William McMahon was married, in 1927, to Helen Dimon, daughter of Judson Dimon, of Highgate Centre, Vermont, and they make their home at No. 225 Maple Street, in Burlington.

**ROBERT MORROW**—In the State of Vermont the National Cash Register Company is represented by Robert Morrow, district manager, who directs the work of six representatives covering the State. Mr. Morrow is a graduate of Manchester, New Hampshire, High School and completed a year's course in electrical engineering in Norwich University, entering the employ of the National Cash Register Company in 1912. He is also a veteran of the World War.

Robert Morrow was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, March 29, 1891, son of Robert and Hattie (Hadley) Morrow, the first mentioned of whom was a native of Massachusetts and a mill operator by occupation. The maternal grandparents were natives of Vermont, pioneer farmers of Orange County, and highly respected in the communities in which they lived. Mr. Morrow attended the public schools of Manchester, graduating from Manchester High School with the class of 1911, and then entered Norwich University, at Northfield, Vermont, where he completed a one year course in electrical engineering in the spring of 1912. In that same year he entered the employ of the National Cash Register Company, at Dayton, Ohio, and since that time he has continued to represent that concern, in various capacities and in different localities. In 1925 he was transferred to Burlington as district sales manager for the State of Vermont, and since that time he has been efficiently representing the company here, with headquarters at Burlington. The Company's show and sales room at No. 153 Cherry Street is well equipped and thoroughly well taken care of and is doing a thriving business. Mr. Morrow directs the activities of six representatives scattered throughout the State and his work as district sales manager has proved most gratifying to the company and advantageous to Mr. Morrow. The Burlington branch of the National Cash Register Company was established about 1900, and has therefore been developing for more than a quarter of a century, but under Mr. Morrow's wise management great gains have been made in the past three years. In 1917 Mr. Morrow enlisted for service in the World War, becoming a member of the radio department of the Aviation Corps, in which he served during 1917-1918, ranking as second lieutenant at the close of the conflict. Politically, he gives his support to the principles of the Republican party. He is a member of Lafayette Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Manchester, New Hampshire; and Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 11, Royal Arch Masons; also of the American Legion, the Sons of Veterans, and the Burlington Country Club, also of the National Cash Register Travelers' Association.

Robert Morrow was married, in 1920, to Grace M. Heath, daughter of Andrew S. Heath, of Manchester, New Hampshire, and they make their home at No. 375 South Winooski Avenue, in Burlington.

**CLOISE CHARLES MURRAY**—A capable and dependable representative of the best business interests of Burlington, Mr. Murray has a standing in the community of considerable importance. The vice-president of the old established firm of W. E. Greene Company, dealers in oils and paints, his business contacts have been with the men who have had a part in the physical construction of the prosperity of the city of Burlington.

Mr. Murray was born January 5, 1880, at Middlebury, a son of Nelson and Sarah (Myler) Murray, both of whom belong to native Vermont families. His elementary education was in the public schools, and he attended the Kimball Union Academy at Meriden, New Hampshire, with the class of 1901. In 1908 he came to Burlington to enter the W. E. Greene Company and has remained there ever since, succeeding Henry Howard Shufelt, as vice-president when that gentleman was made president of the company and long serving upon its board of directors, in fact, since 1915. Mr. Murray belongs to the Burlington Chamber of Commerce in which he takes an active interest and is a member of the United Commercial Travellers Association, a Republican in his political affiliations and a member of the Congregational Church. He is high in Masonry, being a member of Charity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Bradford; Mount Lebanon Chapter Royal Arch Masons; Burlington Council, Royal and Select Masters, of St. Johnsbury; Palestine Commandery, Knights Templar; Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Montpelier.

In May, 1908, Mr. Murray married Madie A. MacQuivey, a daughter of Irvin and Eliza MacQuivey, of Ripton, Vermont, and they have a daughter named Helen Elizabeth.

**WALTER A. MYERS**—Publicity leader in many campaigns, and advertising writer of national activity, Mr. Myers is a vital feature of the commercial texture of Burlington. He was born in Pennsylvania, at McVeytown, February 13, 1886, the son of Ruben T. and Phyllis (Bashore) Myers. His father was a clergyman of the Baptist Church and died in 1927 at the age of eighty-seven, after a long and useful life given to the ministry.

Mr. Myers attended the schools of McVeytown and after finishing at the high school at that place, went to Juniata College, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, specializing in advertising and publicity and graduating in 1905. The following year he went to Philadelphia to start his business career and in 1910 came to Burlington as treasurer of the Hays Advertising Agency. Later he became its president and in 1928, full owner. Some decisive work has been done by Mr. Myers in creating and handling national campaigns for many New England and New York industries, for the past twenty years. He has also done much important publicity for the State of Vermont, since the creating of the State's Bureau of Publicity in 1910. Mr. Myers is a Mason and a Republican in politics, and a member of the Ethan Allen Club.

In March, 1910, Walter A. Myers married Louise M. Higbee of Philadelphia, and they have three children: Norman H., William H., and Elizabeth.

**GEORGE H. MYLKES**—The business headed by Mr. Mylkes is one which has stood the test of half a century of service in the Burlington Community, since 1919 under his proprietorship. Although Mr. Mylkes is a native New Yorker by birth, he has lived and given the best of his energies to his adopted home since 1901. He was born November 25, 1875, at South Butler, New York, son of Benjamin L. and Sarah (Smith) Mylkes, the former born in Rome, New York, and the latter, a native of Sterling, Province of Ontario, Canada. His father was a contractor and builder. Mr. Mylkes attended school at Sterling and after going through the high school, entered Belleville College, graduating from







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there with the class of 1894. Rochester, New York, was the scene of his first commercial endeavors, going into a department store in that city and remaining there until he came to Burlington, to enter the large emporium owned by C. G. Peterson, who had founded it in 1877, dealing largely in crockery and glassware. In 1919, upon the death of Mr. Peterson, Mr. Mylkes assumed control of the business and it has since been absorbed under its present owner's name and developed into a widely known organization. An antique department has been added and contracts for interiors are filled artistically and with knowledgeable skill. From these orders for interior decorating for hotels and homes, the acquiring of antiques and characteristic American furniture is a natural outcome, and with the fertile field to draw from throughout the Vermont countryside of early colonial furniture and early glass and pewters, Mr. Mylkes has made himself known, not only to the local lovers of Americana, but to the antiquarians farther afield.

Mr. Mylkes belongs to the Burlington Chamber of Commerce and has been on its board of directors since its inception and has always taken an active part in carrying out the constructive policy of this body which plays such an important part in the material prosperity of the city. He is a Mason, a member of Washington Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Burlington Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Burlington Council, Royal and Select Masters; Burlington Commandery, Knights Templar.

George H. Mylkes married, June 17, 1903, Lucia Day Peterson, daughter of Charles G. Peterson, his first employer with whom he had so long and pleasant an association. Their children are: 1. Zerelda, married to Paul Rider of Manchester, New Hampshire. 2. Marcia, the wife of Lieutenant Conrad G. Follansbee of the United States Army, now stationed at Fort Ethan Allen. 3. Reginald G., who is attached to his father's firm in the capacity of assistant manager. 4. Neola, who is in attendance at Manchester, New Hampshire, High School.

**FRANK JAMES PRESTON**—Since 1840, a period of eighty-eight years, the branch of the Preston family to which Frank James Preston belongs has been engaged in the jewelry business in the State of Vermont, each generation learning from the preceding one and adding to the knowledge and skill so acquired, then passing on its treasure to the next generation. Under the name of F. J. Preston & Son, located at No. 17 Church Street, in Burlington, Frank James Preston and his sons, Will and Gerald, are carrying on the family business and the family tradition, the first mentioned son as a jeweler and Gerald as an optometrist. Frank James Preston is a musician as well as a business man and for more than a decade was pianist at the Strong Theatre here in Burlington. He is a member of the Burlington Military Band and of the Burlington Symphony Orchestra, and is well known here both as business man and as musician.

Frank James Preston was born at Castleton, Vermont, December 15, 1867, son of Lafayette W., who was born in New Hampshire, and of Clarissa (Sanford) Preston, a native of this State. The father followed the business of his father and conducted a jewelry concern at Castleton to the time of his death in 1885, at the age of sixty-one years. Frank James Preston, after attending the local public schools, learned the jewelry business with his father and brothers, and from 1892 to 1897 was engaged in the jewelry business in Keeseville, New York. But the family aptitude and preference for the jewelry business was not his only strongly marked trait. From early boyhood he gave evidence of musical ability, and from 1897 to 1905 he was pianist for various circuit theatrical troupes. In 1905 he came to Burlington and entered the employ of Nelson Bero, jeweler, but in that same year he also became pianist at the Strong Theatre here, thus continuing his musical activities along with his business interest. In 1912 he engaged in the jewelry

business for himself here in Burlington, locating at No. 17 Church Street, and in 1914 his son Will was admitted to partnership under the firm name of F. J. Preston & Son. Mr. Preston continued as pianist at the Strong Theatre until 1917, completing a period of twelve years of service in that connection, and he still retains his interest in musical affairs as a member of the Burlington Military Band and of the Burlington Symphony Orchestra. He is also a member of the Vermont Retail Jewelers' Association and of the Rotary Club.

Frank James Preston was married, in 1891, to Linnie May Mace, daughter of Walter S. and Mary E. (Fuller) Mace, of Clintonville, New York, and they became the parents of six children: 1. Walter. 2. William, who is associated with his father in the retail jewelry business of F. J. Preston & Son, is a member of the Burlington Country Club, the Ethan Allen Club, the Exchange Club, Lake Champlain Yacht Club, the Green Mountain Club, and the Vermont Retail Jewelers' Association, also of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. 3. Pauline, wife of Perley M. Stoughton. 4. Gerald F., a graduate of Columbia University, New York City, where he completed the course in optometry, conducts the optometrical department in the F. J. Preston & Son retail jewelry store. 5. Marion C., who is a graduate of the University of Vermont. 6. Charles L., who is engaged in farming at Keeseville, New York. The family home is located at No. 50 Park Street, in Burlington.

#### **BIRD JOSEPH ARTHUR BOMBARD, M. D.—**

For more than a score of years, comprising nearly the whole of his professional record, Dr. Bird Joseph Arthur Bombard has practiced medicine and surgery in the city of Burlington. He has become a foremost figure in the profession, well known throughout New England, not alone for his skill in practice, but fraternally as well. He is, aside from the profession, a foremost citizen of Burlington, and through the tenure of his residence here has contributed liberally to movements designed for the public welfare and happiness.

Some men appear destined for large positions, regardless of surroundings; and one such is Dr. Bombard. Had he chosen another city for the field of his operations, larger or smaller, without doubt his success at the profession would have been equally considerable. Burlington, singularly fortunate in the personnel of its medical profession, has cause for appreciation in his record. This record, much curtailed, is here presented. Dr. Bombard was born May 11, 1883, at Ausable Forks, New York, son of Moses A. and Amelia (Sawyer) Bombard, both of whom were born in New York State. His father, who is now (this is written in 1928) aged ninety years, is a veteran of the Civil War. Formerly, for many years, he engaged at farming, but at present finds himself in retirement.

In the public schools of Keeseville, New York, Dr. Bombard secured his elementary and secondary academic instruction, afterward attending St. Theresa Seminary, of Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Meanwhile his taste for medicine as a life's work increased undeniably, and, accordingly, he matriculated in the University of Vermont, became a student in the College of Medicine, and from it took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1905, having specialized in surgery, which field has been his special one in actual practice during the years that have followed. After leaving the State university he took special post-graduate courses under the Mayos, of Rochester, Minnesota, at the Royal Victoria Hospital of Montreal, and at Boston City Hospital, of Boston, Massachusetts, and he has just returned from a post-graduate course in Paris.

Dr. Bombard commenced in the practice of his profession September 1, 1905, at Swanton, Vermont, but realizing that fuller opportunities awaited him in a larger center came to Burlington, February 1, 1906, on



which date he opened his offices here, and since which time he has practiced with ever mounting prestige among confreres. He is attending surgeon at Bishop de Goesbriand Hospital, Memorial Hospital, and assistant surgeon at Mary Fletcher and Fanny Allen Hospitals. He is attending physician at St. Joseph's Orphanage, chairman of the Board of Examiners, City of Burlington; State medical director, Modern Woodmen of America; and member of the Burlington and Chittenden County Medical Society (of which he is past president), the Vermont State Medical Society, and American Medical Association. Fraternally Dr. Bombard is affiliated non-professionally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Union of St. Jean Baptiste d'Amérique. He belongs to the Lions Club and to the Ethan Allen Club of Burlington, being active in these organizations, and is a communicant of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. In the general affairs of Burlington, Dr. Bombard has interested himself consistently. As alderman from the Sixth Ward of Burlington he served in 1907-08, and from 1918 to 1925, by appointment, was chairman of the City Board of Health. During the period of America's participation in the World War he was of assistance in the campaigns of patriotic appeal, particularly in those of the Red Cross, Liberty Loan and War Savings Stamps.

Dr. Bombard married, in 1907, Lucille Anna Courcy, daughter of Peter M. Courcy, of Burlington. Their children are: 1. Ruth Anita. 2. Clarence Edward. 3. John Robert. 4. Shirley. The residence is at No. 24 Orchard Terrace, Burlington.

**HOWARD HENRY SHUFELT**—As president of the W. E. Greene Company, dealers in paints and oils, Mr. Shufelt is one of the busy and prominent executives of Burlington. Much of his business career has been spent in the upbuilding of this company, through his long service with it and, at this time, the organization counts as one of the pillars of commercial Burlington, and its president one of the stable merchants of the city.

Mr. Shufelt was born March 29, 1867, at St. Sebastian, Province of Quebec in Canada, the son of Joseph Peter and Nancy Salvina (Greene) Shufelt, both of whom are natives of the Province of Quebec. Mr. Shufelt, the elder, inherited the farm of his father, who had gone to Canada from New York City when the pioneer days of the province were young, and the prosperity of a farm was something to create from a wilderness. Howard Henry Shufelt grew up on the farm, helping his father during the busy agricultural seasons and getting his early education, as did the other boys of the district, at the public school when farm work was at least arduous. He received his higher education at the Knowlton Academy, graduating from there in 1885 and, at the age of eighteen, went to work for the Dominion Express Company, remaining there until 1897. He then came to Burlington and went into the employ of W. E. Greene, who had established his firm of paint and oil dealers, in 1888. In 1903, the business underwent incorporation and became the W. E. Greene Company, with Mr. Shufelt as its vice-president and, a few years later, in 1918 when the head of the organization, Mr. Greene passed away, he was chosen as its president and has been its dominant influence ever since.

One may say of Mr. Shufelt that none have proved of better citizenship, nor of more commercial value to the community than this adopted townsman. Mr. Shufelt is a Republican by political conviction supporting the party's candidates and principles at all times, and a Unitarian by church affiliations. He is a member of the Lake Champlain Yacht Club and the Ethan Allen Club. He is prominently identified with Masonry, being a member of the Washington Lodge, No. 3, of the Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master; Past

High Priest, Burlington Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; thrice Illustrious Master of Council of Royal and Select Masters; Past Eminent Commander, Knights Templar; Past Officer of all the Scottish Rite bodies, and Past Commander in Chief of the thirty-second degree; and a member of Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In 1924 the honor was conferred upon him of being crowned a thirty-third degree Mason in Boston.

Howard Henry Shufelt was married in 1899 to Christine G. Allen, daughter of John Allen. They have one son, Clarence, who is associated with his father in the W. E. Greene Company, as secretary of the organization.

**RICHARD OSCAR ST. JOHN**—In his plant at 168 Intervale Avenue, Burlington, Richard Oscar St. John has developed a general automobile body building and improving business the product of which is well known among automobile men. Associated with him in the business is his son, Philip Oscar.

Born in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, May 16, 1870, Mr. St. John is the son of Frank St. John, who had come from Buffalo, New York, and Adelina (St. Germaine) St. John, whose people had been among the early French settlers in the province. The father engaged in the lumbering business until his death in 1874 at the age of forty-nine years. The subject of this sketch was educated in the Montreal public schools and upon completion of his high school course, became an apprentice to learn the tinsmith trade. He went to Plattsburg, New York, while associated with the Williams Sewing Machine Company and there became interested in the automobile business, beginning work as a metal-man and body builder in 1898. This particular line has been his specialty ever since that time. In Plattsburg Mr. St. John was with the Lozier Automobile Company until 1909 when he came to Burlington to work with Blodgett & Company. He remained in the metal department of this concern until 1925 when he returned to automobile body building, establishing his own plant on Intervale Avenue. Both Mr. St. John and the son who is his business partner are members of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce and both also are Modern Woodmen of America. They are affiliated with the Episcopal church. The elder Mr. St. John has a military record to his credit, serving in the Canadian Volunteer Infantry during the Riel Rebellion in western Canada in 1882.

Mr. St. John married Louise Rabideau in 1889, and of this marriage the three children were: 1. Richard, deceased. 2. Oliver, in the automobile business in Schenectady, New York. 3. Evelyn, who is the wife of Gordon W. Southall of Burlington. He married a second time in 1901, Bertha Harrison of Keeseville, New York. They have a son and daughter: 4. Philip Oscar, in business with his father. 5. Bertha.

**ARTHUR ERASTUS WOOD**—Of Vermont birth on both sides of a family long and honorably known in the State, Mr. Wood may be listed as one of the good business assets of the city to which he has given his best energies. Born in Georgia, Franklin County, November 21, 1884, he is a son of Ebenezer A. and Delia (Cushman) Wood. Both father and mother are Vermont born of pioneer ancestry that dates back to the "Mayflower," and his grandfather, Henry L. Wood, born in 1882, was owner and active operator, of the Miltonborough Cheese factory up to the day of his death, at the age of eighty.

Mr. Wood attended the local school of Georgia through his preliminary schooling and then went to St. Albans, a few miles away, for high school. He then went into the department store of H. W. Allen, which has since been changed to the F. D. Abernathy Company, of Burlington, and has remained in this city practically ever since, with a brief incursion into New York State with a



wholesale dry goods firm, and a few months with the General Electric Company in that State. Mr. Wood is now the assistant manager of the Chilton Paint Company, one of the stable industries of Burlington. A few years ago, his father bought the old historic building, which has been known as the Worcester School since it was built in 1850 as a boarding school, and has conducted a pleasant and homey rooming house there. Mr. Wood is actively interested in fraternal life and belongs to the Morning Sun Lodge, No. 5, Free and Accepted Masons; the Green Mountain Lodge, No. 1, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and the Champlain Lodge, No. 7, Knights of Pythias. Politically, he supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party.

In January, 1913, Arthur Erastus Wood was married to Ethel L. Drew, daughter of Homer Drew, of Burlington.

**FREDERICK C. ADAMS**—From the public schools of Brattleboro, where he completed his high school work in 1896, Frederick C. Adams entered the service of the Peoples National Bank as a clerk, rising, through all grades, to become an officer of the institution within a comparatively brief period. It is this sort of material out of which are molded the progressive business men of Vermont, men whose names have become nationally famous and which have in many instances been written high on the scroll of honor and accomplishment. No accident marks this advance in a community where there is an army of capable material on the firing line of competitive activity. Success means the application of talent and industry, honesty and ambition, perspicacity and alertness to a full degree, all of which were brought to bear by Mr. Adams during his busy life. These attributes and a nature of great friendliness have been the means of making for him a host of friends, whose fidelity he retains. The State of his nativity feels a just pride in such citizens, who are the making of a progressive commonwealth.

He was born in Brattleboro, January 31, 1879, a son of Leroy F. Adams, a member of the grain dealing firm of E. Crosby & Company, of Brattleboro, until his death in 1910, and of Ella H. (Crosby) Adams, of this city, who died in 1890. He completed the elementary and high school courses in the public schools of Brattleboro and in 1896 became an employe of the Peoples National Bank. Nineteen years later he was assistant cashier of the institution but soon resigned, to accept the position of treasurer of the Vermont Savings Bank of Brattleboro. He is a director and treasurer of the Valley Fair Corporation and president of the board of trustees of the Brattleboro Public Library. In politics he is a Republican and in religion a Congregationalist. Skilled in music, he is a fine vocalist and in his recreational periods plays a good game of golf. He is a member of Brattleboro Lodge, No. 102, Free and Accepted Masons; Fort Dummer Chapter, No. 12, Royal Arch Masons; Beauseant Commandery, Knights Templar, of which he is a Past Commander, and other Masonic bodies. His club memberships include the Brattleboro and the Brattleboro Country.

Frederick C. Adams married, in 1902, Marion Ruth Hunt, of Brattleboro, Vermont. Their children are: Lyman Crosby, a graduate of Worcester Polytechnic Institute, class of 1928, and Eleanor Ruth, a graduate of Brattleboro High School, class of 1928.

**IRWIN C. BRADLEY**—The C. E. Bradley Corporation of Brattleboro, said to be the world's largest manufacturers of pen holders and beyond question one of the dominant industries in the State of Vermont, was founded in 1870 by H. F. Bradley, grandfather of Irwin C. Bradley. Its origin was in Cummington, Massachusetts, where the business was carried forward through

many years. It was there, in Cummington, that Charles Edward Bradley, father of Irwin C. Bradley, assumed the presidency of the enterprise. Charles Edward Bradley was a native of Cummington, and lived until 1914, having been president of the company at that time. After he had conducted its affairs in Cummington several years he removed the plant and offices to Worthington, Massachusetts, where it was established in 1914. Upon his father's death, Irwin C. Bradley, of the third generation to control the enterprise, removed the company to Putney, Vermont (1916). In 1918 he removed once more to Brattleboro, and here has developed it to a degree perhaps never dreamed possible by his father and grandfather. The company employs one hundred and seventy-five workers, on an average, the entire year, producing more than a million wood turnings weekly. It is the fifth largest wood turning enterprise in the United States. Officers, aside from Irwin C. Bradley as president, are: Franklin Richard Bradley, treasurer, and Joseph D. Hale, secretary. Plant and offices are located on Elliot Street, Brattleboro.

Irwin C. Bradley, son of Charles Edward and Jennie (Irwin) Bradley (his mother native of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, survives to the present, 1928), was born in Cummington, Massachusetts, April 20, 1884. He became associated with his father, in 1905. Charles Edward Bradley died in 1914, after which Irwin C. Bradley assumed charge and, as noted, since 1914 has been president of the C. E. Bradley Corporation. The business was incorporated in 1916.

Fraternally, he is a member of Golden Rule Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Putney, Vermont, being affiliated with all bodies, in both the York and Scottish rites, and belonging to Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Also, he is a member of Wantastiquet Lodge, No. 5, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His clubs include the Brattleboro, Brattleboro Country, New York Masonic; and he is a member of the Associated Industries of Vermont, further being on the executive board of the New England Branch, National Association of Wood Turners. Politically, Mr. Bradley supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party. He served one term on the school board, in the town of Worthington, Massachusetts, but since coming to Brattleboro has not accepted office. He attends All Souls' Church, and makes a hobby of fishing.

Mr. Bradley married, in 1907, Helen Marcellas, a native of Somerville, Massachusetts, and they have a son: Irwin C., Jr.

**HENRY C. CULVER**—Though still relatively young, Henry C. Culver has built up one of the important business enterprises at Brattleboro, Vermont, where he conducts a general electrical contracting business with a complete line of radio supplies and electrical appliances. In general he is regarded as one of the most able and progressive men of commerce in this part of the State, occupying high place in the community esteem as a public-spirited citizen.

Mr. Culver was born at Albany, New York, April 25, 1900, a son of DeWitt Clinton Culver, born at Salina, Ohio, and now retired from the lumber business, and of Alice (Wright) Culver, who was born at Townsend, Vermont. He attended the public schools of Albany and Ogdensburg, New York, and after graduation from the Ogdensburg High School, undertook the course of study at Wentworth Institute, from which he was graduated in 1921. When he completed his academic education, he began work in the employ of the New York Edison Company, serving for six months as a member of their testing department. At the end of this time he came to Brattleboro and here established an independent electrical contracting business, which was immediately successful as he won the complete confidence of the com-



munity, and to which he has since devoted all his time and attention. During the period since 1922 he has built up a highly prosperous enterprise, the volume of trade and the demand for his services constantly increasing, as the knowledge of his excellent work and materials spread throughout the surrounding territory. In addition to doing contracting work and carrying a complete line of radio and electrical equipment, Mr. Culver holds the "Nokol" oil burner agency for the territory of Windham County.

In politics Mr. Culver supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party, although personal fitness for office is an important qualification in his mind in his support of any candidate. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is a member of Columbia Lodge, No. 36, and of Fort Dummer Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. He is also a member of the Wentworth Institute Alumni Association; of the Brattleboro Club; of the Connecticut Valley Electric Association, and of the Green Mountain Electrical League. He has always been much interested in civic affairs, and has contributed liberally to worthy enterprises, both civic and benevolent.

In 1924, Henry C. Culver married Edith Emerson Adams, who was born in Brattleboro, Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Culver worship in the Congregational faith, attending Center Church of that denomination at Brattleboro.

**SANFORD A. DANIELS**—Among those children of Vermont who have had firm faith in the opportunities that exist everywhere for the individual who has the mentality and enterprise to grasp them, none has been more pleasingly rewarded than Sanford A. Daniels, of Brattleboro. There has been nothing of the meteoric in the progress of this citizen, yet his onward march has been marked by a solid development of the natural resources that present themselves to every alert mind. Dullards fail to profit by these opportunities and fancy their failures to be the result of a narrow horizon, whereas such men as Mr. Daniels are observant of the direction of the wind by every straw that is blown and nothing escapes them. Like the soldiers of the Flag, he never took a backward step, and today is one of the outstanding commercial successes of the district in which his talents have been put to use since he completed his academic education and entered the lists of business activity. He has shown himself to be an able business man, a fair competitor, a staunch friend and reputable citizen and a credit to his native State.

He was born in St. Albans, June 20, 1874, a son of Sanford S., a brick mason and a native of Fairfax, deceased in 1875, and of Flora Amelia (Smith) Daniels, born at Abbott's Corner, Canada, deceased. He attended the public schools of Franklin, Vermont, and Brigham Academy, after which he entered the employ of the Richardson-Twigg Company, of St. Albans, where he remained one year. Then coming to Brattleboro, he took employment with the Corser-Hidden Company, manufacturers of overalls, two years later entering the employment of the Brattleboro Overall Company. He remained with this enterprise for twelve years, becoming superintendent, resigning his post in 1903 to engage independently in the general insurance business. His offices are at No. 114 Main Street. Interesting himself in politics under the Republican banner, he was appointed postmaster, March 12, 1924, and reappointed, April 28, 1928. From 1914 until 1916 he served on the Workmen's Compensation Commission, appointed by Governor C. W. Gates, and in 1916 was appointed by Governor H. F. Graham to fill the unexpired term of Herman E. Eddy, State Senator, deceased. In 1918 he was elected to the State Senate for the two year term. During the participation of the United States in

the World War he served as fuel administrator for Brattleboro, was chairman of the four-minute speakers here and a member of the Legal Advisory Board. He is a director of the Fort Dummer Mills, of Hotel Brooks, Incorporated; trustee of the Green Mountains Mutual Fire Insurance Company, trustee of the Kurn Hattin Home for Boys and Girls, at Westminster and Saxton's River, and for eight years served as a member of the Board of Managers of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Church. From 1924 to 1928 he was on the world service commission, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for fifteen years has been secretary of the Laymen's Association of the Vermont Conference, and a delegate to the General Conferences of 1916, 1920 and 1924. In Masonry he holds the eighteenth degree and is affiliated with the Columbian Lodge, No. 36, Free and Accepted Masons; Fort Dummer Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Beauseant Commandery, Knights Templar. He is Past Master of his lodge and has served as District Deputy Grand Master, and Past Grand Senior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Vermont. He also belongs to Wanstiquet Lodge, No. 5, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Oasis Encampment, No. 5, Improved Order of Red Men. He belongs to the Brattleboro Club.

Sanford A. Daniels married, in 1902, Viola May Plimpton, of Brattleboro, Vermont. Their children are: Esther May, Hazel Flora, and Florence M.

**HARRY BURTON AMEY**—In the world of jurisprudence in Vermont, the figure of Harry Burton Amey stands out pre-eminent. Born December 21, 1868, in Pittsburgh, New Hampshire, Vermont is not able to claim him as native-born, but the middle and latter part of his life has been actively a part of that State, whose best interests he has been proud to have served and which has in turn given him honors and acclaim. His father was John Tillatson Amey and his mother, Emily (Haynes) Amey, the latter born in Pittsburgh, New Hampshire. Her father was a man of prominence, an officer of the government of what was called the "smallest republic," that of the Territory of Indian Stream, which later became a part of the United States, before which time Timothy N. Haynes took a leading part in its affairs. John Tillatson Amey settled in New Hampshire in 1850 and became a farmer and educator and a figure of consequence in the earlier settlement life.

His son, Harry Burton Amey was educated through his younger days at the district school of Pittsburgh and later went to Lancaster Academy where he graduated in 1890 and then to Dartmouth College, where he graduated with the class of 1894, with his degree of Bachelor of Arts. Always a keen scholar, like his father, he taught school, reading law at the same time, and was admitted to the bar of New Hampshire in July, 1898. His career from then on was one of rapid achievement. He practiced law at Milton, New Hampshire, from 1898 to 1902; at Island Pond from 1902 to 1912; became attorney for the Central Vermont Railway in 1911, holding this office until 1914, living at St. Albans during this time; was made State's Attorney for Essex County for three terms, 1904, 1910 and 1912; attorney for the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada from 1902 to 1914 and United States Attorney by Federal appointment in July, 1923, an office he has held ever since, with his principal office at Burlington, Vermont. In 1910, Mr. Amey represented Brighton, Vermont, in the State Legislature and was Senator for Essex County in 1919. While practicing law at Island Pond, Mr. Amey became largely interested in timber lands and has bought and sold numerous large tracts involving thousands of acres. He has pursued this occupation successfully to the present time. Mr. Amey has had a life full of honors and achievement, and one devoted to the best interests of his adopted State. He has shown a diplomatic attitude of



Harry B. Amey





mind through difficult situations and made a mark upon any association with which he was connected.

Mr. Amey is a member of the Vermont and New Hampshire Historical Societies being keenly interested in the genealogical study of our colonial days. He is a Phi Delta Theta; a Free and Accepted Mason; member of Barton Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Newport Commandery, Knights Templar; Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Montpelier. He enjoys his country home to the fullest for he is an ardent lover of the great out-of-doors and a keen disciple of the sport of angling.

Harry Burton Amey was married at Charleston, Vermont, in March, 1898, to Grace A., a daughter of William H. Norton, who was an officer in Colonel Proctor's regiment of Civil War fame. At first a lieutenant, he was mustered out a captain. Mr. and Mrs. Amey have two children: Henry T., and Alpa N., who is the wife of Benjamin F. Heath, an officer in the Burlington United States Custom House.

**FRED H. HARRIS**—Vigorous outdoor life from his school days has resulted in coordinating the physical and mental powers of Fred H. Harris, investment broker, of Brattleboro, to a degree where his business profits from the combination, while his radiating exuberance of spirits attracts a large clientele to his offices. Mr. Harris has gone into business with the same enthusiasm he has shown for years in his athletic activities, wherein he became tennis champion in special classes in many sections of the country, ski jumping champion swimming champion, the shooting champion of Dartmouth College and other important contests of physical prowess. He also has a fine military record and is gifted with a personality that draws friends and holds them, while his interest in the affairs of the civic department of the district is deep and stamps him as a citizen of great value to the community and a decided addition to the business element.

He was born in Brattleboro, Vermont, September 8, 1887, a son of Charles A. Harris, also a native of the village, who for forty-six years has been treasurer of the Brattleboro Savings Bank, and of Lizzie J. (Morris) Harris, born in Suffield, Connecticut, and who passed away September 17, 1928. Their son was educated in the public schools here and was graduated from high school, afterward attending Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, where he was graduated in 1911 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He then went to Boston, where he became associated with the banking house of Baker, Young & Company, remaining with them until 1917 and then enlisting in the United States Navy. Upon his discharge he went to the Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Corporation, as its Washington representative. Returning to Brattleboro, in 1920, he established himself as an investment broker, dealing in high class securities, with offices in the Barber Building. He is the only independent investment banker in Brattleboro and deals largely in public utilities. He is a Republican in politics and was a delegate of that party to the State Convention of 1928. He is a member of Brattleboro Post, American Legion, of which he has served as vice-commander, also of the Brattleboro Outing Club, which he assisted to organize and of which he was first president, and belongs to the Brattleboro Club and the Brattleboro Country Club. He served in the Aviation Corps of the Navy, with the rank of ensign, from May, 1918, to February, 1919, during which period he was stationed with the Naval Aviation Detachment, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and later at the Naval Air Stations at Bay Shore, Long Island; Hampton Roads, Virginia, and at Pensacola, Florida. He previously had served at the first Officers' Training Camp at Plattsburg, New York. At Pensacola he was in

charge of student officers' flying. His church is the Congregational.

Mr. Harris' athletic record is impressive. In 1913 he won the national mixed doubles tennis championship, playing with May Sutton, while he won the New England tennis championship in 1911, 1912, 1913 and 1914, twice in doubles and twice in singles. He also won the inter-collegiate championship of New England three times, the New York State championship three times, the Ohio State tennis championship twice in singles and once in doubles, the Connecticut State championship once in singles and once in doubles, the Florida State championship once in singles and once in doubles, when he played with Molla Mallory; the New Hampshire State tennis championship three times and the Vermont State championship five times. He won the international tennis championship once in mixed doubles, playing with Mrs. Hazel H. Wightman. He represented the Longwood Cricket Club in the Church Cup matches against New York and Philadelphia. He won the doubles championship of Northeastern Pennsylvania; partnered with Jack McLean, also winning the Hoosick Falls, New York, championship in both singles and doubles. He was also the champion of the Middle Atlantic States tournament in 1919, playing with Conrad Doyle; the Lake Placid Club champion in 1926, winning in both singles and doubles. In 1909 he won the Dartmouth College championship and held the championship of the Connecticut Valley during 1911, 1916 and 1925. He also held the New England ski jumping record and has won several contests in that sport. In 1910 and 1911 he won the shooting championship of Dartmouth College and in 1922 won the open swimming and diving championship at Brattleboro. In the international cross country ski race, held at Lake Placid, New York, in 1921, he finished second. For six years he was president of the United States Eastern Ski Association and is at present vice-president of the National Ski Association of America. He organized the Dartmouth Outing Club and was its first president, when there were sixty members, as against 1,800 at this writing. He is also past president of the Aero Club of Vermont. He is affiliated with Columbian Lodge, No. 36, Order of Free and Accepted Masons, and with the college fraternity of Chi Phi.

**CARL S. HOPKINS**—During nearly forty years of continuous business intercourse with the people of Brattleboro, Carl S. Hopkins has made a fine reputation as a citizen of ability and high civic worth. With nothing but his own native industry, an unflagging ambition to advance and a complete understanding of his profession, he has steadily forged to the front rank and today is the oldest established and most widely patronized florist of the city. From the beginning of his work here he displayed a deep interest in the political affairs of the community, ever looking for an opportunity to serve his fellow-citizens with unselfish zeal. He has been a man to whom honesty in political office was identical with a like quality in social and business affairs, and in these last named planes his conduct has been of such nature as to engage the attention and win the respect and esteem of all. To these virtues has been added a natural tendency to mingle fraternally with his fellows, to make friends and to hold them by the power that comes of absolute honesty in every act. None will gainsay the fact that in him Brattleboro is the home of a citizen of whom all the body politic is proud, with an unquestioned record of patriotism and integrity in every emergency or on any avenue which his feet have trod during nearly four decades in constructive labor.

He was born in Salem, New York, October 2, 1868, a son of Frank W. Hopkins, a native of the same place and a successful farmer, and of Delia E. (Wright) Hopkins of Sandgate, Vermont, both now deceased. His



education was attained in the public schools of Salem, at the Castleton Normal School in this State and at Rochester Business College, Rochester, New York. For four years he was engaged in Rochester in learning the nursery business, coming to Brattleboro in 1892 to establish himself in a like enterprise. From the beginning he was successful, his business being conducted as the corporation of Hopkins the Florist on Main Street, with his greenhouses on Western Avenue. He belongs to Brattleboro Lodge, No. 102, Free and Accepted Masons; Wantastiquet Lodge, No. 5, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Protective Grange, No. 22, of which he is Past Master. Politically he is a Republican. For twenty years he served as a member and secretary of the Brattleboro school board and in 1908 and 1909 was assistant town clerk, since 1910 having been town clerk, also serving as justice of the peace since that year. He is a member of the Brattleboro Club, of which he has been secretary and held the same position in the old Chamber of Commerce for many years. His church is the Baptist, in which he is a deacon and trustee. He is a member of the Florists' Telegraph Delivery Association and of the New England Florists' Association, of which he has served as president.

Carl S. Hopkins married, in 1890, Mary H. Haskell, of Wilmington, Vermont. Their children are: 1. Helen H. 2. Carlotta E. 3. C. Warner, who served in the American Expeditionary Forces during the participation of the United States in the World War and is now associated with his father in business.

**PETER J. HOPKINS**—When the opportunity offered Peter J. Hopkins to leave his work in granite quarrying and enter another field of industry was accepted, he began a career that has brought him to a very prominent position through his fitness for the work and his intensity of purpose in doing it. As superintendent of the electric lighting department of the Twin State Gas & Electric Company, he has ably administered that post since 1920 in Brattleboro and has earned the esteem of his fellow-citizens by his worthiness and devotion to the general welfare.

He was born in Providence, Rhode Island, May 13, 1878, and, his family removing to Vermont, was educated in the public schools of West Dummerston, after completing the courses entering the granite business and also the quarrying itself. His father was Michael J., a sailor during his early life, who came from his native Ireland and here engaged in construction work in this district. His mother was Annie (Manning) Hopkins, a native of England. Both parents are deceased. The young man worked for more than four years at the granite business and on October 2, 1899, took a position as a fireman with the Brattleboro Gas Light Company, working in the plant here. He held that and other positions with the concern, always advancing, until the absorption of the company by the Twin State Gas & Electric Company, by which he was promoted to be superintendent in 1920. He is a Democrat in politics and a Roman Catholic in religion, attending St. Michael's Church. In 1928 he served as a delegate to the Democratic State Convention. His hobby is the radio.

Peter J. Hopkins married, in June, 1908, Lottie Amelia Mather, native of Marlboro, Vermont.

**WILLIAM J. KAINE, M. D.**—Fitting himself by education and practical work under recognized authorities in his profession before establishing himself independently in practice, William J. Kaine settled in Brattleboro in 1918 and since then has steadily advanced in the esteem of his fellow medical practitioners and the regard of the public. Dr. Kaine is the fortunate possessor of those qualities that sooth and inspire with hope the unfortunate who are afflicted with physical ailments, having a sympathetic

nature and cheerful manner, buoyant with vigor that seems to transfer a part of itself to his patients and give them encouragement to help in the battle for health. Fundamentally, medical science demands of its followers the quality of humanitarianism and this is outstanding in his case, helping him to bring to bear a certain occult influence in conjunction with medicine in the abstract that is a mighty foe of disease. His results, therefore, have been conspicuously favorable to his patients, whose fidelity has been shown throughout the years he has worked among our population. Outside of his profession he is popular, enjoying the friendship of a large circle in social and fraternal activities.

He was born in Brattleboro, Vermont, August 7, 1882, a son of John T., a native of Nova Scotia, Canada, and Bridget (Moran) Kaine, of Vernon, Vermont, deceased, and acquired his education in the local parochial schools here, then attending Loyola College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1904 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. This was followed by a course at McGill University, Montreal, Canada, where he obtained his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1911, with the added degree of Master of Surgery. He then entered the Montreal Maternity Hospital as an interne and remained in that study for nine months, after which he took a similar course of practical study in the Alexandra Hospital for Contagious Diseases in Montreal. This was followed by a year as an interne in the Protestant Hospital for the Insane, at Verdun, Canada, and in 1913 he felt qualified to begin independent practice as a physician and surgeon, establishing himself at Lake Megantic, Canada, where he remained until 1918. He then returned to his native city and opened an office for the practice of his profession and has remained here since. He is a member of the American Medical Association and of the New York and New England Association of Railway Surgeons, of the Vermont Medical Society and the Windham County Medical Society and is on the staff of the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital. In fraternal circles he is affiliated with Leo Council, Knights of Columbus, in which organization he has served as Grand Knight. He also belongs to the Brattleboro Country Club and votes the Democratic ticket. He is a Roman Catholic.

William J. Kaine married, in 1914, Mary E. Murphy, of Montreal, Canada. Their children are: Thomas Moran, Francis Riley, and Basil.

**CHESTER S. LEACH, M. D.**—Among the foremost of well known physicians and surgeons of the State of Vermont is Chester S. Leach, of Brattleboro, who, for nearly three decades, the substance of his professional activity, has practiced in this commonwealth. Dr. Leach is a native of Vermont, a son of Justin S. Leach, who was born in Fletcher, Vermont, and engaged in the hide, skin and tallow business at Hyde Park, Vermont, until the time of his death. Justin S. Leach is recalled with affection to the people of Hyde Park, who came to respect him highly indeed for his qualities as business man and as a citizen of public spirit ever active for the public weal. Dr. Leach's mother, Nellie (Wilson) Leach, was born at Fairfax, Vermont, and is also deceased. Dr. Leach was born in Fletcher, Vermont, September 21, 1876.

In Hyde Park, following completion of classes in the graded public schools, Dr. Leach entered Lamoille Central Academy, whence he graduated in 1895, then matriculated in the University of Vermont as a student in the Medical College. In 1899, at the age of twenty-two years, he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and without long delay set about in active practice, this having been begun in 1900, when he took up private practice in Morrisville, Vermont. There he remained until 1904, when he removed to Hyde Park, the community in which, as noted heretofore, his father con-



ducted a successful business and in which the family was well known. In Hyde Park his professional endeavors were rewarded with a wide recognition, material success following upon this early after the year that his residence there began. But in 1919, desirous of a still larger field for professional enterprise, Dr. Leach came to Brattleboro; and here he has practiced continuously through the years that have followed to the present, with a repute as broad as that held by dominant practitioners in the State. His offices, in the Crosby Block, Main Street, are known to an extended clientele.

Dr. Leach is a member of the American Medical Association, in which for several years he served on the executive committee; the Windham County Medical Society, of which he was secretary and treasurer for many years; the American Academy of Physiotherapy, and is president of the active staff of Brattleboro Memorial Hospital. Fraternally on the non-professional side he is affiliated with Phi Chi; Brattleboro Lodge, No. 102, of the Free and Accepted Masons; Fort Dummer Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Bliss Lodge, No. 44, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is Past Grand Master; and in all of these is an active, popular figure. He is a member of the Brattleboro Club, the Brattleboro Country Club, attends the Universalist Church, and in political adherence is of the Republican party. From 1919 to 1923, inclusive, he served as health officer of District No. 10, State of Vermont. (This work as health officer brought him a large degree of his present recognition as a leading practitioner in the commonwealth at large.) In all manners open to good citizens, Dr. Leach has assisted in the development of Brattleboro. His chief relaxations are baseball and golf.

Dr. Leach married, in 1905, Lillian McGinnis, native of Elmore, Vermont; and their children are: Byron C. and Barbara Anne.

**DAVID MAGNUSON**—Native of Sweden, David Magnuson was born December 30, 1889, and having come to the United States in childhood received his academic instruction in the public schools of Brattleboro. He has been a resident of this industrious, prosperous community continuously since school days, and has contributed considerable to its general advancement through efforts carried through to successful completion. His first enterprise in business was as an employee of the Estey Organ Company, with which organization he continued seven years, afterward forming a connection with W. J. Pentland in the plumbing business, Brattleboro. After eight years of this, in 1917, he became associated with the Twin State Gas and Electric Company, starting as trouble man and meter reader. In 1920 he was elevated to the post of company superintendent in charge of the gas department, and from that year to the present has continued thus occupied, the responsibilities of his position being large, such as to challenge the most constant of abilities.

Aside from the course of the career as above outlined, Mr. Magnuson has maintained varied interests. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Swedish Brotherhood of America. Politically he identifies himself with the Republican party, with whose affairs and in whose circles he has been a consistent force of value to the organization, always having borne the general welfare and happiness of the people at large as the goal of service. For five years, 1908-13, he was a member of Company I, Vermont National Guard, with the rank of corporal. During the World War he was of assistance in various capacities connected with the patriotic campaigns. In all undertakings having to do with the advancement of Brattleboro he is a factor to be depended upon, as his loyalty of public spirit is intense. He takes a personal satisfaction in the commu-

nity's prosperity and is today one of its most respected citizens. Mr. Magnuson attends the Swedish Lutheran Church, in which denomination he is a trustee, and has a keen interest in out-of-door sports, particularly in football.

Mr. Magnuson married, in 1914, on June 27, Beda Anderson, as himself a native of Sweden. Mr. Magnuson's father, Swan Peter Magnuson, native of Sweden, engaged as a farmer in early life, and is now engaged as a factory worker, in Brattleboro. His mother, Greta (Parath) Magnuson, native of Sweden, also survives, making her home in this community.

**JOHN EARLE MANN**—One of the most prominent of Brattleboro's business men, John Earle Mann has been engaged in the dry goods business here for more than twenty-five years. From modest beginnings in a small store, he has gradually built up a very large enterprise which ranks in the forefront of local department stores, carrying a complete line of ladies and misses ready-to-wear, dry goods and millinery. His originally small sales space has been multiplied many times, and Mr. Mann is now the owner of the block on Main Street, Brattleboro, which he occupies, in the community life of which place he has come to be one of the most important figures.

Mr. Mann was born at West Dover, Vermont, June 6, 1877, a son of Frank R. Mann, who was also born in West Dover, and well known there for many years as a farmer, and of Florence (Kimball) Mann, who was born in West Townsend, Vermont, and is now deceased.

John Earle Mann was educated in the public schools of West Dover and of Brattleboro, and following his graduation from the high school of the latter place, he began his business career in the employ of O. J. Pratt, who conducted a dry goods store at Brattleboro. Mr. Mann remained here for a period of six years, gaining valuable experience and a complete familiarity with all details of the business. His strict attention to the task at hand, together with his obvious ability won him merited advancement, but in 1901, he resigned his position and purchased the dry goods business of P. T. Barnard, who owned a very small store on Main Street. Mr. Mann devoted himself to building up his enterprises, dealing in merchandise of the highest quality and supplying to the community a service of which it was glad to make use. In 1906 conditions warranted an expansion, and an addition to the original store was made for the sale of ready-to-wear garments, which supplemented the dry goods trade, and at this time also a basement store was added. About a dozen years later, in 1919, the store formerly occupied by Mr. F. C. Clark was purchased and added to Mr. Mann's first store, more than doubling the original space and giving a total selling floorage of about 6,000 square feet. Finally in 1922 Mr. Mann acquired a section of the Crosby Block on Main Street, thus completing his holdings, and at this time his staff was increased to about twenty-five salespeople, who now assist him in the operation of his business, whereas when he first took over the venture he employed only two. Too much credit cannot be given Mr. Mann for his fine achievement in building up this great enterprise from small beginnings, triumphing over every difficulty and solving every problem which he was forced to encounter. The manner in which he employed the soundest business judgment and great executive ability toward this end may properly serve as an example and inspiration to the rising generation of his State and community.

In addition to his other business interests, Mr. Mann is a director of the Brattleboro Trust Company, giving to this organization the advantage of his long experience in sound financing. In politics he supports the principles



and candidates of the Republican party, while he is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons. In this great order he is a member of Brattleboro Lodge, No. 102, a member of Fort Dummer Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, of Beauseant Commandery, Knights Templar, and of other affiliated bodies. He is also a member of Wantastiquet Lodge, No. 5, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Mann holds membership in several clubs and associations, including, the Brattleboro Club, the Brattleboro Country Club, and the Brattleboro Outing Club, of which he is governor. He has always maintained a vital interest in civic affairs and the welfare of the community and State in general, contributing liberally of both his time and substance to worthy causes which he considered would promote these ends. His generous gifts to benevolent enterprises have been equally numerous, and for these he is honored by the community, although he has never been at pains to reveal the full extent of his benefactions. Mr. Mann is very fond of the outdoor life, to which he devotes much of his leisure time, and in which he finds rest and relaxation from business cares.

In 1901, John Earle Mann married Laura C. Weatherhead, who was born at Brattleboro, and of this marriage there are two children: John Russell and Evelyn Weatherhead. With his family Mr. Mann worships in the Congregational faith, attending the Center Church of this denomination at Brattleboro. The family residence is situated at No. 33 Western Avenue, Brattleboro.

**HENRY TODD**—Adaptability to whatever work came to his hands to do, tireless energy, devotion to the interests of those with whom and wherever he was associated and a wholesome personality that attracts to his advantage, are some of the answers to the question regarding the esteem in which the people of Burlington hold Henry Todd, sheriff of Chittenden County. In a career of forty years in Vermont his occupations have varied, but in them all he has put all that he had of mental and physical service with a tenacity of purpose that has done high credit to the traditions handed down by a race of sturdy forebears. From the day he cast his first vote he has shown an untiring interest in and devotion to the people among whom his lot has been cast, ready at all times to coöperate in any activity that may be of progressive value to all. Called to office, he has never failed to administer it with satisfaction to the people and with credit to himself, a citizen of positive value to the community, a staunch friend and a patriotic American.

Descended from Scotch ancestry, he was born in Lachute, Quebec, Canada, August 5, 1868. His father was Thomas and his mother Jane (Barron) Todd, both natives of Scotland, who came to Canada in 1830 and settled at Lachine, where they tilled a farm, the head of the family having been a member of the Board of Aldermen of Lachute for a number of years. Henry was reared on the farm and attended the district schools and Lachute Academy, remaining in Quebec until he was twenty-one years of age, when he came to Vermont and became associated with J. S. Pierson at his stock farm in South Burlington, where he was made foreman and remained for three years. Offered the position of steward of the Home for Destitute Children, he accepted and served for fourteen years, from 1896 to 1910. It was during this period, in 1906, that he was appointed deputy sheriff under James H. Allen and in 1910 was made turnkey in Burlington, retaining that post until 1918. For two years following he engaged in the coal and wood business, in 1920 being elected sheriff of Chittenden County, an office he still holds, with his headquarters in Burlington. He is a member of Washington Lodge, No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons; Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Commandery, Knights Templar,

and Hamilton Lodge, No. 14, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Champlain Valley Grange, Knights of Pythias, and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In politics he is a Republican, in religion a member of the First Congregational Church.

Henry Todd married, in 1895, Margaret R. Rodger, daughter of William Rodger, of Quebec, Canada. Their children are: 1. Thomas Howard. 2. Annie Margaret, married J. Ralph Spalding, of Hartford, Connecticut. Mrs. Todd died in 1902 and he married a second time; Kate Hodgson, of Willsboro, New York. They are the parents of one child, Elizabeth, who lives at home with her parents.

**ARTHUR L. MAYNARD**—Upon completing his elementary and high school education at the age of eighteen years, Arthur L. Maynard came to Brattleboro and entered business. That he was justified in this course before undertaking higher studies he has shown by the success he has attained in commercial life. Certainly there are few who have done better than he, and he has made an enviable name in the community and established a reputation for business acumen and probity that has been the means of bringing a profitable clientele to his offices. He has shown himself to be a citizen of commendable qualities, vigorous in his denunciation of methods not up to the highest standard and following in his own operations a code of fair dealing that leaves nothing to be desired. He has been called to public office by the vote of the electorate and has justified the confidence reposed in him by a satisfactory record of achievements therein. In brief, Mr. Maynard has won the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens, among whom no man in the State of Vermont has a more enviable reputation.

He was born in Montague, Massachusetts, February 9, 1873, a son of Myron Maynard, a native of Leverett, and a lumber dealer and manufacturer, whose death occurred in 1900, his mother having been Abigail (Perry) Maynard, who was born in Quincy and who died in 1879. His education was acquired in the public schools of Montague, where he was graduated from high school, coming to Brattleboro in 1891, where he became engaged in the insurance business in association with the established firm of Sherman & Jenne. He remained there for five years, when he went to the A. W. Childs general insurance agency and continued there until 1898 as an employee, in which year he purchased an interest in the business, which became the Childs & Putnam insurance agency, of which he was cashier, retaining that post until the dissolution of the partnership in 1910, when Fred W. Putnam took over the agency conducting it alone until Mr. Maynard purchased a one-third interest, upon incorporation in 1914 as the Fred W. Putnam Insurance Agency, Incorporated, and Mr. Maynard acting as treasurer. Mr. Putnam withdrew from the corporation in 1923 and the business has since that time been continued by Mr. Maynard, who is president and general manager, the title remaining the same. The corporation is the local agency of the Travelers' Insurance Company and other standard organizations and does a successful business in Brattleboro. In politics Mr. Maynard is a Republican and in 1925 was elected to the lower house of the Vermont Legislature, where he served as chairman of the committee on State and Court expenses; was a member of the Committee on Rules; clerk of the Committee on Appropriations; and a member of the Committee on State Institutions. In 1927 he was elected to the State Senate, where he became chairman of the committee on Rules and was a member of the Banking, Insurance, General and Mileage and Debentures committees. He is a director of the Vermont Peoples National Bank, where he is a member of the finance committee, and a director of the Fort Dummer Mills.



*Henry Todd*





Mr. Maynard is a member of Brattleboro Lodge, No. 102, Free and Accepted Masons (treasurer in 1928); of Fort Dummer Chapter, No. 12, Royal Arch Masons; Connecticut Valley Council, No. 16, Royal and Select Masters; Beauseant Commandery, No. 7, Knights Templar, Brattleboro; and Bingham Chapter, No. 30, Order of the Eastern Star; also Wantastiquet Lodge, No. 5, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is Past Grand and a trustee for fifteen years; and a member of Oasis Encampment, No. 5, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Brattleboro, and Dennis Rebekah Lodge, No. 1; and member of Quonekticut Tribe, No. 2, Improved Order of Red Men. He is a member of the Baptist Church, chairman of its board of trustees, superintendent of its Sunday School, leader of its choir and treasurer and trustee of the Vermont State Baptist Convention. He is also president of the Brooks Library Building Association and trustee and auditor of the Brattleboro Home for the Aged and Disabled. His hobbies are church work, music and his home.

Arthur L. Maynard married (first), in 1901, Corabel L. Coates, of Wardsboro, Vermont, whose death occurred in 1903. He married (second), in 1906, Louise E. Coates, who was born in Brattleboro. The children are: by the first wife, Perry Coates; by the second wife, Myron A.

**FAYETTE MILLER**—During the four years in which he has been connected with the Brattleboro Battery and Ignition Company, Fayette Miller, one of Brattleboro's best known and most highly esteemed business men, has been largely responsible for expansion of the business from a comparatively small concern dealing in battery sales and service only, to a company which operates two stations for the conduct of a general electrical contracting business and the sale and service of batteries, carrying in addition a complete line of automobile accessories, oils and greases, tires and tubes, dealing in high grade radios, and local representatives of the Frigidaire. In connection with the battery stations are two of the largest gasoline filling stations to be found in Brattleboro.

Mr. Miller was born November 4, 1879, at Dummerston, the son of John and Abbie G. (Wilder) Miller, both of whom were natives of Dummerston. The father was a veteran of the Civil War, having served in Company K, Vermont Volunteers. He was a member of the W. F. Greenwood Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and operated his farm near Dummerston until his death. The son attended the Dummerston public schools and then went to Kimball Union Academy. After completing his course there he went to Brattleboro where for nine years he was associated in the grocery business. Doubtless Mr. Miller's amazing success with the Brattleboro Battery and Ignition Company is due to the wide scope of his experience and the variety of his contacts with the business world. He left the grocery business to take the position of manager of the McVeigh Farm of Brattleboro, in which work he remained four years. Then for one year he was with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, becoming associated in 1916 with Manley Brothers Garage. After one year there he helped A. F. Roberts and H. T. Gates organize the Roberts Automobile Company, remaining a partner in this firm until 1924.

That year he associated himself with the Brattleboro Battery and Ignition Company which had been organized in 1923 by K. N. Saunders, E. T. Holtby and H. B. Brooks, who had purchased the Willard Battery Shop, which had been owned by Wilbur & Whitney, and also the business that had been operated by J. J. Vandervere. The following year Mr. Brooks sold his interest to Mr. Miller and in April, 1925, S. M. Gilson was taken into the partnership with Mr. Miller, the two of them buying

the interests of Mr. Saunders and Mr. Holtby. The business was completely reorganized with Mr. Miller as president and Mr. Gilson as treasurer. In 1927 J. C. Coombs came into the company as vice-president, thus completing the present arrangement of a business that has made surprising progress in a short space of time.

Mr. Miller has a wide range of interests outside his business activities. He makes a hobby of raising fancy breeds of poultry and is considered an expert on fowls. For several years he has been selected to serve as superintendent of the poultry department at the Valley Fair. He is a leader in his fraternal orders, being a Past Grand of Wantastiquet Lodge, No. 5, Odd Fellows; Past Chief Patriarch of Oasis Encampment, and Past Commandant of Palestine Canton. He is also an active member of the Ancient Mystic Order Samaritans, Brattleboro Lodge, No. 102, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Webster Lodge of Perfection, and H. E. Taylor Camp, Sons of Veterans. Mr. Miller attends services at the Congregational Church and is affiliated with the Republican political party. He served from 1901 to 1906 in Company I, Vermont State National Guards.

**WALLACE WILLIE NICHOLS**—Prominent in Rutland life for more than thirty years, Wallace Willie Nichols is well known in the business and civic circles of Vermont. He has been associated with several important financial enterprises and is now active in two Rutland concerns, Nichols and Barney, men's clothing, and the Nichols-Chapman Hardware Company, while in the affairs of State and local government he is frequently consulted.

Mr. Nichols attended the public schools of Danby and Wallingford, and attended the Wallingford High School. Later he undertook the course of study in Rutland Business College and also attended for one year, the Medical School of the University of Vermont. In 1892 Mr. Nichols first came to Rutland with the intention of making this city his permanent home and for several years he was employed locally as a clerk and a travelling salesman. In 1902 he was prominently connected with the organization of the Rutland Power Company, of which he served as vice-president and secretary. Some time later the Nichols-Chapman Hardware Company, of which he is president, and the firm of Nichols and Barney were established in Rutland, each enjoying in its own field a highly prosperous trade. Aside from the attention which Mr. Nichols gives to the affairs of these companies, he is also engaged in real estate operations in the vicinity, and is now developing a modern sub-division with complete success. Mr. Nichols is also a director of the Central National Bank, until recently called the Baxter National Bank, a director in an investment company at Oberlin, Kansas, and president of the State Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Vermont.

Politically a member of the Republican party, Mr. Nichols occupies high place in the councils of State in Vermont. He had been tendered the office of lieutenant-governor but felt it necessary to decline this honor. Mr. Nichols has served as a member of the Board of Aldermen and the school board at Rutland, and from 1920 to 1921 he represented Rutland County in the Vermont State Legislature, and was State Senator in 1921. He is a strong advocate for State improvement and operation of all the main highways. He has served on various boards of both the Rutland and State Chambers of Commerce, and it was due to his efforts that the Castleton Normal School of Vermont was reestablished in 1901. During the period of the World War, Mr. Nichols served as Rutland food administrator. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order is a member of the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Commandery of the Knights Templar, and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.



He is also a member of Shrewsbury Grotto of the Knights of Pythias, the Rotary Club, a member of the board of directors of the Green Mountain Council of Boy Scouts, and a member of the State Board of the Young Men's Christian Association, in which organization he was formerly president of the local association, and a member of the Rutland school board for two years.

On November 24, 1900, at Rutland, Wallace W. Nichols married Anza L. Butler, daughter of Judge and Mrs. F. M. Butler, of this place. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols worship in the faith of the Baptist church, and are active in the work of this denomination in Rutland. Mr. Nichols is a member of the board of trustees of the Rutland Baptist Church, past president of the Vermont Baptist State Convention, a member of the board of trustees of the Vermont Academy, and a member of the board of directors of the Baptist State Convention. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols make their home at No. 52 Prospect Street, Rutland.

**MILES STANDISH SAWYER**—One of the largest wholesale paper concerns in northern New England is the one which operates under the corporate name of H. A. Sawyer and Company, Incorporated, of Rutland, Vermont. Of this business Miles Standish Sawyer has been president and treasurer since the death of the founder in 1899, and he has been identified with it since 1886, a period of more than forty years.

Anson D. Sawyer, father of Mr. Sawyer, is a direct descendant of Miles Standish, of historic fame. The family came into Vermont by way of the Bennington Valley, settling first at Tinmouth, Vermont. Upon the outbreak of the Civil War Anson D. Sawyer enlisted in the Second Massachusetts Volunteer Company, and served throughout the war with the rank of first lieutenant. As a citizen he has always been much respected, and he honors the fine achievements of his honorable ancestry. He has in his home a chair which his great-grandmother, Mary Woodruff, used while coming to Vermont. The chair was placed in the ox-cart in which the journey was made, and is treasured by the family and especially by its present owner. Anson D. Sawyer married Phoebe E. Goff.

Miles Standish Sawyer, son of Anson D. and Phoebe E. (Goff) Sawyer, was born in Geneseo, Illinois, March 14, 1868, and attended the public schools of Newark, New Jersey. At the age of eighteen years he came to Rutland, Vermont, to enter the wholesale paper business of his uncle, H. A. Sawyer. That enterprise had been founded in Rutland, by H. A. Sawyer in 1875, as a small stationery store, which later branched out into the jobbing business and has grown rapidly. Mr. Sawyer worked his way up through the various departments and made himself thoroughly familiar with the various phases of the business. It was then operating under the name of H. A. Sawyer & Company, and was continued under the firm name until 1915 when it was incorporated, the concern retaining the old name with indication of incorporation. He became president and treasurer, both of which offices he still (1928) retains. Mr. Sawyer has found time for a large amount of executive work in other organizations, including the Clement National Bank, in which he holds the office of vice-president. He has been president of the Mead Community House for a number of years past, and he is a member of the board of directors of the Rutland Hospital. During the period of the World War he was chairman of four of the Liberty Loan drives. Mr. Sawyer has always been interested in political affairs, and in June, 1928, served as a delegate to the Republican National Convention at Kansas City, which nominated Hoover and Curtis. He is a member of Rutland Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and of Rutland Country Club, and his religious membership is with the Congregational Church of Rutland.

Miles Standish Sawyer married, in Chicago, Illinois,

April 6, 1893, Julia Harlowe, daughter of Fred W. and Mary (Jordan) Harlowe. Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer have one daughter, Mrs. Edward B. Jenney, who lives in Rutland. Mr. Sawyer has his offices at No. 124 Merchants Row, Rutland, and the family home is at No. 17 East Center Street, in Rutland.

**LOUIS S. ROBIE**—Located in Hardwick, merchandising center for many nearby communities, Louis S. Robie conducts one of this town's most popular commercial establishments, specializing in grain, flour, salt, farm machinery, and various diversified products utilized by local dairymen, agriculturists, and creameries. Mr. Robie has a most prosperous business and carries many articles of merchandise seldom found in a community such as Hardwick. He has attained his success through devotion to his enterprises, utilization of modern methods, and a code of ethics that will not permit him to take advantage of his customers in any way whatever. Success in one line naturally led to his investing in other industries, and he now (1928) has holdings consisting of granite quarries and farm lands.

Mr. Robie is a son of the late George A. and Sarah E. (Nelson) Robie, both parents having been natives of New Hampshire, and are now deceased. The father was an esteemed citizen of New Hampshire, active in civic movements and successful in the furniture business, operating a funeral establishment in conjunction therewith.

Louis S. Robie was born January 30, 1871, at Bristol, New Hampshire. He obtained the earlier portion of his education in the schools of Bristol, New Hampshire, which later was enhanced by a course of study at New Hampton Institute. His theoretical training ended, Mr. Robie was employed for several years by a paper company, devoting himself to this firm in the capacity of bookkeeper. Here he gained a valuable training in business methods and practice which, later in life, were to aid him in his conduct of individual enterprises. After severing his connection with the paper mill, Mr. Robie engaged in the grain business at Bristol, New Hampshire, and was so occupied until 1903. In that year he came to Hardwick and purchased the business he now (1928) owns from L. H. Penelton. In this establishment he has six employees, two girls and four men, constantly employed in conducting the business. This concern, known as L. S. Robie, undoubtedly has one of the most comprehensive lines of merchandise in the town. Mr. Robie, as heretofore stated, caters especially to agricultural and allied spheres, dealing in grain and other feed, farm implements of all kinds, barn equipment, plaster, lime, cement, galvanized roofing, etc., and is agent for the International Harvester Company, the John Deere Plow Company, and other machine companies. Mr. Robie also owns a gristmill and a grocery store, in addition to which he is a director in the Ralph Granite Company, and is interested in several quarries of this vicinity. He is a large-scale land owner, and among his properties may be listed one farm in Hardwick and one each in the town of Walcott, Greensboro, Elmore and Cabot. A Republican in political convictions, Mr. Robie is a figure of importance in local circles of this party, while his fraternal works are confined mainly to the Masonic Order, wherein he is a member of the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, at Bristol, New Hampshire; a member of Hardwick Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and St. Johnsbury Commandery, Knights Templar. Members of the Robie family are attendants and liberal supporters of the Methodist church.







*Charles H. Hodge*

Louis S. Robie married Myrtie E. Ford, native of Groton, New Hampshire, and daughter of Isaac N. and Etta E. (McGrath) Ford. Mr. and Mrs. Robie have two children: 1. Gladys, who married Earl Murphey; they reside in New London, Connecticut, and have two children: Gladys and Earl, Jr. 2. Ethel M., who married Earl L. Hall. Their home is in Hardwick. Mr. Hall is a mechanic, and he and his wife have a daughter, Ethel Marguerite.

**WALLACE N. HUBBARD**—For twenty-five years manager of the vast estate of the late Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telegraph and Telephone Company, Mr. Hubbard has been retired from active business since the capitalist's death in 1920. He has not, however, relaxed in his interest in the town and has held important positions in its affairs for the past years. Mr. Hubbard was born December 27, 1861, in Lyndon, a son of Charles K. and Dorinda (Morgan) Hubbard. His father was a carpenter and joiner and he himself has worked at various trades since a boy, spending about fifteen years in the mills and shops and also working as a farmhand.

His long tenure as manager of the Vail estate was a responsible one, for this large country place was one of the outstanding features of the countryside, comprising a modern farm, with orchards, dairy, and stables, with the beautiful landscape gardening of the typical millionaire's country home, with a large staff of workers and hundreds of acres of cultivated land. It required a man of experience to fill such a position and one with knowledge of several types of mechanical and manual labor, qualities that Mr. Hubbard ably supplied. Since his retirement from this position, Mr. Hubbard has acted as tax collector for the town and also as selectman. He is an Independent Democrat in politics and votes for the man rather than with the party and is a member of the Masonic Order.

Mr. Hubbard was married many years ago to Addie E. Streeter, also born in Lyndon, and a daughter of Hiram G. and Ellen (Hunter) Streeter. Their only son Clarence, died in 1924, leaving a widow, Verna (Hutchins) Hubbard, and a daughter Barbara.

**CHARLES KIMBAL HODGE**—Although having previously retired from active business life, Charles Kimbal Hodge, of Concord, found himself unable to keep away from some form of commercial pursuit and now (1928) is owner and proprietor of one of the substantial business projects of this city, the Concord Market, retailer of high grade groceries and the best quality of meats, including beef, pork, lamb, veal and poultry. Mr. Hodge, who has been a resident of Concord for more than eighteen years, has been engaged in diversified occupations during his career, including farming, blacksmithing and mill work. His public record in this community reflects great credit upon him, he having served in practically every office of the town during the last two decades. Before coming to Concord he had had considerable contact with public affairs and evidenced deep concern with educational work.

Mr. Hodge was born at Jefferson, New Hampshire, August 8, 1861, son of Kimbal and Mary (Wentworth) Hodge, both parents now deceased. The father lost his life while fighting for his country during the Civil War, his peace-time pursuit having been agriculture. The Hodge family is well known throughout New England, members thereof having been identified with this section for an extended period.

Charles Kimbal Hodge obtained a somewhat limited education provided in the common schools of his native community, and at an early age began work as a black-

smith and mill hand. These occupations he followed for many years, abandoning blacksmithing in 1914, at the time he came to Concord. Here he bought a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, operated it most successfully for seven years, but in 1921 disposed of his estate and moved into the village of Concord, with the intention of retiring for the remainder of his days. For about two years thereafter Mr. Hodge lived quietly in this community, but the urge to reënter business was too strong for him to resist, and he bought the Concord Market, which since has been under his supervision. This establishment was founded by Harry Morton, from whom Mr. Hodge purchased it. In its conduct he has adhered to the policy of providing nothing but the best quality of groceries and meats for his customers, and thus the Concord Market has experienced a substantial increase and is now admittedly one of the community's most successful business houses.

Mr. Hodge, who is a Republican in political beliefs, has long been a vital factor in public life. Previous to his removal to Concord, while he was a resident of Lyndonville and where he had conducted a blacksmith shop for sixteen years, he held many political offices or positions of public trust; was selectman at Lyndonville for four years; served three years as a member of the school board there, and for five years was a village trustee. Since coming to Concord, in 1914, he has continued to devote himself to the public welfare, and now (1928), after having filled almost every town office here, is serving his third year as a member of the Concord Board of Selectmen. Mr. Hodge, while ever ready to aid in movements designed for the public weal, is fond of his home life and most of his leisure moments he spends with his family. Both he and his wife are devout members of the Congregational church here and have contributed freely to the benevolences and works of this denomination.

Charles Kimbal Hodge married (first) Myrtie Hosmer, and three children were born to this marriage: William P., Irmine, and Sidney. Myrtie (Hosmer) Hodge died and he married (second) Belle Nelson. At her death, Mr. Hodge married (third) Mary L. Bradshaw. There were two children of the second marriage: Vivian, and Herbert H. Herbert H. Hodge passed away while a member of the military forces during the World War.

**HARRY W. RANDALL**—As proprietor of the firm of Randall & Whitcomb, Harry W. Randall is at the head of what is acknowledged to be the leading mercantile concern in northeastern Vermont handling jewelry, stationery, and books. It was seventy-three years ago that T. M. Howard established this business on the corner of Eastern Avenue and Main Street, in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, and today this is the only store in the village which still occupies the same site and has through a number of years carried the same line of goods. The present owner has been in possession since 1905, but the business was half a century old when they purchased it, and the original old wooden building had long since been moved down the hill to make room for the substantial brick block which has housed the enterprise since 1870. Mr. Randall made thorough preparation for success in the jewelry business and has made this department one of the reliable and highly regarded sections of Randall & Whitcomb's reliable establishment. New lines have been added as the years passed, such as typewriters, office equipment of various sorts, but fine watches and clocks, good reading matter, and serviceable stationery still are to be found here and still draw a large purchasing public.

Harry W. Randall was born in Topsham, Vermont, December 7, 1875, son of Horace and Rose Ann (Mills) Randall, both natives of Vermont, the father a farmer,



who died in 1901, and the mother living in Boston. After attending the local grade schools he became a student in Newbury Seminary, from which he was graduated. He has chosen the jewelry business as his field of interest and after graduation from the Seminary went to Bradford, Vermont, where he served an apprenticeship of three years. At the end of that time he further prepared for his chosen work by going to Waltham, Massachusetts, where for a year he attended the watch school. With this equipment he secured a position as clerk in a jewelry store in Newport, Vermont, and three years later he enlarged his experience by making a change, this time going to Springfield, Vermont, where he remained for a period of four years. His next location was in Montpelier, Vermont, and after one year spent there he came to St. Johnsbury and purchased the present business from Mrs. F. E. Rowell.

As has already been stated, this fine old establishment was founded by T. M. Howard, one of St. Johnsbury's most substantial and beloved citizens, back in 1855. St. Johnsbury then had a population of less than three thousand, but the Passumpsic Railroad had already been built, in 1850, and the rapid growth which resulted had already begun. There were three well-kept taverns, but Danville was still the county seat. A year after T. M. Howard's store was opened the county seat was moved to St. Johnsbury and the court house, costing \$14,200, was erected on its present site. Mr. Howard's store was located on the left side of this two-story wooden building and "The Caledonian" was printed by C. M. Stone on the other side. The wooden blocks on both sides of the town's main thoroughfare have long since been replaced with more substantial and modern structures, and when the brick block on the corner of Eastern Avenue and Main Street was finished in 1870 it was the most pretentious of them all. It is still one of the largest. The old wooden building was taken down the hill and located on Prospect Street, where in 1925, it was occupied by George E. Stevens, the painter. Mr. Howard kept his active interest in the business which he had founded until 1887, but in 1870, when the new block was built, he had admitted A. D. Rowell as a partner under the firm name of Howard & Rowell, and the partnership was continued until the founder withdrew in 1887. Mr. Rowell then succeeded to full control and management and continued in control until his death, except for a short period when Fred A. Field was a partner and the firm of Field & Rowell operated the store. Upon the death of Mr. Rowell the store passed into the hands of his wife, Mrs. Flora E. Rowell, and in 1905 it was purchased by its present firm. Three years ago a good-sized three-story brick addition was erected in the rear of the corner section of the brick block to meet the demands of the ever increasing business of the Randall & Whitcomb store, and this addition permitted the Caledonian plant also to expand and provided housing for other business concerns.

Through the years, which now total nearly three-quarters of a century, this old mercantile establishment has held its public by consistently carrying first quality goods and by giving a square deal to all its patrons. Mr. Howard, the founder, built upon that safe foundation, and his successors have kept the business true to those first principles, thus winning a reputation which has been carefully guarded and consistently maintained. They still carry a large line in the best of jewelry, silverware, stationery, and books, but new inventions have, of necessity, been added, such as steel filing cases, typewriters of many makes, and various lines of office

equipment. Though fashions have changed, the demand for fine watches and clocks, good reading, both books and magazines, and serviceable stationery, remains, and the Randall & Whitcomb store still supplies these to a satisfied public.

Mr. Randall is a Republican in his political faith. He is a member of Passumpsic Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; of Haswell Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Palestine Commandery, Knights Templar; and of the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm. His club is the Rotary Club, and he is also a member of the Knights of Pythias. His religious membership is with the North Congregational church.

Harry W. Randall is married to Mary Whitcomb, of Springfield, Vermont, daughter of Perez and Mary (Bates) Whitcomb, and they have two daughters, both of whom are students in Smith College: Helen Whitcomb, and Winifred Mills.

**ALBERT EUGENE HUMPHREY**—Despite the fact that he has been occupied with the exacting duties of railroading since he was nineteen years of age, Albert Eugene Humphrey has found so much time and energy to devote to civic affairs of Lyndonville that he is considered a leader in the town's progressive movements. He is village moderator and representative to the general court of the town of Lyndon, and was formerly moderator for the town. He is also a justice of the peace, and to all his offices and their numerous duties he gives capable and conscientious attention.

The son of Joseph B. and Marilla C. (Burt) Humphrey, Mr. Humphrey was born at Burke, Vermont, April 16, 1872. Both natives of Vermont, his parents occupied a farm in the town of Burke and were the parents of five children: Alvi J., deceased; Bion N., Emma H., wife of Charles W. Hudson; the subject of this sketch, and Herbert E. Educated in the public schools, Mr. Humphrey began to work for the Boston and Maine Railroad as a brakeman May 21, 1891, when he was only nineteen years of age. In ten years' time he had become a conductor and is now passenger conductor on the run between Newport and White River Junction, a stretch of road that was taken over two years ago by the Canadian Pacific Railroad. Republican in politics, Mr. Humphrey fraternizes with Lyndonville Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and is also affiliated with the Chapter, Council, Commandery, and Shrine, and he and Mrs. Humphrey are members of the Eastern Star. He has held all State offices in the Improved Order of Red Men, is a former member of the State Council for the Junior Order United American Mechanics, and is sufficiently active in work of the Rotary Club to be elected delegate to the 1928 National Convention of Rotary in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mr. Humphrey also belongs to the Lyndon Club and the Order of Railway Conductors.

Mr. Humphrey married Nellie M. Danforth, born at Bethlehem, New Hampshire, daughter of Henry Danforth, born at Bethlehem, and Mary (Calham) Danforth, born at Littleton, New Hampshire. They are the parents of four daughters and two sons: 1. Minnie, wife of Ora Willard. 2. Nellie M. 3. Alice, wife of Charles Switzer. 4. Anna, who is a teacher in Medford, Massachusetts. 5. Henry. 6. Dan. The Humphrey home in Lyndonville is a well-known one, for the family has occupied it for a great many years.

**HERBERT WARREN POWERS**—For more than eighteen years a peace officer in this village serving as Chief of Police and Deputy Sheriff, Herbert Warren Powers gave up this dangerous and hazardous work to enter the mercantile business, in which he has



made steady progress and is, through his establishment, filling the needs of his fellow-citizens. In the conduct of his business, Mr. Powers is utilizing those traits of honesty, fair-mindedness and square dealing that made him so popular during the many years that he served as Chief of Police here. He has been ever willing and ready to cooperate in the civic affairs of his community, and his level-headed judgment often has proven of value in projects having for their object the general welfare.

Mr. Powers was born October 26, 1861, at Hardwick, and was the only child of Amos Warren and Mary Jane (Lewis) Powers, both now deceased. Amos Warren Powers, during the earlier part of his life, was a skilled carpenter and joiner, but spent his twilight years as a tiller of the soil. He married (first) Mary Jane Lewis, native of Hardwick, and after her death he married (second) Emma Cutler, of Calais, Vermont. He was born in Wolcott, Vermont, and the children of his second marriage were: Delbert, Henry, and William.

Herbert Warren Powers obtained the rudiments of his education in the local grammar schools, attended the academy at Hardwick, and then went to work in a gristmill where he was employed for four years. At the end of that period he engaged in teaming and was so occupied until the voters of Hardwick solicited him to accept the position of Street Commissioner and Chief of Police here. After due deliberation, Mr. Powers yielded to the call of his fellowmen, took his oath as Chief of Police, and for eighteen years thereafter lived up to that oath to the best of his ability. During this time he also held a commission as Deputy Sheriff and the combined duties of these two offices oftentimes worked hardships, not only upon himself, but upon his family. This led to his desire for a quiet, private life and he resigned his official position. Thereupon he purchased from Frank Pope the general hardware store in the village of Hardwick, and now (1928) has operated this concern with material success for more than seven years. Mr. Powers has long been identified with the Democratic party, has wielded considerable influence in the local organization, and for four years served as Road Commissioner. He has never been what is oftentimes designated a "joiner," although he is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Herbert Warren Powers married Eliza Bates, daughter of Stephen and Julia (Phillips) Bates. She was a native of Westford, Vermont, but was reared at Greensboro. Mr. and Mrs. Powers have two children: 1. Ethel, educated in the town schools; married James Mackay, they had one daughter, Frances; the father died in August, 1926. 2. Raymond, educated in Hardwick schools and graduated from University of Vermont; he is a chemist, married Kathryn Furlong, they live in New Jersey, and are the parents of: Warren H., William H., and Virginia Jane. Members of the Powers family attend the Methodist church here.

**PHILO S. LANG**—Holder of extensive lands, owner of five fine farms, Philo S. Lang is one of the dominant factors in the advancement of the towns of Wheelock, Victory, Lyndon, and a leader in the general affairs of Lyndonville, where he has lived since nine years of age. A self-made man, he has worked since he was twelve, and stands high, indeed, in the esteem of his associates. His career, exemplary and of inspiration to those around him, has been diversified and of interest, concerned principally in the development of lands, town realty, agriculture and the raising of cattle.

Sherburn Lang, father of Philo S. Lang, was born at Bath, New Hampshire, and died in Lyndonville, 1924. He became a man of extended means, through farming, lumber estimating, realty dealings, et cetera, and was considered in fact the best estimator in all northern New England. His demise brought a deep sense of loss into scores of homes throughout a wide area, for he was known with sincere affection. Sherburn Lang married Jennie Nichols, a native of Waldron, Vermont; and of the nine children born of this union, six survive to the present time (1928). Mrs. Jennie (Nichols) Lang also survives her husband, now making her home near Lyndonville.

Philo S. Lang, son of Sherburn and Jennie (Nichols) Lang, was born at Monroe, New Hampshire, May 27, 1891, and came with his parents, brothers and sisters to live in Lyndonville in 1900. Here he completed his education in the public schools, and as early as 1912 joined in association with his distinguished father, as farmer, cattle dealer, and business man. At the age of fifteen his father put him in charge of his farm near Lyndonville, where he engaged in agriculture and had a good herd of cattle. They were associated, father and son, until the former's death, when the son carried on and expanded the works already jointly undertaken, making new enterprises as the years advanced. Prior to 1924 their joint deals in New England amounted to perhaps a million dollars, in one year alone more than four hundred thousand dollars worth of land, property, cattle and other things having been sold. Philo S. Lang now is a dealer in accredited herds and cattle under State and Federal supervision. His principal, though not the largest, farm, where he makes his home, near Lyndonville, comprises one hundred and fifty acres. A second farm, in Lyndon, is three hundred acres. A third lies in the town of Sutton; a fourth in Victory, and a fifth in Wheelock.

Philo S. Lang married Ruth Sanderson, of Lyndon, a daughter of Richard and Angeline (Mooney) Sanderson, her father having long been a farmer, of Lyndon; and of this union were born children: 1. Sherburn, named after his paternal grandfather. 2. Thelma. 3. William. 4. Erma. 5. Phyllis. Members of the family attend the Federated Church, at East Burke. Mr. Lang is a liberal supporter of this church, as he is, indeed, of all worthy causes. During the World War he assisted materially in the several campaigns for funds, notably in the Liberty Loan through which the Nation realized some sixteen billions of dollars.

Unlike the activities of many men, the works of Mr. Lang are of the enduring kind, lying in land and in enterprises directly and indirectly beneficial to the people over a broad area. Though his business dealings are large, he spares time for friendliness, and in the matter of friends finds himself fortunate. What he has accomplished with his endeavors is all the more remarkable in that he has not yet reached middle life.

**WINFIELD LOREN BROWN**—In the life stories of those sons of Vermont, who have finished their courses and laid aside the work of the day, is to be found the foundation of the progressive, forward-looking commonwealth of today. Deservedly listed among the able business men of the district was Winfield Loren Brown, a lumberman and gristmill owner, of West Burke.

Mr. Brown was born on June 21, 1864, at Westfield and died at West Burke, November 18, 1927, a son of Thomas and Sarah Jane (Leland) Brown. When he was very young his family went West to live and



he was educated in the schools of Osage, Iowa. While the parents remained in the West, Winfield Loren Brown, when about twenty, returned to his native State, to Newport, and went into the lumber company of Prouty and Miller, in which his uncle, O. C. Miller, held a partnership. He started work at the bottom and rising from time to time by promotion, he became an efficient asset to the company through this thorough method of learning all jobs. He was recognized as an authority on lumber, which is one of the important resources of this State. When he resigned from this firm, he had been with them for thirty years, the latter part of his association being as its agent, having charge of their various plants. His retirement was due to ill-health but he still retained sufficient interest in active business to purchase the gristmill of Collis Page. This mill, known as the Dean Mill, is a picturesque old structure that has stood for over a century, a land-mark of the county. Mr. Brown carried on a busy and prosperous grain and feed business here, and since his demise Mrs. Brown has assumed control, continuing the services of the old employees. The late Mr. Brown was an outstandingly useful and respected townsman, meriting and holding the liking and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. Never actively in politics, he yet did his duty as a citizen and cast his votes each election for his party, the Republican. Fraternally, he was a Master Mason.

Winfield Loren Brown was married, September 3, 1902, to Bessie Dow Wright, who was born in Burlington, a daughter of Allen S. and Louisa A. (Dow) Wright. Mr. Wright was a well-known insurance man of Burlington. Although Mr. Brown was brought up in the Presbyterian church, the latter part of his life he affiliated himself with his wife's church, the Methodist, and was a liberal supporter of that congregation.

**FREEMAN E. LANG** is one of Lyndon's progressive and highly respected citizens. He is also one of Lyndon's enterprising and successful farmers and dairy-men. Born in the little town of Monroe, Grafton County, New Hampshire, January 21, 1890, he was taken by his parents as a boy to Vermont, where he grew up on the farm that was destined in later years to be his own.

Mr. Lang is the son of worthy parents. His father, Sherburn Lang, born in the town of Bath, New Hampshire, was a farmer and lumber dealer, and at one time was considered one of the best lumber estimators in northern New England. He was married to Jennie Nichols, of Northfield, Vermont, a girl whose noble character and Christian influence made her a true and ideal helpmate. They subsequently removed to Vermont, and located on a farm in the town of Lyndon, where they lived the remaining years of their lives, respected by all of their fellow-citizens.

Their son, Freeman E. Lang, was educated in the district schools, after which he joined his father in the work of the farm. He had in his father an able and efficient instructor in farm management, and together they accomplished much. Since his father's death in 1924, Mr. Lang has continued the farm's management alone, having purchased it outright from the heirs. The farm comprises two hundred and twenty-five acres, and aside from the tilling of the soil, Mr. Lang maintains a large dairy. At the present time (1928) he has as many as thirty-five high-grade Jersey cows—Holsteins and Guernseys, and from these he derives a nice income.

Mr. Lang is public-spirited, and takes an active interest in all projects sponsored for the improvement and betterment of the town. He is a member of the

Grange, the Junior Order United American Mechanics, and in politics he is affiliated with the Republican party. Although quite capable of holding political office, he has never done so, preferring to devote his time to his farm and its management.

Freeman E. Lang married Mabel B. Walter, born in East Haven, Vermont, daughter of Solon and Mary (Bailey) Walter. Both he and his wife are active members of the Methodist Church of East Burke, Mr. Lang a trustee, and member of the finance committee.

**HENRY B. HUTCHINS**—Versatility of accomplishment has marked the business life of Henry B. Hutchins, of Bennington, who is now engaged in a profitable real estate enterprise, after quite a number of years in manufacturing and merchandising industries in New York, Iowa and elsewhere. He is a very virile citizen, intensely interested in all civic affairs and has held and administered public office with much ability even while engaged in private enterprises. His personality is engaging and he makes and holds friends steadfastly, while his business methods are of such high character that he has drawn to him a profitable clientele and won the admiration and respect of all. He comes of old New England stock and has ever upheld the traditions of his ancestry for integrity and wholesome industry, honorable dealing and fine citizenship, making him a valuable member of the body politic.

He is a native of Bennington, born here in 1861, a son of Thomas A. and Eliza (Squires) Hutchins, both also born here, and both deceased. His father was a veteran of the Civil War, a lumber dealer here during his early life and later steward of the Bennington Club. He was a member of the Protestant Episcopal church. For several years he was postmaster. His son was educated in the Bennington public schools and at the conclusion of his studies went to Troy, New York, where he became associated with the wholesale grocery house of Squire, Sherry & Galusha, where he remained for five years. He then went into the collar manufacturing industry with Sanford Robinson's factory and remained four years. He left this to go to Burlington, Iowa, where he became associated with the wholesale drug house of C. P. Squires & Company, remained until 1882 and returned to Bennington, where he has since resided. He has been in the employ of such makers and distributors of knitted wear as A. B. Valentine, Henry S. Bingham and the H. E. Bradford Company, the last named of which he left in 1909 to engage in insurance and real estate. He purchased the business of Sheldon H. Rockwood and, in partnership with John Nash, began his independent career. His partner died in 1918 and since then he has conducted the business alone. He has served as lister and tax assessor, trial justice and justice of the peace and was village trustee from 1905 until 1907, when he resigned because of his great volume of private business that required all of his time. He is a member of the Episcopal church and affiliated with the Order of Free and Accepted Masons, Mt. Anthony Lodge, also with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he was for several years the secretary.

Henry B. Hutchins married, January 29, 1890, Harriet C. Gregg, a native of New York State, who came to Bennington when a child. She is a daughter of James C. and Charlotte (Hollister) Gregg.

**THEODORE E. HOPKINS**—A native of Illinois, Theodore E. Hopkins came to Vermont during his boyhood, completed his education in this State and since







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has practiced his profession, that of law. Proof of his success, not only in legal circles, but also in public office, is ascertained by a brief résumé of his career during the last three decades, during which time he has served city, county, district, and other political divisions in various offices of responsibility and trust. In legal circles Mr. Hopkins is freely acknowledged to be one of the foremost members of the Vermont Bar Association, and his shrewdness, sagacity, and thorough knowledge of jurisprudence have been valuable contributions to this, his adopted State, not only in public office but in private practice as well.

Mr. Hopkins was born January 27, 1874, at Aurora, Illinois. Through the removal of his parents from Illinois while he was a youth, Mr. Hopkins studied in the high school of Toledo, Ohio, and eventually moving to Burlington, finished his high school education by graduating from Burlington High School. He then matriculated at the University of Vermont, was graduated therefrom with the Class of 1895, at that time receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. It had long been his ambition to enter the legal profession, and after a year spent in the West, he returned to Burlington and entered the law offices of Rufus E. Brown, at Burlington in 1896, where he studied law until 1899. In this last-named year he passed the examinations and was admitted to the bar and opened offices for practice in Burlington. This city since has been the scene of his operations, with the exception of one or two brief interruptions, and he has handled many important cases in the courts. Achievements in private practice soon brought Mr. Hopkins into the public eye, and it was inevitable that he should be sought for public office. From 1902-12, he was auditor for Chittenden County, and from December 1, 1912 to February 1, 1917, was State's attorney of Chittenden County. It was while performing the duties of this post that Mr. Hopkins, perhaps, attained the greatest prominence through his successful prosecution of many notable cases. Further honors were to be conferred upon him, however, for in 1919 he was chosen to represent his city in the State Legislature, and while a member of that law-making body again demonstrated his abilities and his thorough familiarity with all departments of the legal profession, being chairman of the committee on State and court expenses, and a member of the Judiciary and Appropriations committees. Mr. Hopkins is now in private practice in Burlington and enjoys an excellent practice, in addition to holding the office of City Attorney. The latter position he held from April 25, 1919 to April 25, 1923, and was again appointed from April 25, 1925 to the present time (1928). He is a member of the American Bar Association and the Vermont State Bar Association, and he is ever in the fore in the ranks of those public-spirited men who have aided so materially in bettering civic conditions in Burlington. Mr. Hopkins' offices are located at No. 198 Main Street, this city.

**CHARLES KIMBALL JOHNSON, M. D.**—A member of an old and distinguished New England family, Charles Kimball Johnson has devoted his life to the practice of medicine and in this field has achieved a career of genuine distinction. Thoroughly trained in his profession, he has specialized in pediatrics supplying to the community at Burlington a medical service in this particular which is obtainable usually only in the largest cities. During the years the demands on his services have constantly increased, and he is now accounted one of the most prominent and successful medical men in this part of the State.

Dr. Johnson was born on May 18, 1875, in Lincoln,

Addison County, Vermont, a son of Denison Kimball Johnson, who was born at Lincoln on October 1, 1827, and died in 1903, and of Ellen A. (Dewey) Johnson, born at Brookfield, Vermont. His father was at first a farmer, but in later years was well known as a piano dealer and important business man. The American progenitor of the family, William Aaron Johnson, first came to this country in 1630 from Trent County, England, settling at Charlestown, Massachusetts, and here his brother, Captain Edward Johnson, played an important part in the surveying and laying out of the original land grants. From William Aaron Johnson the genealogical descent may be traced in an unbroken line to Denison Kimball Johnson in the eighth generation.

Charles Kimball Johnson, of this record, attended the public schools of his birthplace and later the grammar school and high school at Bristol. Following his graduation from the latter institution, he entered the Medical School of the University of Vermont and was here graduated in 1899 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Dr. Johnson was early attracted to pediatrics devoting much time to the study of its various phases which he planned to master so thoroughly that he might make this his life's work. He began the general practice of his profession, however, at Burlington, in association with that grand old practitioner Dr. L. M. Bingham, whose fame extended throughout all this section, and from whom he obtained much practical knowledge of inestimable value in his later work. Until 1912, Dr. Johnson carried on a general practice in a very successful way, but in that year he began to devote almost all his time to pediatrics, and soon secured wide recognition in this field for his able work. In addition to his large practice Dr. Johnson has been a member, in recent years, of the faculty of the University of Vermont, holding the chair of pediatrics in the Medical School. He has given to this work the same unselfish devotion which has been a distinguishing feature of his entire career.

Dr. Johnson is active in the various associations of the men of his profession, holding membership in the Vermont State Medical Society, the Burlington and Chittenden County Medical Society, and the American Association of Pediatric Teachers, while he is also a Fellow of the American Medical Association. He is affiliated fraternally with Burlington Lodge, No. 100, of the Free and Accepted Masons, and connected with various civic organizations and enterprises designed to promote the growth and welfare of the community. He has been generous in his support of all worthy benevolent causes.

On June 7, 1904, at Burlington, Charles Kimball Johnson married Grace M. Middlebrook, the Rev. Mr. Grismer officiating. Mrs. Johnson was born at Middlefield, New York, a daughter of Daniel Cady and Frances (Holcomb) Middlebrook, of that place. Dr. and Mrs. Johnson are the parents of two children: 1. Albert Kimball, born, July 1, 1905, a graduate of the University of Vermont, with the degree of Bachelor of Science, and now undertaking the course in law at George Washington University, at Washington, D. C. 2. James Oliver, born, June 20, 1909, who is studying electrical engineering as a member of the class of 1930, at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York. The family residence at Burlington, is situated at No. 311 South Union Street.

**HENRY GEORGE HAWTHORNE**—Professional honors as well as business success have come to Henry George Hawthorne. Winooski looks to him as a citizen who has impressed himself upon the community by the force and straightforwardness of his character, and by the remarkable foresight that has been justified by results in his business exploitations. Mr. Hawthorne is not a "native son" of Winooski, although he has so



identified himself with the community for thirty-five years that it is difficult not to believe so.

Mr. Hawthorne was born May 8, 1855, in New Haven, Vermont, son of George P. and Almena (Clark) Hawthorne. A direct descendant of the John Hawthorne who came from Benfield, England, in 1635, settling in Massachusetts, Mr. Hawthorne has a colonial lineage of distinction. He began his education in the local district school and later matriculated from Beaman's Academy at New Haven. His early commercial activities were attended with success and showed an amazingly good judgment that led him to take advantage of every opportunity, with always a strong bias towards a generosity of spirit. After being a clerk in the employ of others for a short time, he decided the way to succeed was by launching into the business world for himself, which he did by buying produce and taking on, at the same time, the agency of the out-put of a Dairy Implements Manufactory. With the contacts he already had, this agency was a most natural addition and thus, he saw, with successful outcome. In the growth of his business he finally covered all of Vermont and New Hampshire territory in establishing a demand for the dairy implements built by the Perfection Manufacturing Company of Minneapolis. When he first came to Winooski about 1893, he bought the fine property high above the Winooski River, overlooking a lovely surrounding country and the beautiful buildings of the University of Vermont, a most commanding and unusual location. He spent many years of his life developing and exploiting this property along finely idealistic lines, for his underlying thought throughout was to provide a lovely home setting for people of modest means. In more cases than one may ever know, the deeds to property were given outright to enable desirable and worthy home-seekers to build. The results have fully justified his efforts, for a beautiful community known as Winooski Heights is one of the pleasant spots of that town and a thriving and populous one. To Mr. Hawthorne is due much praise for the vision that could foresee the ready and happy response that his plans received. In every community there are individuals who seem so qualified by kind nature that it is assured from the first that they will lead, and talents and abilities are conceded them very early. This seems to have been true of Mr. Hawthorne, whose natural born gifts demanded and received recognition. He was appointed City Judge by Governor Proctor in 1922 and has been re-appointed by two succeeding governors, Governor Billings and Governor Weeks. He is the only judge in Winooski and holds the office with dignity and creditable administrative force.

On December 27, 1889, Henry George Hawthorne was united in marriage in Burlington to Anna C. Lord, who was born in Boquet, Essex County, New York. She was the daughter of Joseph Cornelius and Laura A. (Kenny) Lord, both natives of New York State.

**RAYMOND LEE SOULE**—After a successful career in manufacturing and wholesale circles, Raymond Lee Soule was drafted into the service of his fellow-citizens in Burlington, where he now (1928) is chairman of the Board of Assessors of the city and carries the additional responsibility accompanying the office of Building Inspector. While Mr. Soule educated himself in chemistry, his work since leaving college has had little connection with this profession, but he has attained success in the vocations heretofore mentioned. He also has, since early manhood, been deeply concerned with political affairs and it was his associations therewith which drew him into public office.

Mr. Soule was born July 12, 1886, at Fairfield, Ver-

mont, son of Chilo Lee and Florence (Ingalls) Soule, both parents being natives of Vermont. Chilo Lee Soule, who passed away in 1909, came to Burlington in 1890, and for five years thereafter was a retail shoe dealer here. He then entered the wholesale tobacco business and for many years previous to his death was so occupied and gained material success therein.

Raymond Lee Soule attended the public schools of Burlington, graduated from high school here in 1905, and attended the University of Vermont, where he specialized in chemistry. After leaving college, he took over the wholesale tobacco business which had been conducted by his father, the latter having died in this same year. Six years later, in 1915, he gave up this endeavor and associated himself with the O. L. Hinds Manufacturing Company, makers of clothing for children. Long affiliation with business in industrial circles of the city had resulted in Mr. Soule's recognition as a citizen of deep public spirit and of unusual ability, and on April 1, 1926, he was appointed member of the Board of Assessors and Building Inspector of Burlington, the duties of these offices continuing to occupy the bulk of his time. Under his administration a notable improvement has been noted in the class of structures erected in Burlington, and Mr. Soule is serving to the entire satisfaction of his constituents in public office. He is a Republican, is conscientious in his support of the principles of this political organization, and his sagacity and sound judgment have contributed materially to the success of Republicanism in this district. A member of the Unitarian church, he also is a Mason of high rank, being affiliated with Burlington Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons and many other divisions of this fraternal organization, both York and Scottish Rite branches, including Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Raymond Lee Soule married in 1914, Florence E. Hinds, daughter of O. L. Hinds, and they have two children: Robert W., and Sally. Mr. Soule's offices are in the City Hall, Burlington.

**GLENN N. JOHNSON**—Highway construction, agriculture, lumbering, the restaurant business, mercantile pursuits, and public office—each of these diversified occupations has contributed to the development of one of North Danville's most substantial citizens, Glenn N. Johnson, who now (1928) devotes the major portion of his time to the conduct of his mercantile establishment here. While most of Mr. Johnson's life has been spent in Danville and Marshfield, his various occupations have not been confined to this one neighborhood. He has, however, generally maintained his headquarters here, where he is a valuable citizen and a participant in the many organizations that are consecrated to the maintenance of those traditions and principles found only in this country.

Mr. Johnson was born March 5, 1879, at Westfield, Vermont, son of Samuel and Clementine (Squires) Johnson, both now deceased. Samuel Johnson was a farmer throughout his mature life, and was a native of Vermont, while Clementine (Squires) Johnson was born in Canada.

Glenn N. Johnson, soon after he had completed his schooling in the Westfield district, removed to the North Danville neighborhood, and since that time most of his activities have been centered in this community. For five years he followed agriculture, owning and conducting a farm near Marshfield. Another six-year period was devoted to the supervision of a restaurant at Island Pond. About 1918, Mr. Johnson became proprietor of the general merchandise store in North Danville which he now (1928) is successfully conduct-



ing, and has since made his home here. In addition to his own establishment, he is supervising a large pulp-wood undertaking for the Ryegate Paper Company, and directs the activities of a crew of thirty lumbermen operating in the woods. Mr. Johnson has always been a follower of the principles advocated by the Republican party, and a factor of import in that organization. While resident of Marshfield, he served as selectman, and other public duties conducted by him involved supervision over State road work. In addition to his participation in civic movements and public office, Mr. Johnson has associated himself with several of the best known fraternal organizations, including the Junior Order United American Mechanics and the Knights of Pythias. In the last named society, Mr. Johnson had occupied the various chairs of the Grand Lodge, but he since has withdrawn from this order. Both he and his wife are interested in the church of their choice, they being members of the local Methodist Church.

Glenn N. Johnson married Effie Webster, native of Charleston, Vermont, and daughter of Horatio and Ella (Cargyle) Webster, and their children are: Hoyle Webster, David Squires, Homer Calvin, Madeline Glenn, and Rebecca Phoebe. While Mr. Johnson and his family reside in North Danville, their mail is delivered through the St. Johnsbury post office, their home being served by Rural Delivery Route No. 3.

**WILLARD H. KEACH**—Senior member of the firm of Keach and Calacci, granite manufacturers, of Concord, Willard H. Keach possesses a knowledge and understanding of this work surpassed by few other men engaged in this, one of Vermont's most important industries. His training has been thorough and extensive, Mr. Keach having begun work as a stone-cutter in early youth, and since has been identified with this vocation in various departments. Despite the fact that he is still a young man, and was away from his work while serving his country during the World War, he has become skilled in granite finishing and at the same time possesses a thorough knowledge of business practices. The firm of Keach and Calacci is comprised of Mr. Keach and Antonio Calacci, another highly skilled granite cutter.

Willard H. Keach was born February 16, 1893, at Columbia, New Hampshire, son of Albert E. and Ida (Barnet) Keach, both parents native Vermonters, the father being a farmer. The public schools of Concord, Vermont, provided Mr. Keach with his education, and after being graduated from Concord High School, he apprenticed himself to the granite-cutter's trade for a period of three years. This calling he followed until August 28, 1918, at which time Mr. Keach volunteered, expecting to be assigned to the Tank Corps. However, illness prevented him from getting into active service, and he was attached to the Depot Brigade, where he remained until December 11, 1918, a month after the cessation of hostilities. After receiving his honorable discharge, Mr. Keach returned to Concord, and entered the employ of the J. Lillicrap and Company, granite manufacturers. This concern, which was organized more than thirty-five years ago by John Moyse and Emanuel Lillicrap, was originally known as the Leader Granite Company. After the retirement of his partner, Mr. Lillicrap had continued the business and changed its title to the name heretofore given. After a period as an employee with this concern, Mr. Keach became a partner therein, and so remained until March 1, 1925. In this last named year he associated himself with Antonio Calacci, and they established the business that (now) is Mr. Keach's main interest. This firm,

in addition to the two founders, has seven other highly-skilled workmen, and, while yet a comparatively young institution, is rapidly forging ahead.

Mr. Keach, while normally a Republican, often refuses to recognize party lines and uses his own judgment in supporting candidates and issues. He evidences deep concern in the official affairs of Concord, and serves here as a valued member of the Board of Trustees. Although of a quiet demeanor, and not addicted to ostentatiousness, Mr. Keach is one of the most popular members of fraternal spheres, being a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and of the St. Johnsbury Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He and his family attend the Universalist church, and contribute materially to the works of this religious denomination.

Willard H. Keach married Helen E. Reed, a native of Concord. She is a daughter of William L. and Gertrude (Burroughs) Reed. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Keach: Kenneth, Bernard, and Ralph. The family's residence is located in Concord.

**RICHARD AMOS SPEAR**—In the manufacturing life of Vermont, Richard Amos Spear, of Burlington, is a progressive leader as partner in the well-known firm of Spear Brothers of this city, manufacturers of building materials, store fixtures, water tanks and silos. Mr. Spear founded the present organization in partnership with his brother, Wilbur Olin Spear, in 1888, and has been instrumental in building up a concern which is one of the foremost of its kind in the State. He is one of the most popular citizens of this community in which he has ever been a sincere advocate and energetic worker in the promotion of its civic welfare, taking a leading part in all projects which have led to municipal improvement.

Mr. Spear was born in Colchester, July 11, 1856, son of Richard and Rhoda Ann (Bailey) Spear. Richard Spear, Sr. was born at Colchester, March 10, 1827 and died when only twenty-eight years of age. He was engaged in agriculture during his active life. He married Rhoda Ann Bailey, who was born November 27, 1830, daughter of Enoch and Lomira (Stevens) Bailey, at Enosburgh, and to this union were born four children: Francis A., Louise Jane, Wilbur Olin, and Richard Amos, of whom further.

Richard Amos Spear is the eighth in direct line of descent from George Spear, who was the first ancestor of this name to settle in America, coming to Braintree, near Boston, Massachusetts, from England in 1642. He was admitted a freeman, May 29, 1644. In his old age, he moved to New Dartmouth, now Pemaquid, Maine, and is said to have been killed by the Indians. Mr. Spear's great-grandfather, Richard Spear was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, having enlisted at Stoughton in 1775 and later re-enlisting at Braintree.

Richard Amos Spear was educated in the public schools of Colchester and graduated from Champlain Academy at Champlain, New York, after which he studied architecture in the office of Warren Thayer, of Burlington. In his youth, he helped on the family farm outside school hours and when sixteen years old, became an apprentice to the carpenter trade, serving in the employ of Robie Brothers, carpenters and builders. Mr. Spear later worked at this trade, and while employed by W. J. Bray of St. Johnsbury, his employer went into insolvency and Mr. Spear, with George D. Story, of Newport, as partner, purchased the business and operated it for two years under the firm name of Story and Spear. Upon the withdrawal of the senior partner, Mr. Spear conducted its affairs independently and continued successfully until 1888, when he sold the



establishment to Herbert Merrill. At that time, he came to Burlington and here formed the present organization of Spear Brothers, with his brother, Wilbur Olin Spear, as partner. Starting on a small scale, the firm gradually expanded as the excellence of their work drew new patrons. As contractors and builders, they have erected some of the most important buildings and residences of this city and the quality of absolute dependability which has characterized all their operations has brought them to the position of one of the most substantial and prosperous building firms in the State. Every detail of construction is given the same careful study, while the completed buildings in and around this city are an asset to the architectural beauty of the community, at the same time, sturdy, reliable units in civic progress and expansion. In addition to their contracting business, the firm manufactures building equipment and accessories, such as doors, windows, blinds, cabinet and case work, house finish and store fixtures, cypress and pine water tanks and silos. The office and shops are located at the corner of Bank and Battery streets.

In civic affairs, Mr. Spear takes a constructive interest and has always supported every measure which contributes to the advancement of the city and the welfare of its people. In politics, he follows the principles of the Republican party and in fraternal circles, he is a popular figure, being a member of Tomfobia Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Derby, since 1882; he was one of the charter members of Evening Star Lodge, of Newport, and became its first secretary. He later became a member of Green Mountain Lodge, No. 1, of Burlington, and held the various offices of the order in succession. He also is a member and has held the offices in Green Mountain Encampment, No. 3, and was elected captain of the Patriarchs Militant, Canton Lafayette, No. 1, serving two years, also serving as aide on the staff of General Stocker, who was then commanding-general of the Patriarchs Militant of the United States, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. Mr. Spear is a member of the Beatrice Rebekah Lodge of Odd Fellows and represented Vermont at the great councils held in Denver, Colorado, and Winnipeg, Manitoba. He is also prominent in Burlington Lodge, No. 100, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and in Vermont Lodge, New England Order of Protection. His religious adherence, as well as that of his family, is given to the Methodist church.

Richard Amos Spear married, October 4, 1893, at Essex, Vermont, Ida F. Brown, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, daughter of Eleazer Hamlin and Hannah (Taft) Brown, and they are the parents of one son, Richard Hobart, of whom further.

Richard Hobart Spear was born in Burlington, April 30, 1895, son of Richard Amos and Ida F. (Brown) Spear. He was educated in the public schools of this city, graduating from high school with the Class of 1913, after which he entered Brown University, at Providence, Rhode Island, receiving his degree of Bachelor of Philosophy from that institution in 1917. At the outbreak of the war between the United States and the Central Powers, he went to Plattsburgh, New York, as a member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and later transferred to the Princeton Aviation School. On September 17, 1917, he landed in England as a member of the first group of flying cadets from this country, after which he was sent to France and received additional training from French flying instructors located at Tours, France. He was commissioned a First Lieutenant in the United States Flying Service and served through the war, taking part in

the great Battle of the Argonne. After two years' service, he was discharged at Mineola, Long Island, New York, in 1919. Returning to his home city, Mr. Spear has been since connected with his father in the contracting and building business and is one of prominent younger business men of Burlington.

Richard Hobart Spear married in March, 1925, Eva Manchester, daughter of Edwin Manchester, of Cambridge Junction. Mr. Spear is active in civic and social affairs as a member of the Lions Club, the National Club and the Lake Champlain Yacht Club. His fraternal affiliations are with the American Legion and Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

**HARLAN R. KIMBALL**—Quietly industrious for more than a generation of business life in Hardwick, during which he achieved a success, Harlan R. Kimball, president of the Granite Trust Company, is high in his standing as a citizen and as a representative of the progressive element of the community. Never aspiring to public office, he has always been vitally interested in all civic enterprises of merit and has been specially sincere in his attitude toward public education, lending his aid on all occasions where he could be of service to his fellow-citizens. His ancestry is of old Colonial stock, the builders of New England, whose traditions of honesty and valor he has sincerely upheld, to the end that he has a host of staunch friends and the esteem of all with whom he becomes associated.

Born in Barton, Vermont, November 4, 1865, he is a son of Richard G. and Harriet K. (Brown) Kimball, his father having been a drover and cattle dealer, now deceased. There were three children, all reared in Hardwick, where the family came when Harlan was about fourteen years of age. He was educated in the public schools here and at Hardwick Academy and for two years following his graduation followed the vocation of a teacher. He then entered the drug business as an employee, remaining in that capacity for several years, when he started in business for himself and operated it independently for thirty-one years. It is now the Cox Pharmacy. In 1913, he assisted in organizing the Granite Trust Company of Hardwick and was selected as vice-president, with George H. Bickford as president. A year later, Mr. Bickford died and Mr. Kimball succeeded him as president, a position he still administers. His only public office has been as school director of the village, which he held for twelve years. He is a Republican in politics; and attends the Congregational church.

Harlan R. Kimball married Lula M. Campbell, a native of Hardwick, daughter of J. J. and Cynthia (Rogers) Campbell.

**GEORGE A. MORSE**—For more than half a century George A. Morse has been one of the most active and progressive citizens of Hardwick and Morrisville. Operating in lumber in Lamoille County, he has given employment to a large number of persons, while his financial enterprises have engaged the admiration of the community and encouraged thrift on the part of individuals. Staunchly devoted to the interests of the district, he has been called to public office on many occasions and has carried out such civic obligations with value to the people and credit to himself. Needless to record, his friends are limited only by the number of his acquaintances, while the esteem of the community is high and its loyalty unlimited.

He was born in Plainfield, Vermont, October 22, 1848, a son of Ira and Pauline (Ainsworth) Morse, both deceased. They were the parents of four children, all boys, and George acquired his education in the elementary and



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select schools, and at Hardwick Academy. Leaving school, he became engaged in the lumber business and remained in it through his active business life. In 1895 he was one of the organizers of the Hardwick Savings Bank & Trust Company, of which he became vice-president, at the same time owning and operating the Lamoille County Lumber Mills. For the past twelve years he has been president of the Savings Bank and is the only one of the organizers still living. A staunch Republican, he has served in both branches of the State Legislature, has been assistant judge for four years, a selectman and has held almost every minor office in the town of Morrisville. He has a beautiful summer home at Lake Caspian, Caledonia County. His fraternal affiliation is with the order of Free and Accepted Masons.

George A. Morse married (first) Alice Silloway, daughter of William and Phoebe Silloway. Their children are: 1. George G., a graduate of the University of Vermont, now engaged in the lumber business in Morrisville; married Blanche Foss and they are the parents of two children: Shirley and Howard. 2. Glee, married Charles Raymond, lumber dealer, of Morrisville, and they are the parents of two children: Barbara and Mary. Mr. Morse's second marriage was with Laura Irish. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was president of the Board of Stewards, trustee and treasurer; he was a delegate to General Conference that meets every four years, being one of two from the Vermont Conference.

**ARTHUR REGIS ST. PIERRE**—Born January 19, 1867, in Burlington, Arthur Regis St. Pierre is the son of Regis and Josephine (Roberge) St. Pierre of French ancestry and more immediately, of Canadian. His father was a native of Bagot County, Quebec, and came to Burlington in 1865 and died there on March 21, 1880. He was a skilled cabinet maker. His mother was born in Burlington, a daughter of John B. Roberge, also of French blood, who settled in Milton in 1838 from Canada, and then in Burlington in 1841, being employed by the Central Vermont Railroad.

Arthur Regis St. Pierre received his education in the parochial school at Burlington and in August, 1882, entered the office of the T. S. Peck Insurance Company, as office boy, at the munificent salary of two dollars and a half a week. He remained there for thirty-nine years, continually rising in responsibility and becoming a member of the firm when it incorporated. In 1919 he resigned to establish a general insurance agency on his own account, representing all types of insurance, fire, accident, indemnity, liability and so forth.

Mr. St. Pierre was elected a member of the Burlington Board of Assessors in 1921 and has remained on it since, in 1922, 1923 and 1924 acting as chairman. A man of recognized integrity and high ideals, he has been called upon by his fellow townsmen to act upon Boards and Committees, where keenness of foresight and honesty of purpose were valuable assets and has, at all times, been esteemed as a dependable factor in the financial life of the city. He has served as director of the Burlington Building and Loan Association since 1902 and on the Security Committee since 1907; a trustee of the Home Savings Bank since 1922 and on the Board of Investments.

Socially well-liked, Mr. St. Pierre has always been in the foreground of social matters among the French residents of the city, has been a prominent member of the Société St. Jean Baptiste, acting as treasurer for many years, and, at various times, as president and as secretary. He is also a trustee of the church of St. Joseph's Parish, a man thoroughly to be relied upon and looked up to by his fellow parishioners. Mr. St.

Pierre belongs to the Burlington Elks and the Knights of Columbus.

**DR. CHARLES EMERSON LIBBEY**—Creditable service overseas during the World War won for Dr. Charles Emerson Libbey the rank of major in the Reserve Corps in which he enlisted upon his discharge from the regular army in 1919. Dr. Libbey enjoys the confidence and admiration of innumerable patients and friends in East Hardwick where he has practiced medicine and taken an active part in various phases of community life since 1923.

Dr. Libbey was born at Machiasport, Maine, July 16, 1873. His parents, Alonzo B. and Ann (Emerson) Libbey, were both natives of Maine. Charles E. received his early education in the public schools of Waltham, Massachusetts, and at Sanborn Seminary at Kingston, New Hampshire. He was graduated from the Medical School of Boston University in 1897, spending the succeeding year as resident physician in the Home for Consumptives at Dorchester, Massachusetts. After one year of practice at Nashua, New Hampshire, Dr. Libbey went to Danville, Vermont, there to establish a wide practice to which he devoted his energies and scientific training until the outbreak of the World War. He enlisted in the service as a First Lieutenant of the Medical Corps, Field Hospital 335, Eighty-fourth Division, in July, 1917, and was detailed to active duty in August. He was given a Captain's commission in November, 1917, and was sent to France in September, 1918, when every effort of the Government was being bent toward completion of the war before winter. After eight months' service in France he received his discharge May 6, 1919, later being commissioned a major in the army's Medical Reserve. Dr. Libbey returned to Danville and East Hardwick in 1923. Here he has served as health officer and as a member of the school board. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias of which body Dr. Libbey has been Grand Chancellor, a member of Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Danville, Hiram Chapter 29, and of both the county and State units of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Libbey married Nellie Weddleton, of Nova Scotia, whose death occurred July 19, 1926. Their two sons are: 1. Charles Emerson, graduated from Danville High School 1919, enlisted in United States Navy and was on the President's yacht, the "Mayflower." 2. Theodore Weddleton, graduate of Danville High School who is now studying aviation.

**FRANK BERTRAND ROYCE**—It is extremely doubtful if any business executive of the Granite State came into his leadership so well qualified therefor as did Frank Bertrand Royce, president, treasurer and manager of the Berry-Hall Company, importers and wholesalers of teas, coffees and spices, of Burlington. Mr. Royce assumed these responsibilities after a quarter of a century devoted to the "road," during which he covered almost every section of this country as a traveling salesman. During his career, he has been closely related to the buyers of products which he represented, and none can deny that a successful salesman must be thoroughly familiar with his wares. Stockholders of the Berry-Hall Company were fully cognizant of Mr. Royce's qualifications, and, in 1926, when A. S. Gallup, then head of the firm, passed away, they did not hesitate to pass his duties on to Mr. Royce.

Mr. Royce is the son of Albert Harvey and Emily (Bailey) Royce, and descendant of the Royces who first settled at Swanton, Vermont, in 1823. The founders of this family were farmers at Swanton, and many of their descendants have been so occupied in that



community. Albert Harvey was born at Swanton, as was his wife, and they conducted a farm there during their life. Frank Bertrand Royce was born August 10, 1875, at Swanton, Franklin County, Vermont. He attended public schools at St. Albans, and was graduated from high school there in 1895. For the ensuing five years he remained at home and aided his father in the farm work. In 1900, however, Mr. Royce severed the home ties, went to Enosburg Falls and there was employed in a general store for one year. In 1901 Mr. Royce launched upon his career as a traveling salesman, a vocation he was destined to follow for about twenty-five years. His first connection was with the Mead Manufacturing Company, and his duties took him to widely separated sections of the United States. Mr. Royce has traveled throughout every one of the New England States, in Texas, Alabama, Mississippi, and other parts of the country. He remained with the Mead company until 1919, when he entered the Berry-Hall Company, wholesalers of tea, coffee, and spices, Burlington, and as a salesman for this corporation attained unusual success, being credited with a large share of the increase shown in his company's business. On January 1, 1927, Mr. Royce was called from the "road," and since has carried out the duties of president, treasurer and manager of the Berry-Hall Company, residing in Burlington.

The Berry-Hall Company, admittedly the peer of its kind in Vermont, was founded in 1866, under the firm name of Minor, Pope & Company. Later the title was changed to Pope, Berry & Company, and in 1900 was incorporated as Berry-Hall Company, under which name it since has functioned, and has experienced a steady and consistent growth. Until the death of A. S. Gallup (Mr. Royce's brother-in-law), the former had been head of the concern, and the present official family is composed of: Frank B. Royce, president, treasurer and manager; Glen W. Rublee, of Enosburg Falls, vice-president; Harry R. Gallup, secretary; F. B. Royce, Glen W. Rublee, H. R. Gallup, Mrs. Ella H. Waterman, Charles T. Wager, and S. J. Everett, directors. Mr. Royce's travels for so many years naturally prohibited his assuming a large share in the conduct of local civic affairs, but since he became permanently located in Burlington he has evidenced deep interest in his community, and is taking on the full responsibilities of citizenship. In fraternal organization, he has confined his affiliations to the Masonic Order, in which he has attained high rank, being a member of St. Albans Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Champlain Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Lafayette Commandery, Knights Templar, and Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. A member of St. Albans Congregational church, Mr. Royce has been generous in his support of that congregation.

Frank B. Royce married, in 1907, Flora B. Rathburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Rathburn, of Milan, Ohio, and they have two children: Harriet Madelon, and Margaret Rathburn. Mr. and Mrs. Royce and their children reside at No. 322 Pearl Street, Burlington, and they are popular and well-liked in social circles of the city.

**MELVIN GREGG MORSE**—Practicing law in Hardwick for nearly thirty years, Melvin Gregg Morse has attained an eminent position in the legal ranks of Vermont and has represented an admiring constituency in the legislative halls of the State. Thorough master of his profession, he is also gifted with an attractive personality that has brought him a host of friends and a valuable clientele, as well as the esteem of all with

whom he has become associated. Sound in his citizenship, he is deeply interested in all civic affairs that appeal to the progressive element and has shown his value to the community at such times as his assistance in the promotion of public enterprises could be of use. In Mr. Morse the legal profession of Vermont has an honorable and distinguished member, while Hardwick feels a just pride in having him as a resident and coöperative unit.

Mr. Morse was born in Elmore, Vermont, February 27, 1873, a son of Benjamin F. and Mary (Burnham) Morse, and was educated in the grade schools and at the People's Academy at Morrisville. He then attended the Law School of Boston University, from which he was graduated in 1899, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, was admitted to the bar of Vermont in the same year, and in the following April established himself in practice in Hardwick, where he has since been in active practice. In politics, he is a Republican, and in 1915 and again in 1923 represented the town in the General Court. In 1917, he was elected to the State Senate from Caledonia County, and from 1920 to 1922 he was Commissioner of Taxes. He is a member of the Masonic body, affiliated with Hardwick Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Council, Royal and Select Masters; Perfection Commandery, of Morrisville, Knights Templar; the Consistory, of Burlington, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Mt. Sinai Temple, of Montpelier, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also is a member of the Knights of Pythias, in which body he has served as Grand Chancellor; and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Hardwick.

Melvin Gregg Morse married Esther F. Foster, of Cambridge, Vermont, daughter of Orrin E. and Martha (Wesson) Foster. They are the parents of a daughter, Martha Evelyn, who married Kenneth S. Austin, an employee of the Savings Bank, of Winooski, and they reside in Burlington, Vermont.

**FRANCIS EDMOND RACICOT**—At the age of 15 years, Francis Edmond Racicot, harness manufacturer of Burlington, commenced to learn the trade of harness and saddle-making and has pursued that line of business uninterruptedly ever since. For more than twenty years he has operated his shop in Burlington where the Racicot leather goods enjoy a deserved reputation for quality and competent construction.

Mr. Racicot was born December 30, 1866, at St. Chrysostom, County of Chateauguay, Province of Quebec, the son of Isaie and Henriette (Couture) Racicot, both of whom were natives of Quebec. His father, whose death occurred in 1896, was a carriage maker and it was quite natural that the son should become interested in the making of harness and saddles at an early age. Mr. Racicot attended the Chrysostom Academy, but left school at the age of thirteen to begin contributing to his own support. He is a communicant in the Catholic church and is Democratic politically.

Francis Edmond Racicot married Elizabeth Babeux, daughter of Francis and Elizabeth (Baudin) Babeux, of Bedford and Richmond, Quebec, in 1886. They are the parents of twelve children: 1. Laura, wife of William Weisman. 2. George. 3. Charles. 4. Philip. 5. John, served as a sergeant in an ammunition train, 26th Division, with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, receiving an honorable discharge in 1919 after nineteen months' service. 6. Pauline, wife of Francis McCormick. 7. Ellen, deceased. 8. Margaret, deceased.



9. Charlotte, wife of Edward Cassidy, of Manchester, New Hampshire. 10. Bernard. 11. Edmond. 12. Vivianne.

**FRANK EUGENE ROBINSON**—The work which Frank Eugene Robinson does in Winooski as superintendent of the plant of the Porter Screen Company is a valuable one to the community in which he lives and works, as well as one which places him among the business and industrial leaders of this place. He has lived all his life in Winooski, served as its second mayor, and is thoroughly familiar with people and conditions in this part of Vermont, with the result that he has many friends here and takes an active part in the social life of his city and State.

Mr. Robinson was born September 30, 1883, in Winooski, a son of Cassius Harvey and Hannah Maria (Merrill) Robinson. His father, born January 15, 1852, in Rouses Point, New York, on Lake Champlain, who at the time of writing (1928) is still living and in good health in his seventy-sixth year, is a son of John and Anna Robinson; while the mother was born in her father's hotel in Colchester, Vermont, where her father was a popular owner and racer of blooded horses at his track near his hotel, which itself is now a part of the Fanny Allen Hospital.

Frank Eugene Robinson, of whom this is a record, attended the little schoolhouse near Fanny Allen Hospital in the hills of Winooski, and after a short attendance there went to the Burlington public schools. Subsequently he went to the Burlington High School and the Burlington Business College, from which he was graduated in the Class of 1901. He began work in the mills of the American Woolen Company, in Winooski, where he remained for a short time. Then he entered the employ of E. F. Moore, a contractor in Burlington, from whom he received five dollars per week for his services. Later he worked for a time with the United States Life Insurance Company, remaining there about a year, until in 1907, he began working with the Porter Screen Company, of Winooski. From the very start he was successful in his new activities, and, mastering all details of the business as he went on, he served the company so faithfully and well that he was made superintendent of the plant, a position which he has filled for several years in a most admirable manner, consistently making friends both for himself and for the company with which he has cast his lot.

In addition to his business activities, Mr. Robinson is a participant in the social and fraternal affairs of his community. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which his affiliation is with the Washington Lodge; Burlington Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons; Burlington Commandery, of Knights Templar; and Cairo Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he belongs to Burlington Lodge No. 916, and has been chosen president of the State Association of Elks; and the Ethan Allen Club.

In 1908, in Burlington, Vermont, Frank Eugene Robinson married, at the home of his bride there, Maud Winterbottom, daughter of Charles Winterbottom, who died in 1914. One child was born to them, Dewitt Clark Robinson, born August 19, 1912. Mr. Robinson's second marriage, which took place on September 7, 1920, in Lyme, New Hampshire, a town opposite Thetford, Vermont, was to Marie Reeve, a daughter of Thomas Reeve, born in England, and Isabelle (Mackenzie) Reeve. By this marriage there were two children: Barbara Isabelle, born May 5, 1921; and Nancy Jane, born May 16, 1923.

**JOHN PICHER**—In the Ideal Manufacturing Company of Burlington, John Picher has developed a business widely known among dealers in automobile accessories. But concentration upon his duties as proprietor of a successful and rapidly growing mercantile concern has not prevented his taking an active interest in civic and church life of Winooski, where he was born July 12, 1888, and where he still makes his home.

Mr. Picher is the son of Samuel Picher and Sarah (Allard) Picher, both Canadians. His father came from Quebec in 1878 to settle at Winooski, where he engaged in his trade as shoemaker and in mercantile operations. John was educated in the parochial schools, and in 1910 attended the Burlington Business College. That year he was employed by the Vermont Marble Company, and from 1911 to 1919 he was in the accounting department of the Porter Screen Company where he obtained a thorough training in business methods. In 1919 he entered the employ of the Ideal Manufacturing Company and upon its incorporation the following year was made secretary and treasurer of the concern. Mr. Picher bought all interests in the company in 1927 thereby becoming sole owner and director of a factory that produces a wide variety of automobile parts and accessories including tops, upholstery, glass, seat covers, spring covers, rugs, rug protectors, shades for closed cars, rear end trunks and blankets. This line has gained a wide popularity and is handled over a considerable territory. Mr. Picher has continuously been identified with the local governmental activities of the community in which he lives. From 1913 until 1919 he was Village Clerk of Winooski and has held the office of Justice of the Peace since 1915. For two years between 1924 and 1926 he was a member of Winooski's Board of Aldermen. The duties of these offices and community affairs generally have had the benefit of his conscientious and public-spirited service. Mr. Picher is also a leader in church work, having been president of the Council of the St. Jean Baptiste Church since 1922.

In March, 1912, Mr. Picher married Antoinette Tougas, daughter of Peter Tougas of Winooski. There were three children, Jeanne, Paul, and Claire. His wife's death occurred in 1919 and her sister, Agnes Tougas, later became the wife of Mr. Picher. A son and daughter, Madeleine and Robert, have been born to them.

**MORTON J. REED**—For more than twenty years Morton J. Reed has been connected with the Hooker Reed Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of saw-mills and allied machinery, in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. During this period he rose from minor positions, solely through his own energy and ability, until he was able to purchase the company, of which he is now not only proprietor, but also its executive head. The sound financial position and prosperous business of this enterprise is due almost entirely to his able direction of its affairs.

Mr. Reed was born at Fairfield, Vermont, on June 19, 1886, a son of S. M. and Flora A. Reed of that place. He attended the Sheldon public schools and the academy and high school at St. Albans, Vermont, after which he undertook a course of study in business school at Albany, New York, and is a graduate of Alexander Hamilton Institute, New York City. When he completed his education, he was associated for three years with the Pike Manufacturing Company as bookkeeper, after which, for a similar period, he was bookkeeper at the Merchants National Bank, in St. Johnsbury. At the end of this time he accepted a position with the manu-



facturing company which had been established in 1875 by O. V. Hooker, and engaged in an extensive business in sawmill and papermill machinery. Mr. Reed's strict attention to the task at hand and his obvious business ability won him merited advancement to positions of confidence and trust, and in 1926, by purchasing the Hooker interest he became sole proprietor of the company.

Politically Mr. Reed supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party, and although he would never seek office, he has filled various minor offices from time to time in the village government. This does not begin to measure the extent of his interest in civic affairs, however, in which he has always taken an active part. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which organization he is a member of the Blue Lodge, of which he is Past Master; the Chapter, Council, the Commandery of the Knights Templar, and of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Reed is also a member of E. B. Frost Camp, Sons of Veterans, the U. T. C., St. Johnsbury Country Club, and the local Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce. He and his family attend the St. Johnsbury Congregational church, of which they are active members, and of which Mr. Reed is treasurer.

Morton J. Reed married Ethel M. Mullen, who was born in Littleton, New Hampshire, a daughter of Charles and Isabel Mullen of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Reed are the parents of three children: 1. Carlisle M., a student in St. Johnsbury Academy. 2. Ruth I. 3. Paul E. The family home is at No. 1 Perkins Place, St. Johnsbury.

**ISAAC M. RICKER**—Known throughout his life as one of the successful and deserving citizens of Groton, Vermont, Isaac M. Ricker was engaged here in farming and in the lumber business, and was noted for his keen insight into the affairs of industry and finance. Generous and unassuming in his manner, he readily acquired a host of friends, and, in fact, listed among these practically all of the older residents of Groton and its environs, many of whom he had known from childhood, having been himself a lifelong citizen of this place. His death, it is hardly necessary to point out, caused a sense of widespread sorrow in this vicinity, for everyone knew him, and but to know him was to respect and like him.

Mr. Ricker was born April 10, 1839, in Groton, Vermont, a son of Oronson and Lydia (Taisey) Ricker. A veteran of the Civil War, in which he had seen nine months' service, he established himself in business and agriculture here in Groton after the termination of that conflict between the States. He received his early schooling in the Groton public schools, and early in life started farming. For a long period he combined the lumber business with farming, and was as successful in the one pursuit as in the other. In fact, he came to be known as one of the most industrious and capable men of Groton, and took part to a considerable extent from time to time in its institutions and in the affairs of the municipal government.

A strong Republican, he consistently supported the policies and candidates of his party, and held many offices of trust. He represented the town at the general court in 1906, while at all times, when any new movement was being planned or was under way, he was approached with a view to obtaining his opinions regarding such activities, and his words were received with eagerness. He served also in the Legislature in 1906.

In December, 1863, Isaac M. Ricker married Mary Jane Taisey, a daughter of John and Phoebe (Heath) Taisey. Her father was a native of Scotland, while her mother was born in Ryegate, Vermont. John Taisey

came to the United States from his native land when he was only four years old, and here he lived all his life, engaged in farming throughout the productive years of his career. Mary Jane Taisey, his daughter, received her education in the public schools of Groton, and for many years was a school teacher. Before her marriage she was keenly interested in the public and civic affairs of the town of Groton, while in later years she has maintained this interest and upon numerous occasions has done many things for the betterment of the people who make this town their home. Upon the death of her first husband, Mr. Ricker, she was married, in November, 1912, to Thomas B. Hall, a native of Groton, who died on May 13, 1918. He was a son of Isaac and Lizzie Hall and a prominent citizen in this community.

The death of Isaac M. Ricker, which occurred on August 15, 1910, brought great sorrow to the people of Groton, all of whom knew the work that he had done here and the contribution that he had made to the life and development of his municipality and its residents. He was a man whose willingness to help others was ever manifest, whose integrity and public-spiritedness were widely known and recognized, whose life was valuable to his fellow men, and whose influence was constantly for good; in short, he was representative of the most substantial, desirable and useful type of citizen in Groton.

**LORON BEACH PHELPS**—Two years of service to his country during the World War gave Loron Beach Phelps a handicap in an injury suffered, as well as several years lost, in his pursuit of a business career, but he has overcome his difficulties and is making enviable progress in his conduct of the Vermont Garage of Burlington. Born October 20, 1891 at Colchester, Mr. Phelps is the son of Fred Orange and Ella (Morton) Phelps. His father was a native Vermonter, having been born in Chittenden County at Milton, also the home of the mother. Both families had been pioneer farmers, but Fred Orange Phelps left the farm to enter the employ of the Burlington Traction Company and was killed in a railway accident in 1902.

Loron Beach Phelps attended the Milton grade and high schools and completed the course offered by the Burlington Business College with the Class of 1909. From 1909 to 1916 he was associated with the F. D. Abernathy Dry Goods Company at Burlington. He enlisted in the Naval Aviation Corps in 1917 and was stationed at Hampden Roads, Virginia. He served as a first class machinist and received his honorable discharge January 30, 1919. He was incapacitated for a year as the result of an injury received while in service and was then granted vocational training by the United States Government. He became proprietor of the Vermont Garage where he specializes on auto-motive service and the sale of automobile accessories. Mr. Phelps interests himself in the affairs of his community and in addition to taking an active part in work of the Methodist Church and the American Legion, he is a member of the Burlington Lodge, No. 100, Free and Accepted Masons and Haswell Lodge of Perfection, Scottish Rite. He is a Republican in his political leanings.

Mr. Phelps married Hazel Drew, daughter of Dr. George and Ellen (Northrup) Drew, of Marshfield, in 1915. They have four children, Loron B. Jr., Sheila, Willis M., and Gloria Janice.

**B. L. WURSTHORNE**—Owner and proprietor of a general store in the village of Troy, B. L. Wursthorne bought the business which he now conducts from Wallace Miller. Before that purchase he conducted another general store, which previously had been the property of H. A. Parker, but which after a period of owner-



Isaac M. Ricker





ship, he sold to take over his present enterprise. He also has a trucking business, owns two farms, a 150-acre plot in Troy and a 190-acre property in Lowell. He has tenants on these farms, who work on a share basis. Among his other activities, Mr. Wursthorne conducts an undertaking business.

He was born in Germany, February 8, 1890, son of Alex and Katherine (Bayhoff) Wursthorne, and came to the United States with his family when he was only two years old. His parents were natives of Germany, where they were united in marriage and where the father was a farmer by occupation. He farmed also after coming to the United States, and it was from him that B. L. Wursthorne, of whom this is a record, received his earliest training as a farmer. Mr. Wursthorne received his early education in the common schools of Stevens Mills, Vermont, which he left at the age of thirteen years. Thereupon he started to work, was engaged in various positions until he attained early manhood, and then went to work in a store at Lowell, Vermont, where he clerked. There he remained until he came to Troy and purchased his business. In all of his business ventures, Mr. Wursthorne has been eminently successful, putting into each of them his fund of energy and sound judgment and combining these advantageous qualities with a most amiable disposition which has readily won the hearts of all with whom he has been associated.

In addition to his work in the field of business, Mr. Wursthorne has taken an active interest in the public affairs of Troy and the surrounding community. Although always keenly interested in political developments in his town, State and Nation, he has never aligned himself with either of the existing major political parties, preferring on the contrary to maintain his independence in this important branch of public life and to cast his vote and influence in favor of the candidates and principles of his choice. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus at Newport, and his religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Wursthorne married May Brahana, a native of Lowell, Vermont, daughter of John and Ann (Martin) Brahana. By this union there have been three children: Roger, Rachel, and Patricia.

**THORNTON THOMAS PENROSE**—With the advent of the automobile a new and vast industry opened up which created unique positions of strength in finance throughout the United States. New England, in a manner comparable with all other prosperous sections of the Nation, came to be an automotive territory rich in potentialities, and is today a rich territory in fact. Here are encountered leaders in the industry whose activities parallel those of leaders in the dominant marts of the automobile trade, and the city of Burlington is a recognized field of superior possibilities.

Thornton Thomas Penrose became associated with the industry more than a decade gone by, and has given it his consistent force through the years succeeding, now being an outstanding figure in the automobile trade of Burlington. His record is one of progress, inspiring in its very essentials. Born in Boston, Massachusetts, November 7, 1888, he is the son of Thomas and Emily (Frank) Penrose, his father, native of England, having been a wholesale dealer in liquors, and his mother, a native of Boston. In the public schools of Boston he secured his elementary and secondary academic instruction, and in 1905 began a career at business which was destined to be of distinction. The initial contact was in the typewriter business, at which he was engaged,

with round fortune, for some eleven years, leaving this field in 1916 to enter the automotive industry. This proved to be his proper metier. For eight years, until 1924, he was identified with the Garford Motor Company, of the prosperous little city of Lima, Ohio. In 1924 he came to Vermont, and then was identified with H. G. Bennett, of Barre, distributors of the Cadillac automobile. In 1926, ten years after the commencement of his activity in the automotive distribution, he removed to Burlington, and has resided here since, though he has retained the business and social contacts which he made in Barre. He came here as manager of the Burlington Cadillac Company, which company he has continued to serve to advantage, its business having been much augmented under his direction.

Mr. Penrose is an active member of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, fraternally is affiliated with Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of Day Spring Lodge, No. 30; Burlington Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons; Barre Council, Royal and Select Masters; and belongs to the Burlington Lions Club. He is a communicant of the Episcopal church, and in political adherence is Independent. He is endowed liberally with those attributes which make for friendship.

Mr. Penrose married, in 1910, Ella M. Debbins, a daughter of William and Ella Debbins; and their children are: 1. Thornton Thomas, Jr. 2. Kenneth W. 3. Wallace F.

**CLARENCE M. BERRY**—A business man of wide experience and unusual ability, Clarence M. Berry is president of the Berry-Ball Dry Goods Company of St. Johnsbury, Vermont. This firm handles dry and fancy goods of all kinds, furnishings, carpets, hangings, upholsteries and other similar products, serving the whole St. Johnsbury territory, and its success in this field is due, to a considerable extent, to the able direction of its affairs by Mr. Berry as president of the company.

Mr. Berry was born on May 3, 1868, at Sutton, Vermont, a son of William J. Berry, a mill man, who was born in Vermont, and of Mary J. (Johnson) Berry, who was also born in Vermont, both parents being now deceased.

Clarence M. Berry attended the public schools of his birthplace, and later entered Lyndon Institute and Newbury Academy. When he completed his education, he came to St. Johnsbury and entered the employ of the N. M. Johnson Company, on Railroad Street. After a period of several years he accepted a position with the same store which he now owns, then operated by the Fairbanks Scale Company, remaining with them also for several years. At the end of that time he traveled as a salesman, eventually returning to the dry goods store in St. Johnsbury which had since passed into the hands of the Brooks Tyler Dry Goods Company. In 1903, in association with Mr. F. W. Ball, Mr. Berry then purchased the holdings of this company and established the Berry-Ball Company, of which he was president, and Mr. Ball vice-president and treasurer. This arrangement has been continued since that time with a resulting highly successful business. Politically, Mr. Berry supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party, and he is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which organization he is a member of the Blue Lodge, the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, the Commandery of the Knights Templar, and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Benevolent



and Protective Order of Elks, and a member of St. Johnsbury Rotary Club and Country Club. He has been very active in the civic and social life of the community.

Clarence M. Berry married Mary Ross, who was born in Waterford, Vermont, a daughter of Henry and Susan (Daggett) Ross of that place. Mrs. Berry died in 1924.

**LEWIS GARDNER IRWIN**—A business man of wide experience and great ability, Lewis Gardner Irwin is now president of the firm of Patten, Irwin, and White, hardware and sporting goods dealers at Burlington, Vermont. Mr. Irwin was one of the founders of this company and as its executive head has built up a highly prosperous business upon a firm financial foundation by his sound judgment and able direction of affairs. In the life of the community generally at Burlington, he also plays an important part and is highly esteemed as a public-spirited citizen.

Mr. Irwin was born October 1, 1885, at Burlington, a son of Richard James and Sarah Anne (Sawyer) Irwin. His father was a native of Cornwall, Massachusetts, and first came to Burlington in 1850 at the age of eight, making this city his home thereafter until his death which occurred in 1922 in his eighty-first year. His business career was spent in the employ of the American Express Company at Burlington. Lewis Gardner Irwin attended the public schools of his birthplace and in 1902 left high school to begin the business of life. At this time seventeen years old, he entered the employ of John A. Mason and Company, hardware dealers at Burlington, in the capacity of clerk, remaining with this firm until 1910. His faithful discharge of all duties which came to him, together with his obvious ability won him merited advancement for his work. From 1910 to 1912 he was engaged in the hardware business in Massachusetts, and during 1912 and 1913, he was connected with W. E. Greene Company, of Burlington, dealers in paints and oils. He continued in this field at Swanton, Vermont, as a member of the firm of Irwin and Hall, following which he became associated with the Hager Hardware and Paint Company, and from 1916 to 1923, was secretary of the company and a member of the firm. In the latter year he disposed of his holdings to other interests. During all this period, Mr. Irwin had gained much valuable experience and a thorough familiarity with the paint, hardware and allied trades in all its details. He determined to begin business independently at Burlington and soon was able to organize the firm of Patten, Irwin, and White, Inc., of which he is now president. It was Mr. Irwin's object to supply to the community a hardware service of the highest type, and in this aim he was immediately successful, the volume of trade which has now reached flattering proportions, measuring that success, and reflecting the appreciation of the community for his efforts.

In political affairs, Mr. Irwin supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party, maintaining a vital interest in the problems of government and civic advance. He has always been a generous contributor to worthy movements toward this end as well as to many benevolent enterprises. Mr. Irwin is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and in this order is a member of Washington Lodge, Burlington Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, and Burlington Commandery of the Knights Templar. He is a member of the Ethan Allen Club, and of the Sons of Veterans, while for four years he represented the Fifth Ward of Burlington in the City Council. With

his family he worships in the Methodist faith, attending the local church of that denomination.

In 1917, Lewis Gardner Irwin married Gladys Suter, daughter of Daniel Suter, of Swanton, Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin are the parents of two children: Edward Suter and Charlotte Bertha.

**LEON ISHAM PATTEN**—In Burlington, his home city, Leon Isham Patten grew to manhood and, with the exception of two brief periods of absence has resided here and, although still a young man, has become one of this city's most substantial business executives, now (1928) being secretary-treasurer of Patten, Irwin & White, Incorporated, one of Burlington's retail hardware establishments. This concern, which was formed in 1924, carries one of the most diversified lines of hardware and allied products to be found in this State.

Mr. Patten is a son of the late Elmer E. and Ida (Isham) Patten, the mother having been a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Isham, formerly of Williston. Her family is one of the oldest in the State, the progenitors having come to this section about the time of the Revolutionary War. Elmer E. Patten, a native of Williston, also was a descendant of an ancient family of Vermont. He was in the hay, grain and feed business at Burlington until his death, at the age of fifty-seven years. He was of high rank in the Masonic Order, being a member of Washington Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Past Master thereof; a member of Burlington Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Burlington Council, Royal and Select Masters; Burlington Commandery, Knights Templar, and Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He passed away in 1920.

Leon Isham Patten was born July 12, 1895, in Williston, but soon thereafter his parents came to Burlington and he attended public schools here, graduating from Burlington High School in 1915. Thence he matriculated in the University of Vermont and was graduated therefrom in 1919, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. In the meantime, however, the United States had been drawn into the European conflict and in September, 1918, Mr. Patten abandoned his collegiate studies to enlist for service in the World War. He was honorably discharged in that same year, the Armistice having brought an end to hostilities, and in 1919 Mr. Patten went to the West Coast, locating at San Francisco, California. His stay there was a short one, however, for in the following year, 1920, he was recalled to Burlington by the death of his father. After his return to this city he continued the independent establishment that had been founded by his father, until July, 1924. At that time the combination of the Patten interests with those of Irwin & White was being effected, and in August, 1924, negotiations were ended which resulted in the establishment of Patten, Irwin & White, Incorporated, with Mr. Patten as secretary-treasurer of the concern. That post he has continued to occupy and he is credited with much of the success that has come to this establishment, which has a large retail business, dealing in hardware, sporting goods, radios and radio supplies, paints, oils, varnishes, and many other articles peculiar to an institution of this kind. This corporation has its plant at Nos. 191-193 Bank Street, Burlington.

Fraternal orders have occupied even more of Mr. Patten's time and efforts than they did his father, and he too has favored the Masonic Order. Mr. Patten is a member and Past Master of Washington Lodge, No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons; Past High Priest



of Burlington Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons; Past Commander of Burlington Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar; is Illustrious Master of Burlington Council, No. 5, Royal and Select Masters; member of Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and of Haswell Lodge of Perfection, Scottish Rite (fourteenth degree). Other memberships include Green Mountain Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Burlington Lodge, No. 916, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Burlington Rotary Club; Ethan Allen Country Club; Lake Champlain Yacht Club; Burlington Chamber of Commerce, and the college fraternity, Phi Delta Theta. An attendant and supporter of the Unitarian church, Mr. Patten is an ardent sportsman, deriving much pleasure from fishing and hunting.

Leon Isham Patten married in 1926, Marjorie Bennett, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dayton B. Bennett, of Burlington, and their home is located at No. 368 South Union Street, this city.

**WILL S. WRIGHT**—From the time he was eleven years of age, Will S. Wright has been at work, earning his own living. At that age he began working on a farm, or at anything a boy could find to do, even while attending school during the winter months, and beginning thus early he acquired experience and a spirit of self-reliance long before most boys have begun to even think of self support. Today he is the owner of a prosperous business of his own in Lyndonville, a substantial and respected citizen, and a man whom his friends are glad to include among their associates. As a dealer in flour, grain, mill feeds, seed grain and fertilizers he operates under his own name and adds to the lines above mentioned such local products as maple sugar and wood pulp, also farm machinery.

Will S. Wright was born in Montgomery, Vermont, May 19, 1870, son of Henry and Louise (Wilkins) Wright, both natives of Vermont. His opportunities for an education were extremely limited, including a few years in the local district schools, and not complete years at that, for by the time he was eleven years old he was working hard during long spring, summer and fall seasons and attending the local school during a few short winter months. Ever so he managed to make the most of his limited opportunities and secured a working knowledge of the essentials of school curricula. He worked on farms or at anything a boy of his age could get a chance to do until he was sixteen, when he, in addition to working part of the time on farms, found employment in the mills. When he was twenty-one he secured a position as clerk in a general store, in Montgomery, Vermont, and in this capacity he made himself thoroughly familiar with the business, acquiring skill and intimate knowledge of the useful art of buying and selling and technical knowledge of the handling of a varied line of goods. For thirteen years he retained that connection and then established a general store and feed business combined, in East Hardwick, Vermont. After operating this successfully for a time he sold out to good advantage, and purchased a feed business at Wheelock, Vermont. Later, he transferred his business to Lyndonville, where he has since been located and where he has built up a very successful enterprise, in addition to the usual lines of flour, grain, feeds, etc., he also carries fertilizers, maple sugar, wood pulp, and farm implements, and sells goodly amounts of each. He is known as a man of sound ability and of shrewd judgment and has also established a reputation for justice in his dealings. The early necessity for financial independence has developed in him a self-reliance and

an independence of view which carries over into his political thinking, and he is one of the many of these days, who casts his vote independently, giving allegiance to no one political party. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, and his religious membership and that of his wife is with the Congregational church.

Will S. Wright married May Hopkins, who was born in Montgomery, Vermont, daughter of Heman and Marion P. (Sherman) Wright, and they have had three children: 1. Henry, who after attending the local schools prepared for college in Montpelier Seminary and entered Wesleyan University, at Middletown, Connecticut, where he completed a course in chemistry. He lives in Montclair, New Jersey. He married Freda Gerringsross, and they have two children, Will, and Malcolm. 2. Wilma, deceased. 3. Edward, who was educated in Lyndon Institute and in Wesleyan University, and has a general store at Sheffield, Vermont.

**THOMAS WELLER PARKHILL**—A native of Burlington, Vermont, and head of one of the leading enterprises of the State, Thomas Weller Parkhill is rated as one of the prominent citizens of his community. The lumber industry is one of the sources of wealth of the Green Mountain State and the company of which he is the present head has entered upon its second generation of successful operation. Thomas Weller Parkhill was born in Burlington, October 17, 1894, the son of Edward W. and Mary (Weller) Parkhill. The elder Parkhill was a native of New York State and came to Vermont keenly interested in entering the lumber industry which was a recognized opportunity of wealth in this northern State, close to the great forests of Maine and Canada, with their almost limitless resources for every type of lumber. He went to Vermont in 1855 and into the firm of Shepard and Morse, lumber dealers, and in 1912 formed his own company, organizing under the name of E. W. Parkhill Company, a name the company still bears, although since his death in 1917, the reins of executiveship have been held by his son, Thomas Weller Parkhill. This firm has dealt largely in Canadian spruce, a field of itself, and has achieved a reputation therewith. The originator of the firm was a man far-sighted in his view of the field he covered and a keen judge of the industrial needs in his line, and possessed the requisite ability and energy to crystalize his vision into practical substantiality. Mr. Parkhill, the younger, succeeded to the business and became president and treasurer in 1917, and a marked force in the community. The lumber business of Vermont is an integral part of its financial stability and this particular firm is second to none in fostering this essential activity.

In March, 1920, Mr. Parkhill married Bertha Taylor, daughter of Archibald Taylor, a leading florist of Burlington and they have had two children: Nancy and Edward. Mr. Parkhill's education has been entirely in Burlington and he has grown up with the city with an acquaintanceship of the widest, and is an esteemed and well liked citizen, considered, in all ways, a civic asset. He is a member of the Burlington Rotary Club, of the Ethan Allen Country Club and is Commodore of the Lake Champlain Yacht Club; an Episcopalian by religious belief and a Republican by political thought.

**ROBERT HENRY BURKE, M. D.**—A physician and surgeon at St. Johnsbury, Vermont, for more than twelve years, Robert Henry Burke has built up a successful practice here to which he devotes all his time



and attention. In the discharge of his professional duties he is indefatigable, bringing relief and cheer to the sick, while in the various other phases of community activity he also takes an important part.

Dr. Burke was born in Centerburg, Ohio, on April 25, 1874, a son of Robert J. Burke, who was born in Ireland, and of Clara E. (Green) Burke, born in Ohio. His father was also a physician, practicing in Ohio, and at Derby Line, Vermont.

Robert Henry Burke was educated in the public schools of Stanstead, Province of Quebec, Canada, and later entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Baltimore, from which he was graduated in 1901. On April 17, 1902, he was graduated from Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine and Surgery. For six months he served as an interne in the Post-Graduate Hospital at Baltimore, soon afterwards coming to Sutton, Vermont, where he began the practice of his profession. Dr. Burke remained in Sutton for three years, removing thereafter to West Burke, Vermont, where he practiced for seven years. At the end of this time, he came to St. Johnsbury, and in this place he has since made his home. As a physician and surgeon here he was successful almost immediately, quickly winning the confidence of his patients and a local reputation of wide extent.

During the period of the World War, Dr. Burke entered the Federal service, on September 24, 1918, and was commissioned first lieutenant in the Medical Corps Reserve, stationed at the depot hospital, in Garden City, Long Island. He secured his discharge on February 12, 1919, receiving recognition from the State of Vermont for his patriotic services. Politically Dr. Burke supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which organization he is a member of all bodies of the York Rite. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and a member of the Vermont State and American Medical associations.

Robert Henry Burke married Alice Fletcher Clark, who was born in St. Johnsbury, a daughter of Charles C. and Anna (Fletcher) Clark. Dr. and Mrs. Burke are the parents of one daughter, Anna Frances, now a student in St. Johnsbury Academy. Dr. Burke attends the North Congregational Church of St. Johnsbury. The family home and his offices are situated at No. 34 Summer Street.

**J. FRANCIS RUGGLES**—Worthy representative of the versatile and industrious men who founded the colony of Vermont and whose descendants made it one of the dependable States of the Union, J. Francis Ruggles, of Burke, lived an irreproachable and useful life and contributed both to the happiness and progress of the community. He was a man of fine character and excellent family, of great civic pride and sound business judgment, a splendid mechanic and craftsman and an able dispenser of justice, having served his fellow-citizens to their complete satisfaction and his own credit. A good Christian and a useful citizen, his death was a severe loss to the people among whom he had lived for many years and a calamity to a host of close and staunch friends.

Born in Sutton, Vermont, January 28, 1842, he was a son of Dow and Elvira (Tuttle) Ruggles. His father was born on Puddin Hill, Town of Lyndon, and was a high class carriage, wagon and sleigh maker, his wife having been a native of Sandwich, and they were the parents of three children, one daughter and two sons. J. Francis was educated in the common schools and then went to work in his father's shop, learning the trade,

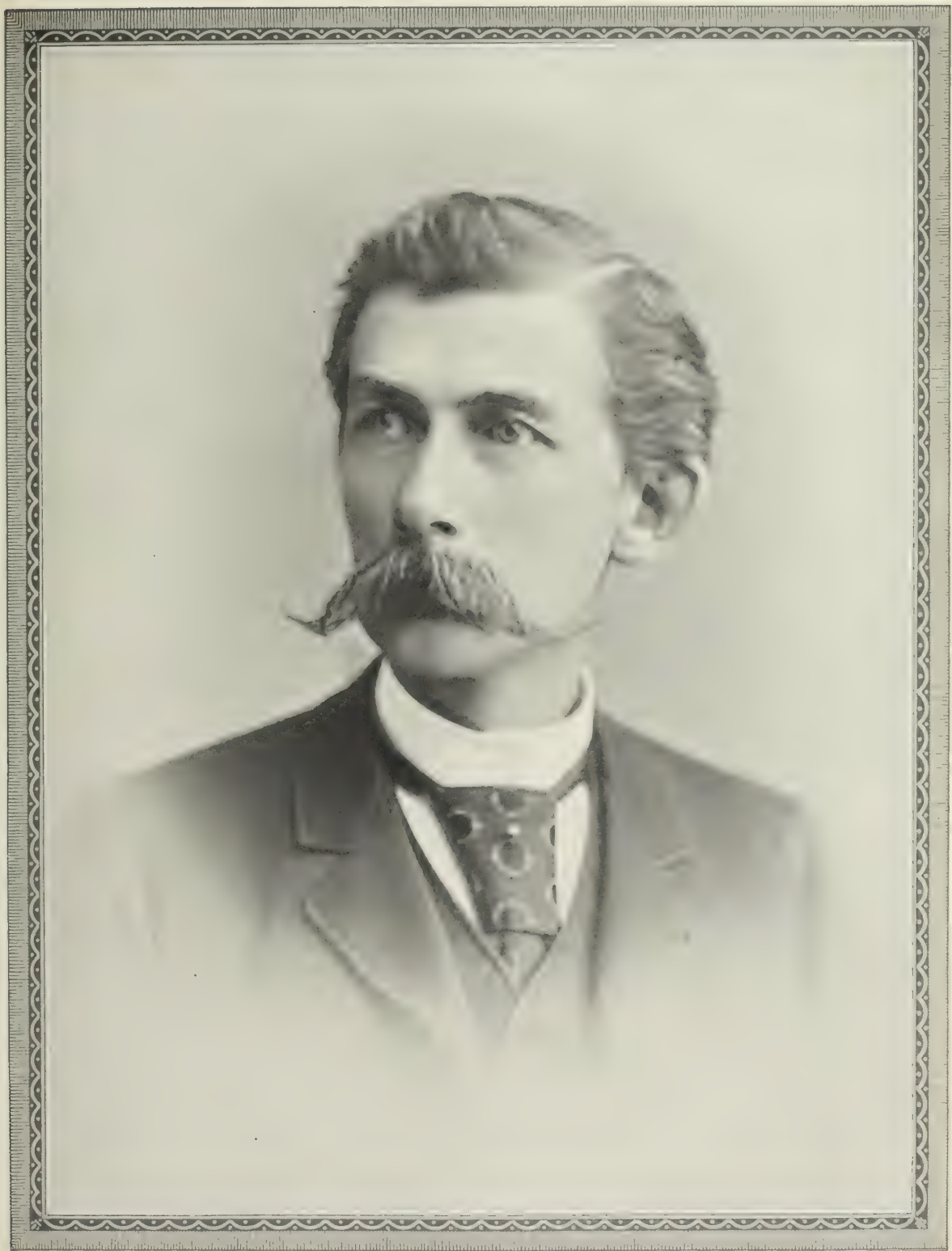
which he did readily, having a natural aptitude. When he was nineteen years of age his father died, January 28, 1861, and in 1874, he came to West Burke, where he purchased a drug and jewelry business, with the provision that the owner teach him the trade of watch-making. His mechanical genius enabled him to learn quickly and he became one of the experts of his time, conducting the business until 1898, when he disposed of the business and retired. But he was never idle and served his friends continually when they required his expert knowledge and skill. A Republican in politics, for six years he was side judge of the Caledonia County court, four years postmaster of West Burke, and also held nearly every one of the smaller offices of the county. He represented his town in the State Legislature in 1887. He was a member of the order of Free and Accepted Masons and of the Order of the Eastern Star and he and his wife were both enthusiastic workers in the interests of the Universalist Church. His death occurred in West Burke, Vermont, February 6, 1920.

J. Francis Ruggles married, in 1864, Lauretta B. Flint, of Sutton, Vermont, daughter of Edward and Roxanna (Frasier) Flint. They were the parents of Ray Burton, deceased at the age of twenty-eight years, married Nellie Porter.

Mr. Ruggles was for years president and director of the First National Bank of Lyndonville, now the Lyndonville Savings Bank and Trust Company. Always progressive Mr. Ruggles was ever watchful for any and all labor and time saving devices, and it was he who generated the first electricity in Northern Vermont, having his own building lighted by electricity for years before Lyndonville or any of the surrounding towns had electric lights. He also was the proud owner of the first automobile in Caledonia County.

**ALBERT F. EMMONS**—Certain men, it would appear, are pre-destined to occupy positions of responsibility, and to enjoy careers of considerable accomplishment. In their case the size of the community in which they live does not seem to matter greatly. Albert F. Emmons has made for himself a career of remark in the prosperous village of Lyndonville. Had he chosen another and larger center for operations, his success would surely not have been less. He is today counted prominent among the leading citizens of village, town and county.

Mr. Emmons was born at North Danville, Vermont, March 2, 1881, a son of Alford and Zoe (Gastonbury) Emmons, both of whom were natives of Canada, members of families old in the history of Canada. He received his education in the schools of St. Johnsbury, then, without delay, entered the world of affairs, his first employment being that of bakeryman, at which business he was fortunate economically, and in which he learned much of subsequent value to further personal advancement. After leaving the baking trade he went to work for the J. C. Eaton Hardware Company, of Lyndonville, with this organization learned the plumber's trade, and, in short, made himself so valuable to his employers that they put him on the road as traveling representative and salesman. Then came the fire of 1924, and J. C. Eaton Hardware Company sustained losses. The heads of the company were desirous of selling; and Mr. Emmons was in a position to buy. He had formed a close association with Amie and Jessiffe Hebert, specialists in plumbing. They discussed the idea of purchase, pooled their resources, and bought the Eaton business in February of 1924. Since then the firm has operated under the style of Emmons and Hebert Brothers, dealing in hardware, building materials, plumbing and heating systems and repairs. The



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Hebert brothers look after the plumbing end of the firm, and Mr. Emmons attends principally to the hardware end. The business has grown largely, due to the amalgamated forces of three able partners, and in 1928 the firm saw fit to purchase the block occupied by Dodge and Watson, thus affording the business fuller opportunity for expansion.

Mr. Emmons is known for his sincere public spirit. He assists all worthy movements conceived in the idea of village and town progress and gives to all causes which he deems just. He is a Democrat, loyal to the party's principles; a member of the Board of Trade; is affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Columbus, and is a communicant of the Catholic church.

**WILLIAM WARREN TOWNSEND, M. D., WILLIAM GRAVES TOWNSEND, M. D.**—It is entirely fitting that the biographies of these two outstanding figures in the medical world should be written together, as while the father created and held a prominent position in the scientific-medical annals of the State, the son has worthily carried on in his footsteps, adding to the fame of the name and enriching research of the branch of science in which both specialized. When the history of the medical profession in its relation to a locality is written, there has been covered a subject of vital importance in the life of that region, and when the names of the most prominent devotees of that sacred calling are given, there is found a true Roll of Honor, and in the State of Vermont on a distinctive place on this roster will appear the name of Townsend.

William Warren Townsend, M. D. was not a native of Vermont, but was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, April 8, 1870, son of Louis and Caroline (McKinley) Townsend. His early education was acquired in the schools of Elizabeth and New York City through the preparatory grades and then the University of Virginia and, finally, the University of Vermont where he received his medical degree at the Medical College of that institution in 1893, and served his internship at St. Mary's Hospital in Brooklyn, and at the Elizabeth, New Jersey, General Hospital. He practiced in Rutland for fifteen years and then went to New York for a post-graduate course in genito-urinary surgery, a most important field of medical science to which he devoted his life.

Since 1911 and until his death he held the chair of surgery in his specialty at the Medical College of the University of Vermont, interrupted, however, by his service during the World War which demanded his presence in New York in charge of the Port of Embarkation and also at Camp Dix where he conducted a most valuable and needful department. Of the rank of major at first, at his discharge at the end of the war, he was Lieutenant-Colonel in rank. With his manifold activities as professor at the university, he had combined important posts on hospital staffs; notably, as Consulting Genito-Urinary Surgeon of the Rutland City Hospital; Attending Urologist at the Mary Fletcher Hospital at Burlington, Vermont; Consulting Urologist at the Champlain Valley Hospital at Plattsburg; and Attending Genito-Urinary Surgeon at the Bishop De Goesbriand Hospital at Burlington. As the outstanding authority he had necessarily written a great many articles for the medical journals on his subject and belonged to all the medical societies of note; a member of the American Medical Society; of the Vermont State Medical Association; of the Chittenden County Clinical Society; of the New England Surgical Society. He was Fellow of the following: College of Surgeons; American Association of Genito-Urinary Surgeons; Société Nationale d'Urologie, of France.

Dr. Townsend was an Episcopalian by religious creed, and a Republican politically, and achieved somewhat of a reputation as a breeder of thoroughbred saddle horses at "The Farm," his fine country home near Rutland. His recognized knowledge of the horse caused him to be selected as judge at horse shows throughout the country constantly and this hobby was one of that he rode with keen pleasure. He was a member of the Ethan Allen Club at Burlington, the Lotus Club of New York, the Rutland Country Club, and of the Burlington Country and Lake Champlain Yacht Club on the lake at Burlington.

William Warren Townsend, M. D. married, November 12, 1895, Agnes L. Graves, daughter of Orlow and Ida (Hubbard) Graves, of New York. They had two sons, Guy B., and William Graves Townsend, of whom further. Dr. Townsend died on February 20, 1928, greatly mourned by the medical fraternity. He had acquired honors and fame in his chosen work and had been appreciated for his merits. Learned in his profession and gifted in its practice; a true scientist and born teacher, progressive in his views and of unfaltering ideals, he was one of the eminent figures of his profession; an individual who helped in making this profession the great humanitarian and ethical vocation that it is and one to which the world looks for the fostering of the highest physical endowment.

Of the son, William Graves Townsend, one may say that his career parallels that of his father in its zealous purpose, and also in its definite activities. He was born September 30, 1896, in Rutland, Vermont, and educated in the public schools of that city until he went to Dartmouth College, from which institution he was graduated with the Class of 1920, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He received his medical degree at the Medical College of the University of Vermont, as was fitting, since it was the college of which his father was so distinguished a representative. He joined his father in his work also specializing in Urology and on the death of his father and preceptor, was able to take up his work in the hospitals and in the college to a large degree. He became an instructor on his specialty at the Medical College at the university, and Attending Urologist at the Mary Fletcher Hospital at Burlington, and Consulting Urologist at both the Fanny Allen and the Bishop De Goesbriand hospitals.

Dr. Townsend, the younger, married in 1925, Marguerite Young, a daughter of Andrew and Sarah Young, of Burlington, Vermont. William Graves Townsend, while still a young man, has achieved a position of note in his profession, and it is predicted of him that he will go far. The State of Vermont is proudly able to point to him as a "native son," and the medical fraternity welcomes him to its ranks as a worthy successor of a distinguished sire. Dr. Townsend is a member of the American Medical Association; the Vermont State Medical Society; the Chittenden County Clinical Society; and the Junior Group of the American College of Surgeons.

**GEORGE A. GILSON**—The rich and fertile lands of Vermont have always offered splendid pasturage for cattle and the dairy business has developed consequently into one of the leading industries of the agricultural portions of the State, sharing honors, possibly, with the breeding of blooded stock and the raising of large herds of sheep for the wool. Mr. Gilson is the owner of a farm that includes a large dairy with many heads of cattle supplying its rich output of cream and butter, and over a hundred acres in extent. This farm has been in Mr. Gilson's family for about a century, cultivated in-



tensively and improved along modern lines from time to time.

George A. Gilson was born on this farm, August 21, 1867, son of Daniel and Harriet (Hill) Gilson. His grandfather, Leonard Gilson, first owner of the family farmstead, left it to his son, Daniel, and when the latter died, his son, George A. Gilson, purchased the shares of the other heirs and has carried it on ever since. Mr. Gilson has been an active citizen of the town, taking a vital interest in its progress and stability. He has been a selectman for several years and always wields an influence in town affairs of the most far-seeing sort. He belongs to the Union Lodge and Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; to the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and to the Sons and Daughters of Liberty.

Mr. Gilson was married (first) to Leticia Stearns, of St. Johnsbury, a daughter of William and Kate (Brown) Stearns and they had three children: Gwendola, Daniel and Edward. After her death, Mr. Gilson married (second) Claribel (Penny) Smith, widow of George Smith. Mr. Gilson and his family are all interested in church matters and regular attendants of the Methodist church.

**ENOS ORSON WALTER**—A resident of Burlington, Vermont, since 1904, Enos Orson Walter has won an important place in the business life of the community. As vice-president and secretary of the W. G. Reynolds Company he has been instrumental in building up the trade of that firm to the prosperous volume it now enjoys by supplying to the city the fine general mercantile service which is associated with the name.

Mr. Walter was born March 12, 1884, in Canton, New York, a son of Henry and Mary (Williams) Walter of that place. He was educated in the public schools of his birthplace, attending the Canton High School, following which he began his business career in the employ of the Cleland Austin dry goods store at Canton. After only a short time in this position, however, Mr. Walter came to Burlington, Vermont, where he was first associated with the old Bee Hive Department Store as a member of the linen and domestic department. In the more than ten years of his service with this company, his loyal efficiency won merited advancement, but in 1915, he became connected with the W. G. Reynolds Company, taking charge of the linen and main floor departments. In 1918, in association with Mr. Finnessy and Mr. Collins, he purchased the stock of the company, assuming then the positions of vice-president and secretary which he has held since that time. In this connection his long experience and sound business judgment have proved of the greatest value, and he has become widely known as an able and progressive business man.

In other phases of the community Mr. Walter has been equally active, heartily supporting all worthy civic movements. He is a member of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, and is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is an Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Mason of the thirty-second degree. He is also a member of the Ethan Allen Club, and of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, at Burlington.

In March, 1911, Enos Orson Walter married Annie Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Robinson, of Burlington. Two children have been born of this marriage: 1. Frank Orson, born in 1912. 2. Mary Alice, born in 1917.

**JAMES H. GRADY**—One of the prosperous farmers of the country around Lyndon is that of Mr. Grady, a farm belonging originally to a Stevens family and usually referred to as the "Stevens Farm." Mr. Grady is of Canadian birth, born January 24, 1877, and came to St.

Johnsbury with his parents when about fourteen years old. His father, when younger, was a shoemaker but became a farmer in St. Johnsbury and also ran a milk route.

James H. Grady helped his father and attended the grammar school of the town until he was of an age to branch out for himself, when he took a position as general man on the estate of Mrs. Fairbanks, wife of ex-Governor Fairbanks, where he remained for seven years. Then he worked in the shops for some time and later migrated to Dakota, where over a period of three years he was a ranchman, working on the H. N. Johnson outfit a few miles outside Rapid City, South Dakota. He then returned and engaged in the agricultural development of the farm which he now cultivates. Mr. Grady serves on the school board and is a valued member of the local Grange. He is at present one of the selectmen of his town, in which position he is serving his second year of a three-year term. He is a supporter of the Republican party through all elections.

James H. Grady was married to Abbie Clement, who was born at Victory, Vermont, a daughter of Eugene and Isabella (Cummings) Clement. They have two children: Raymond, who is a farmer, and Mildred, who has married Leslie Pierce.

**FRED GRANT WEBSTER**—Prominent as an attorney and as Justice of the Peace, which office he has held since 1901, Fred Grant Webster is one of the important figures of the Vermont Bar. A native of Vermont, as he was born July 26, 1872, at Braintree, Orange County, Vermont, the son of Alfred and Harriet (Rumrill) Webster, he has closely identified himself with the life of the community. He was educated in the public schools of Randolph, Vermont, and read law in the offices of S. M. Flint and of C. W. Brownell of Burlington. Mr. Webster was admitted to the bar in 1899 and since that time has practiced his profession in Burlington with conspicuous success.

Not only has Mr. Webster shown great energy and ability in his chosen profession but in other phases of the life of the community has he played useful rôles, as witness his service on the grand jury in the years 1904, 1908-09. Fraternally, Mr. Webster is connected with the Knights of Pythias, Champlain Lodge; with the Modern Woodmen of America and with the Independent Order of Foresters. He is, of course, a member of the Chittenden County Bar Association. Politically, he is a Republican and, while never holding political office, he has always lent the weight of his influence and vote to his party.

Fred Grant Webster was married to Edith Talcott, daughter of David Isham Talcott of Williston, Vermont. There have been three sons of this marriage: Frederick Talcott, David William, and Jonathan.

**DAVID I. GRAPES**—Possessed of a keen business acumen, David I. Grapes has throughout his life continuously bought and sold numerous businesses and properties to good profit with the result that he now is owner of the Corner Garage, Incorporated, a concern that operates in Lyndonville and St. Johnsbury two of the finest automobile sales and display rooms in Vermont, and holds besides interests in a number of other businesses. But he does not devote all his time to his private affairs. Participation in civic affairs he considers an important part of good citizenship and while he does not desire public office he never hesitates to serve in less spectacular capacities, being at present a member of the electric light commission of Lyndonville.

Mr. Grapes was born at Charleston, Vermont, August 18, 1872, the son of Moses and Rose (Boardway) Grapes. The father, a farmer now deceased, had come from Canada, but the mother was a native Vermonter and now







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makes her home at Warren, Massachusetts. Mr. Grapes had opportunity to attend only grammar school and worked on the home farm until he was twenty-one. Then he learned the blacksmith trade which he followed, altogether, about thirteen years, between activities connected with an astonishingly wide variety of business ventures with which he has been associated from time to time. A store at Brownington Center, Vermont, he operated for a year, selling it to go into the real estate business. His propensities for buying, selling and trading led him to handle cattle for a considerable period. Later he owned a blacksmith shop at Barton and in the same place bought a store. While still operating the store he bought out a Lyndonville livery business. This he sold at a profit to become proprietor of the Lyndonville Hotel which he traded for a farm in St. Johnsbury. This in turn he sold, buying a Lyndonville butcher shop. Mr. Grapes was the owner for some time of the Vail property in the town of Lyndon. His connection with the automobile business began in 1917 and he has devoted most of his time to it ever since, as the Corner Garage, with its twenty employees and two salesrooms, where Studebakers, Reos and Hupmobiles are handled, provides no small problem of management. However, Mr. Grapes is also a director of the Darling Hotel, Incorporated, and of the Lyndonville Realty Company. Republican in politics, he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Modern Woodmen of America, the St. Johnsbury Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the St. Johnsbury United Commercial Travelers, the Lyndon Board of Trade, and the Lyndon Club, and he and his family attend the Congregational church.

Mr. Grapes married Grace M. Bates, daughter of John and Sarah (Humphrey) Bates of Evansville. They are the parents of two sons and two daughters: 1. Clarence, mechanic in charge of his father's garage; married Nettie Arnold. 2. Forrest, associated with his father as bookkeeper and salesman. 3. Mabel Esther. 4. Irma Grace.

**CLARENCE R. WHITE**—With more than twelve years of experience as an attorney-at-law, gained in Burlington, where he now resides, Clarence R. White is well qualified to conduct the large practice which he has attained. Naturally talented for the law, Mr. White has given earnest and undeviating attention to the interests of his clients, and thus has become known in Burlington as a trustworthy and competent lawyer. His loyalty to his community and conscientious desire to serve his fellowmen have made him popular in civic and public affairs, and his unassuming dignity has won for him the respect and esteem of Burlington people.

Clarence R. White, son of Robert J. and Edna M. (Marsh) White, both natives of Vermont, was born November 10, 1888, at Colchester, Chittenden County, Vermont. The father, Robert J. White, was a lumber merchant; a trustee of Winooski Savings Bank, and held various town offices. He died in 1922 at the age of sixty-eight years. Both maternal and paternal grandparents came from Connecticut, and were pioneer farmers. Clarence R. White's elementary education was obtained in the public schools of his native district. After completing his training in the lower institutions of learning, Mr. White entered University of Vermont, graduating in 1911 with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy; he then prepared himself for his legal career by studying in the Law School of Columbia University, graduating in 1914 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

Mr. White, for a brief period thereafter, was associated with Theodore E. Hopkins, in Burlington. His studies and preparations for his career were recognized in 1915, Mr. White being admitted to all State and Federal Courts in that year. He since has remained in Burlington, steadily increasing his practice, and participating

liberally in the public affairs of that place. He has given the public and citizenry of his community service in various manners, among which may be mentioned the two years he held office as city grand juror, 1916-18; assistant clerk of House of Representatives, 1919-24; clerk of that same body in 1925. In December, 1926, he was appointed Commissioner of Industries for Vermont, and this position he continues to hold. Mr. White is a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity; Washington Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; and of Ethan Allen Club. Politically, he is a Republican, and he is a member of the Congregational church.

Clarence R. White married, in 1915, Grace Barker Crapo, of New Bedford, Massachusetts, a daughter of George M. Crapo.

**FRED ELMER DWINELL, M. D.**—From the time he first came to Lyndonville, Vermont, in 1883, Fred Elmer Dwinell occupied a place of the greatest importance in the life of the community here. As a physician he gave himself unsparingly to aid the sick and injured, responding to the many calls for his services at any time of the day or night, and later when he gave up his practice to operate a drug store, his chief concern was to supply only those products which were of the highest excellence, that the community might be assured of maximum protection in its purchases. To public service in civic and political life he also gave much of his time, working untiringly for the best interests of the community by the faithful and efficient administration of his office.

Dr. Dwinell was born at Glover, Vermont, on December 4, 1858, a son of Joseph E. and Eliza M. (Bean) Dwinell of that place. He received his early education at Orleans Liberal Institute and St. Johnsbury Academy, later entering the Medical School of the University of Vermont, from which he was graduated in 1883, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. At this time he went to New York City for post-graduate work, and upon his return to Vermont took up the practice of medicine at East Burke. In 1883, however, he came to Lyndonville carrying on his professional work in this place until 1888, in a very successful way. He was active at all times in caring for the various illnesses and ailments of the community, and became one of the best-liked physicians in this section. Dr. Dwinell decided to give up his practice for the less arduous but hardly less important phase of medical science, supplying proper drugs to the community. For this work his thorough training completely fitted him, and in 1888 he put his plans into execution, forming a partnership with his brother, Harley E. Dwinell, and establishing with him a drug store at Lyndonville. Later he purchased his brother's interests and continued the enterprise alone, building up a large and highly successful trade, as the people of the section quickly availed themselves of this service. Finally, in 1915, he disposed of his holdings and retired from active business life, having well earned the leisure he felt disposed to enjoy.

For many years he had taken an active part in the civic life of Lyndonville, supporting all movements for progress and taking upon himself many duties which he performed with the greatest efficiency. Now with the time at his command, he felt he could not refuse to give even more of it to service in the public interest. Though politically a Democrat in a strongly Republican community, so widely recognized were his ability and high sense of civic duty, that in 1918 he was elected a member from Lyndonville of the State Legislature. He did not desire office and never sought it, but when his fellow-citizens asked him for his services in their behalf, he gave them freely and to the very limit of his ability. At Lyndonville he was fire chief for some years, and during a long period was also village trustee and



light and water commissioner. His work in this capacity was of the greatest importance, for he initiated plans for the auxiliary water supply system and put them into effective execution, being in entire charge of the project. Many other village improvements were brought about largely as a result of his efforts or support. Dr. Dwinell also served on the local school board, and for years was trustee of the Cobleigh Library. Aside from his own business enterprise he was a director of the Lyndonville Savings Bank and Trust Company, where his sound judgment in matters of great importance proved repeatedly of the greatest value. Dr. Dwinell was affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this great order, was a member and Past Master of Crescent Lodge, No. 66, of which he also served as treasurer for thirty years. He was prominent in higher Masonic circles, being a member of Haswell Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, of the Council of Royal and Select Masters, of Palestine Commandery, at St. Johnsbury, of the Knights Templar, and of other related bodies. No movement at Lyndonville for the promotion of civic advancement was ever without his most hearty support.

On June 4, 1879, Fred Elmer Dwinell married (first) Hattie F. Grow, of Glover, Vermont, and they became the parents of two children: 1. Maude E., now the wife of Roger B. Ladd, of Greenfield, Massachusetts. 2. Fred Elmer, Jr., who makes his home in Worcester, Massachusetts. Hattie F. (Grow) Dwinell died on December 11, 1907. Dr. Dwinell married (second) on June 30, 1913, Hattie E. Raymond, who was born at Holland, Vermont. One child, Alice E., was born of this second marriage.

Dr. Dwinell's death occurred on December 7, 1927, to the great sorrow of the community which had come to know him so well through years of intimate relationship. A man of the highest integrity and most exemplary character, he commanded the admiration and respect of all, while through his personal charm and warmth, he won in unusual degree the warm friendship of all those who knew him. A life of usefulness and service was his, and although the immediate sense of loss at his passing may fade with time, his character and the work which he accomplished will long remain a force for good in the community where he made his home.

**JOHN ELLSWORTH HANCOCK**—In the Stone House Farm on the Old Hazen Road, John Ellsworth Hancock is proprietor of one hundred and eighty acres of land that has been family property for fifty years. Here he raises general farm crops and in addition has a dairy herd of thirty head of cattle.

Mr. Hancock was born in St. Johnsbury, July 7, 1863, the son of John M. and Eliza F. (Goss) Hancock. John M. Hancock had been a merchant and realtor of St. Johnsbury in his earlier years, going there when the Passumpsic Railroad was first built. He owned considerable property on Railroad Street and erected one of the first store buildings to go up there, but sold his holdings in St. Johnsbury and bought the East Hardwick farm where he brought his family in 1879. John Ellsworth, the one son in the family with three sisters, left school at the age of sixteen to help his father on the farm. He inherited the property at his father's death and since that time has made the family farm his home, and has rendered efficiently the public service his position in the community brought to his lot. A Republican in politics, he has served as selectman for twelve years, and has acted as auditor and moderator, and also has been a member of the school board. The family are members of the Congregational church and attend the Federated Church of East Hardwick.

Mr. Hancock married (first) Clara Livingston, and they had one daughter, Marion, wife of William H. Munsell, veteran of the World War, in which he attained

the rank of major, and a teacher of chemistry in the Northwestern High School, Detroit, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Munsell have one child, Mary Frances. Mr. Hancock married (second) Adaline Weston, of Chester, Vermont, and they had one son, John Ellsworth, Jr., who is on the farm with his father; he married Gladys Millar, and has one son, John Ellsworth, 3rd. Mr. Hancock married (third) Charlotte Wilson, daughter of Edwin Wilson, of Manchester, New Hampshire.

**HON. HENRY ALBON BAILEY**, whose activities in Burlington and Winooski have been of wide extent in the law, politics, business, journalism, and fraternal orders, is a public-spirited citizen and a leader worthy of the position accorded him in the popular estimation.

Mr. Bailey was born in Winooski, January 22, 1893, son of Henry Albion Bailey, Sr., and Emma (Putnam) Bailey, both of whom are since deceased, the elder Mr. Bailey having been a figure of some prominence in Winooski, for many years a retail dealer in ice, a respected business man and citizen.

Following completion of the course in Winooski graded school, Mr. Bailey entered Burlington High School, and was graduated in 1911 with markings indicative of scholastic excellence. In 1914, accomplishing a four years' course in three, he received from the University of Vermont the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy, and in 1915, from that institution, the degree of Master of Arts, thus holding an advanced academic degree at the age of twenty-two years. Meanwhile his taste for the law as a profession and career had sharpened, and in the fall of 1915 he became a student in Harvard Law School, from which he took the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1918. But he did not at once begin practice—indeed it was not until two years later, 1920, that he opened offices for general practice, which began January 1 of that year, with the opening of offices in both Burlington and Winooski, which Mr. Bailey continued to maintain, with an extended and important clientele. In 1919, for about twelve months, he worked as a law clerk in the Department of State, Washington, District of Columbia. Then he engaged in other interests, in Burlington and Winooski, and in 1924 became clerk and treasurer of the Iroquois Light and Power Company, Incorporated, of Burlington. He has retained this dual office through the years that have followed. He is associate editor of the "Twin-City Advertiser," a publication with which residents of the two communities are very familiar, agent of much progressive work for the joint welfare. Also, Mr. Bailey is a member of the board of incorporators of the Winooski Savings Bank.

Thus, professionally and in business, Mr. Bailey has been markedly active; and this activity has extended further, into politics and general affairs. In 1921-22 he was representative to the General Assembly from the old town of Colchester. From 1923 to 1925 he was representative to the Assembly from Winooski, and represented this city again in 1928 at a special session of the Legislature. Since 1923 he has been city attorney of Winooski, and had the honor of being its first mayor, elected in 1922. His term as the city's chief executive was recognized for the excellence of his administration of public affairs. Mr. Bailey was nominated by the Republican party for State Senator from Chittenden County, September 11, 1928, receiving the largest number of votes of eight candidates.

In 1918, when the United States was in the World War, Mr. Bailey was in the Infantry, unassigned. At present he is Captain Judge Advocate, 43d Division of the National Guard, and for a decade has interested himself in military matters.

Fraternally Mr. Bailey is a member of Webster Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Winooski; the Modern Woodmen of America; Sons of the American



Revolution; the American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars (this last being an honorary membership). He belongs to the Lions' Club of Burlington, of which he was president in 1928; the American Bar Association, Vermont Bar Association, and Chittenden County Bar Association, and holds membership in the Phi Beta Kappa, Tau Kappa Alpha (national debating fraternity), and Phi Mu Delta, Nu Gamma Chapter, University of Vermont, fraternities, and president of the latter since its organization. He is a communicant and member of the Winooski Methodist Episcopal Church, being chairman of the board of trustees.

Mr. Bailey married, June 24, 1919, at Castleton-on-Hudson, New York, Carolina H. Sinner, daughter of Rudolph and Elise (Landmann) Sinner. They make their residence at No. 26 East Allen Street, Winooski.

**LYMAN P. HARRIMAN**—After seven successful years as owner and manager of the Lyndonville Brass Foundry, Lyman P. Harriman has retired to spend his summers in Lyndonville and his winters in the South, at West Palm Beach, Florida.

Mr. Harriman was born at Peacham, Vermont, February 5, 1857. Both natives of Peacham, his parents were Alvin and Angeline (Partridge) Harriman. The father fought through the Civil War and, like many veterans of that conflict, imbibed from the upheaval of tradition and custom involved in a temporary military régime the spirit of unrest that augmented the western migratory movement. When the subject of this sketch was ten years of age his family moved to Missouri, then practically a pioneer State, and remained there for six years. Then the lure of the old homeland proved too much for him and he returned to Vermont. Mr. Harriman, at sixteen years of age, commenced to work for the Fairbanks Scale Company at St. Johnsbury and remained in this connection continuously for over forty years, establishing a record for faithfulness and conscientious performance of duties. He resigned to enter business for himself in Lyndonville where he had purchased the brass foundry. This plant he operated successfully for seven years and sold at a good profit, retiring from active business operations to enjoy more fully the recreations that a busy life had left him scant opportunity to have heretofore. He spends his winters in the South and West but returns to his home in Lyndonville in summer time. Mr. Harriman is a Republican and fraternally affiliated with the St. Johnsbury Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; St. Johnsbury Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; St. Johnsbury Council, Royal and Select Masters; St. Johnsbury Commandery, Knights Templar.

Mr. Harriman married Anna C. Cook, born at Granby, Province of Quebec, whose death occurred in 1914. His two children are: 1. Nelson S., educated at St. Johnsbury Academy and now in the carbonated beverages business in Florida, married Margaret Kinneer of Cornwall, Ontario. 2. Florence, wife of Sidney P. Page, a traveling salesman, lives at Burlington, Vermont.

**CLINTON A. BARBER**—For many years prominent in the business and public life of Burlington, Vermont, Clinton A. Barber is at the present time associate judge of the Chittenden County Court, having been chosen to this responsible position in 1916 and having served continuously since that time. He also conducts a grocery enterprise in Burlington, where he began this type of work in 1889. In the course of his residence here, he has won a host of friends and loyal supporters, who admire and respect him for his utter fairness and integrity in all his dealings with his fellowmen and for the dignity with which he conducts himself in his judicial capacity.

Mr. Barber was born in Chazy, New York, November 27, 1851, son of George W. and Hannah (McCuen) Bar-

ber, both natives of New York State. His father was a farmer and a highly respected citizen of his community. Clinton A. Barber, the son, received his preliminary education in the public schools of his birthplace, and then, at the age of sixteen years, gave his services for \$100 a year in an enterprise in which he remained for nine years and which furnished him with his early business training. This training he received in a wholesale tinware and notions establishment of Plattsburg, New York; and later he supplemented it with traveling on the road for a wholesale drug company, Wells and Richardson, of Burlington, Vermont. Then, in 1889, he first became engaged in the grocery business in Burlington, an enterprise in which he has continued since that year. A man of pleasing personality and many friends, Mr. Barber naturally has become successful in the business life of Burlington, for he has shown himself ever ready to do all in his power to promote the interests of his fellowmen and to fit his store and the services it renders to the needs of his community.

In the affairs of Burlington he is very active, being in his political views aligned with the Republican party, on whose ticket he was elected to the associate judgeship in 1916. He also served Burlington for two years as a member of its board of aldermen. Along with his other work, Mr. Barber has maintained an active relationship with the fraternal life of Burlington, being a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and for many years held membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In the Masonic order he is affiliated with the Blue Lodge, the Royal Arch Masons, the Commandery of Knights Templar, and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

On January 1, 1876, Clinton A. Barber married Hettie E. Mead, of Plattsburg, New York. By this marriage there have been two children: 1. Emma L., wife of Frederick T. Huntington. 2. Thomas D., major in the United States Marine Corps, stationed at Managua, Nicaragua, who married Rosa Lambert, of Burlington, Vermont. Mrs. Barber died February 28, 1912, and on February 11, 1922, Mr. Barber was united in marriage to Capitola H. Chamberlin of Burlington.

**REGINALD LINDSEY HILL, M. D.**—A practicing physician at Lyndonville, Vermont, for several years, Reginald Lindsey Hill has been very successful in this work. During the period of his residence here, the demands on his services have constantly increased as his thorough training and deep devotion to the medical science have become apparent. Dr. Hill has always considered his personal convenience or safety as nothing when opposed to his professional duties, winning high place in the affectionate esteem of the community for his unselfish and tireless labor in the amelioration of pain and suffering.

Born on February 10, 1899, at Chelsea, Vermont, Dr. Hill is a son of William Henry and Dora Alice (Patterson) Hill, residents of Chelsea, where the father is a veterinary. He attended the public schools of his birthplace, and was graduated from the Chelsea High School in 1916, following which he undertook the course of study at the University of Vermont leading to the degree of Doctor of Medicine, which he received in 1923. His work at the university included three years of regular academic study before he entered the Medical School. Following graduation, Dr. Hill served for one year as interne at the Mary Fletcher Hospital in Burlington, and then began the practice of his profession at North Stratford, New Hampshire, where he remained for a period of three years. In May 1926, he came to Lyndonville, and quickly winning the confidence of the community, built up a large and prosperous practice to which he has since given his time and attention. In addition to this work, Dr. Hill is health officer for the town of Lyndon,



discharging all the duties of this position with the greatest efficiency.

Politically Dr. Hill generally supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party, although he is independent in his judgment of the qualifications of any candidate for office, and of the merits of any proposal submitted to the electorate. He has always maintained a warm interest in the problems of government and the civic progress, contributing liberally toward all worthy movements as well as toward various benevolent enterprises. He is a member of the Northeastern Medical Society, the Vermont State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association, participating actively in the affairs of these associations of the men of his profession, while he is affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Pythias and the Free and Accepted Masons, in which latter order he is a Master Mason. Dr. Hill is also a member of the Alpha Kappa Kappa and Phi Mu Delta societies, and of Cap and Skull, a senior honorary. He and his family worship in the faith of the Congregational church.

Reginald Lindsey Hill married Christine Keniston, who was born at Westfield, Vermont, a daughter of James Henry and Julia (Austin) Keniston. Her mother's name at birth was Townsend, and she was an adopted daughter. Dr. and Mrs. Hill are the parents of one son, Reginald Lindsey, Jr.

**WILLIAM HENRY COLLINS**—In 1910, William Henry Collins came to Burlington, Vermont, and entered the employ of the W. G. Reynolds Company as advertising manager. Possessing a genuine talent for this work, and a wide background of mercantile experience, the connection proved highly satisfactory, and Mr. Collins has since remained in Burlington, where he is highly esteemed as a public-spirited citizen. As treasurer and part owner of the W. G. Reynolds Company Department Store he occupies an important place in the business life of the community.

Mr. Collins was born December 31, 1874 at Middle Granville, New York, a son of Edward and Mary (Williams) Collins. For many years, his father was supervising stone cutter for the Penrhyn Slate Company, of New York, which firm, about the year 1875, was the largest producer of slate mantels in the world. William Henry Collins attended the public schools and the high school at Granville, New York, and when he completed his education, became associated with the Boston Store Company, of Glens Falls, New York, in 1897. Two years later he returned to his native town and entered the employ of George H. McDonald, in the dry goods business, with whom he remained from 1897 until 1905, his faithful and efficient service resulting in his gradual advancement. At the end of this time, he assumed charge of the carpet department of Charles Sterns and Company, at Rutland, Vermont, continuing in this position for a period of five years, and finally, in 1910, came to Burlington as advertising manager for the W. G. Reynolds Company. He conducted the advertising department of this company for thirteen years in a very successful way, and meanwhile, in 1918, in association with Mr. W. C. Finnessy and Mr. E. O. Walter, he was able to purchase the department store and its business from the Reynolds Company, continuing operations under the same name. This arrangement has continued since that time, Mr. Collins serving as treasurer of the company, in which capacity his services have been of the greatest value in the conduct of affairs.

Mr. Collins has also been active in the civic and social life of Burlington. He is a member of the local Rotary Club, a director of the Burlington Young Men's Christian Association, a member and an active worker in the First Baptist Church of this city. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which

order he is a member of Granville Lodge, No. 55, and a member and past officer in all bodies of the Scottish Rite, including the thirty-second degree. He is also Second Lieutenant Commander of the Vermont Consistory, and a member of Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

In 1902, William Henry Collins married Emma A. Adams, daughter of Frank W. Adams, of Pultney, New York. Of this marriage there is one child, Dorothy A.

**CHARLES M. DARLING**—Through many years of a long and active life, Charles M. Darling was engaged in agricultural pursuits and in the raising and dealing in cattle, finding success in these fields both during his stay in the west and upon his return to Vermont. He has been a resident at Lyndonville for a long period, and although now retired from active business, is still accounted one of the foremost citizens of this place, occupying high place in the esteem of the community.

Mr. Darling was born in the town of Lyndon, at old Lyndon Corner, August 20, 1856, a son of Charles B. and Susan (Melvin) Darling, both of whom were born in Vermont. The father was a well-known Lyndon physician for many years and a highly respected resident. Charles M. Darling attended the schools of his birthplace, including the local public school, the Auburndale Boys' School, and Lyndon Institute, and then completed two years' work in the scientific department of Dartmouth College. Some years later, when he was forty years old, he took a course in physical culture at the Ralston Health Club, in Washington, D. C. He began the business of life in his twenty-first year, when he went west to take up ranch work, spending a short time at Omaha and Lincoln, Nebraska, and also at Denver, Colorado. In 1883 Mr. Darling journeyed down to Texas and there until 1888 he engaged in the cattle business, raising, buying and selling cattle with marked success. Returning to Colorado, he operated a Colorado horse and cattle ranch near Denver for a period of five years, and then for a similar time owned an alfalfa farm at Fort Morgan. Having seen many phases of the life of the West, Mr. Darling decided to return to Vermont, and at Lyndonville, near his birthplace, established himself as a dealer in land, cattle and horses, buying and exchanging much property in the village and town. His sound judgment especially of property values and trends in prices proved repeatedly of value in building up the business to which he devoted his time and attention until he retired from active life, while in his farming work and the raising of live stock his long experience and ability brought him moderate success.

Charles M. Darling has been twice married, first to Alice Elizabeth Lowe, of Fort Morgan, Colorado, daughter of M. E. Lowe, and a native of Maine, who is now deceased. Of this marriage there were two children: 1. Charles M., Jr., born August 10, 1899. 2. Caroline S., born September 12, 1900. Mr. Darling married, second, Mary McCauley, a native of Bury, Province of Quebec, Canada, also now deceased, and they were the parents of four children: 3. Velma, born February 28, 1903. 4. Scott R., born March 12, 1904. 5. Beatrice M., born August 11, 1905. 6. Alfred B., born April 22, 1910.

**LEON E. HOPKINS** came east and has grown up with Lyndonville until he is now owner and proprietor of two of the town's leading businesses, the Blodgett and Hopkins General Insurance Company on Main Street, and the coal business conducted under the same joint name.

Mr. Hopkins was born September 5, 1894, at Junction City, Montana. His parents were Leonard W. and Etta (Maxson) Hopkins, his mother died when he was four years of age and his father's death occurred in 1924.



*O. M. Darling.*





He obtained his grade school education—much of it secured in night school while he was employed in his daytime hours—at Seattle, Washington, and was graduated in 1917 from the Vail Agricultural School of that place. While in Seattle he was employed in the sales department of the Crane Company. Coming to Lyndonville, he was for a short time foreman of the Lyndonville Creamery, resigning to become associated with Edwin J. Blodgett in the insurance business in 1920. Upon Mr. Blodgett's death Mr. Hopkins took over sole management of the insurance business and the coal business that had previously been established by Mr. Blodgett and has since been managing both concerns, retaining the name of his deceased partner in the firm designation. Mr. Hopkins devotes much time and energy to furthering community affairs, being a school director and one of the village trustees of Lyndon Center. He takes an active part in the work of the Lyndonville Rotary Club and the Board of Trade and in the local Republican organization. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Lyndonville Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; St. Johnsbury Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; St. Johnsbury Commandery, Knights Templar; and Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Montpelier. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Lyndonville Baptist Church. Early in the World War, on February 16, 1917, Mr. Hopkins enlisted in the Infantry Division as a private, and now participates in the activities of the Lyndon American Legion.

Mr. Hopkins married Gladys Balentine of Calais, Vermont, daughter of George and Dora (Haskell) Balentine. Mrs. Hopkins died November 16, 1926, leaving five children, Ruth E., Eleanor L., Marion G., Leonard W., and George B.

**EDWARD B. CORLEY**—A resident of Burlington, Vermont, for many years, Edward B. Corley occupies an important place in the life of the community. A successful business man, he relinquished his own affairs to take up service in the public interest as city clerk, of Burlington, which position he now fills with the utmost efficiency to the complete satisfaction of his fellow-citizens. Mr. Corley was born December 12, 1868, at Burlington, a son of Patrick H. and Helen M. (Bridgeman) Corley, of this city. His father was one of Burlington's most prominent business men, dealing in groceries and local real estate, and for a number of years he served as city assessor. His active business career extended for more than forty years, and he died in 1924 at the age of eighty-one.

Edward B. Corley attended parochial schools and St. Joseph's College at Burlington. Later he entered college at Montreal, Quebec, and also attended the University of Vermont. In 1896, he began his business career, in association with his father in Burlington, continuing this connection for more than twenty years, in the course of which his business ability resulted in a highly prosperous trade and a continuance of the excellent quality and service always connected with the Corley name. In 1917, however, he was chosen city clerk of Burlington, and to the duties of this office he has since devoted his time and attention.

Mr. Corley has always been interested in the promotion of civic welfare and the progress of the community to which he himself has contributed no little. He is affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, and the Catholic Order of Foresters, while he is also a member of the Burlington Country Club, and the Lake Champlain Yacht Club. Mr. Corley is an attendant of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at Burlington.

**HERBERT J. HUBBARD**—For more than a quarter of a century, Herbert J. Hubbard has been engaged in railroad work, rising gradually by reason of his long experience and meritorious services to his present position as general agent for the Canadian Pacific Railroad, at Lyndonville, Vermont. In the general life of this community he has played an important part for many years and is regarded by all those who know him as a citizen of the greatest public spirit.

Mr. Hubbard was born October 15, 1871, at Lyndon, a son of Charles K. and Nancy (Dickerman) Hubbard, both born at Lyndon and both now deceased. The father was well known locally as a builder and contractor until the time of his death. Herbert J. Hubbard attended the public schools of his birthplace and was later graduated from Lyndon Institute. When he completed his education, he began his business career as a clerk in a general store at Lyndon Center, and after some years of constant effort and hard work, was able to purchase this business of which he was proprietor for five years. During this period, also, he was local postmaster, discharging all the duties of this position with the greatest efficiency. At the end of this time, however, he took up railroad work, beginning as freight clerk at Lyndonville for the Boston and Maine Railroad, and continuing in this position when the road was secured by the Canadian Pacific. He has been successively, assistant ticket agent, ticket agent and general agent, holding this last position at the present time. In these various capacities he has given the fullest satisfaction both to his company and to the community which he serves.

Politically Mr. Hubbard supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party, taking an active part in all civic affairs, although he has never sought office for himself, and indeed has refused town nominations on several occasions. He has never failed to support, however, any worthy movement for the advancement or welfare of the community. Mr. Hubbard is affiliated fraternally with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at St. Johnsbury, and also holds membership in the Lyndon Club.

Herbert J. Hubbard married Minnie B. (Brown) Wilmot, who was born at Barton, Vermont, a daughter of W. C. and Emma B. (Stanton) Brown of that place. Mrs. Hubbard's first husband was W. B. Wilmot, and of this marriage, two children were born: Geneva and Pearl. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard worship in the Congregational faith, attending the local church of that denomination.

**FREEMAN HAGER**—The career of Freeman Hager has been varied, and is of interest. Successful, this success has been the result of continuous effort intelligently applied, and of an integrity never challenged. Mr. Hager is today counted prominent among the foremost men of Jacksonville, Wilmington, and Windham County.

Born in Halifax, Vermont, September 22, 1863, Mr. Hager is the son of Albert M. V. and Minerva C. (Fairbanks) Hager, both of whom are since deceased. His father, native of Halifax, engaged long as a lumberman, and at the time of his death was a mill owner. His mother was a native of Whitingham. Both gave to him the invaluable advantages of sound home training and environment, affording a foundation of character that was to make possible an unusual career.

Mr. Hager secured his elementary and secondary academic instruction in the public schools of Halifax, and upon completion of studies went to work in the lumber business, which occupation he followed as an employee until 1883 and his twenty-first year. In that year he went into business for himself, as manufacturer of lime and apple barrels. This enterprise he carried forward



with signal fortune until 1889—six years—having had the distinction of being the first in this locality to manufacture barrels. But in 1889, having received a very appealing offer, he sold the business which he had built up, and became general manager for the Deerfield River Company, located in Wilmington; and as such he remained in that village three years. Meanwhile he saw other opportunities at business, a few of which he availed himself of, and one of these led him again into manufacturing. He bought a steam mill, set it up in Wilmington, and manufactured lumber with it until 1907, when, returning to Jacksonville, he undertook the manufacture of tennis racquet strips on a large scale. This proved so lucrative, and his success was so pronounced from the outset, that Mr. Hager has continued to manufacture the strips, and now has an output of racquet strips totalling well above 300,000 per annum, from his Jacksonville mill. Another of his financial interests had to do with banking. He is an incorporator of the Wilmington Savings Bank. Still other undertakings have proven equally to his advantage. Fraternally he is affiliated with Unity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. Politically active, he is a Republican, and served as representative to the General Assembly from Montpelier, Vermont, 1924-25, having likewise been honored with office as president of the village. During the World War he was a large supporter of the patriotic movements, having contributed liberally to all calls for funds. He attends the Universalist church, in its works being a generous donor. Sports, fishing, hunting and whist are his principal relaxations.

Mr. Hager married, in 1885, Jennie M. Hatch, who was born in Halifax, Vermont, deceased. Of this union were born children: Fordyce E., and Leone J.

**JOHN HENRY BLODGETT, M. D.**—In the medical profession of this State there is no better-known practitioner than John Henry Blodgett, M. D., of Bellows Falls, former Representative in the Legislature, who has served as chairman of the State Tuberculosis Commission and as a member of the State Board of Examiners of Nurses. During the World War period he rendered a fine patriotic service as a member of the Medical Advisory Board for Windham and Windsor counties, as a "four-minute" speaker and as a member of the Federal Fuel Commission for Bellows Falls. His professional standing is further emphasized through election to membership in the associations of county, State and national scope in the medical fraternity.

Born in Grafton, December 31, 1867, Dr. Blodgett is a son of Henry and Jane (Ayers) Blodgett; the father, a native of Grafton, was engaged in farming until his death, and the mother, who was born in Grafton also, his since died. He received his public school training in his native town and in Chester, then studied at Vermont Academy, from which he was graduated in the class of 1891, later entering the University of Vermont, whence he was graduated in 1895 with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. He then took the medical course in the same two institutions and received his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1897. He served an internship of two years in Boston (Massachusetts) City Hospital. In December, 1899, he began the practice of medicine and surgery in Saxtons River, Vermont, relocating, in 1908, in Bellows Falls, where he has ever since been professionally engaged.

Dr. Blodgett is an influential member of the American Medical Association, the Vermont State Medical Society, and the Windham County Medical Society, of which he is a former president. He is (1928) chairman of the staff of Rockingham Hospital, and teacher of internal medicine at that institution, a trustee, chairman of the executive committee and attending physician of the Kurn Hattin Homes (1928). From 1912 to 1916 he was chair-

man of the Vermont State Tuberculosis Commission, and his term of service on the State Board of Examiners of Nurses was from 1921 to 1925. As chairman of the Windsor and Windham Counties Medical Advisory Board in the World War, his professional knowledge was brought effectively into play, in helping to make the selective service act operative in that district with justice and fairness to all concerned. His service in 1900 to 1908 on the Rockingham School Board was significant for the impetus it gave to the cause of education in that community. Under the Republican standard, which he has always made his own politically, he was elected to a seat in the House of Representatives at Montpelier for the 1925 session and gave a most excellent account of himself in the presence of his colleagues. He has served as vice-president of the Bellows Falls Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Blodgett is affiliated with King Solomon Temple Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Delta Mu College fraternity. He belongs to the Bellows Falls Country Club, and worships at the Congregational Church, of which he is a deacon and a liberal supporter. His principal recreation from his professional activities is taken in camping in the wilds.

Dr. John H. Blodgett married, October 9, 1901, Mary L. Abercrombie, of Boston, a member of an old Scotch family. Dr. Blodgett has both his professional address and his residence on School Street in Bellows Falls.

**HENRY ALBERT SLAYTON**—Directly descended from eleven members of the famous company that came to America aboard the "Mayflower" and landed at Plymouth Rock, December 21, 1620, Henry Albert Slayton, banker and merchant, of Morrisville, has maintained the sturdy traditions of his forebears and lived a full life of usefulness to the community. For more than half a century he has worked among the people of his native district and has won a place of distinction by virtue of his native ability, industry and honorable character. Mr. Slayton understands men and appreciates their shortcomings as well as their virtues, being quick to respond in sympathy and tolerance toward those whose paths have not been as successful as their ambitions had been broad. He has shown himself to be a very capable financial executive and a progressive business man, taking a deep interest in all civic undertakings that have been initiated for the improvement of general conditions and lending his hand wherever it has been of avail to assist. Although never seeking office, he has answered the call on occasion and has filled the chair with credit and to the satisfaction of the people. In all respects he is one of the representative citizens of Vermont and a credit to the Green Mountain State.

He was born in North Calais, Vermont, July 23, 1851, a son of George J. and Fannie (Andrews) Slayton, both natives of the town, his father having been a merchant. His education was obtained in the local schools and after graduation from the Morrisville High School he went to Montpelier, where he worked for several years in the general store of Scott & Howe. He then went to Boston, Massachusetts, where he remained for four years, working as a clerk in a wholesale grocery store. Returning to Vermont, he entered the business of his father and remained in that association for three years, when he purchased the grain, feed, seeds and coal business in Morrisville of C. R. Page and has since conducted it successfully. In addition to being head of the house of H. A. Slayton & Company, he is a member of the Florida real estate firm of Slayton & Slayton; president of Slayton & Boynton, produce and provision dealers of Boston, Massachusetts, and for many years has been associated with the Union Savings Bank & Trust Company of Morrisville, of which he is vice-president at this writing. He was the main organizer of this bank and







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has served as chairman of the loaning board since its organization. He has filled several town offices and holds membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, the Society of Colonial Wars and other patriotic organizations. He is an active and influential member of the Christian Science church and serves as clerk of that organization in Morrisville. For more than thirty years he was prominent in the First Congregational Church of Morrisville and was instrumental in the building of their beautiful church, holding practically all the offices in the church at different periods through these years.

Henry Albert Slayton has been married three times, his first wife having been Edna Hathaway, deceased, and they were the parents of Albert Hiram, now associated in business with his father, and Josephine May, who married C. B. Brownell, of Vergennes, Vermont. His second marriage was to Lillia Noyes. They were the parents of George Noyes, an attorney of New York City; Lucille Louise, deceased at the age of ten years; and Lillia Noyes, a musician of Boston. Mr. Slayton married (third) Augusta A. Little, of Winooski. Mrs. Slayton is prominent in the Christian Science Church and also in women's club work, locally and in the State.

**ALBERT WOOLEY FARMAN**—Albert Wooley Farman was a prominent attorney of Orleans County, and a jurist who made his impress upon the courts of the district to a marked degree. He was born in Troy, June 21, 1875, and died in Newport, May 23, 1928, a son of Willard and Isabel (Brown) Farman. He received his early education in the schools of the Missisquoi Valley, and at Lyndon Institute, then studied law in the office of the Honorable O. S. Annis at Newport; also with Cook & Redmond. Admitted to the Vermont Bar at the age of twenty-two, he located in Newport and proceeded in the practice of law at this place. He was elected State's attorney of Orleans County, serving for two years, from 1902 to 1904, and soon after the expiration of this term, he returned to his old home in Missisquoi Valley, and for about fourteen years engaged in the lumber business at Lowell, living part of the time at that place and part of it in Westfield. In November, 1918, he moved his family to Newport and again took up his law practice. He was again elected to the office of State's attorney and filled that position through six terms. It was a difficult post to fill and it is agreed that Mr. Farman's occupancy of the office was one of outstanding excellence of character. The criminal cases brought in Orleans County during the period of his tenure, were said to be two or three times greater than such cases brought in the Superior and the Municipal courts combined twenty years before and required a tremendous amount of labor on the part of the State's attorney. A great number of cases were tried by jury and in practically all such cases, Mr. Farman was pitted against the most brilliant lawyers the respondents could employ, and in addition to his work in the Municipal Court, he was required to try all State cases brought in the county court. It is no exaggeration to say that no State's attorney of Orleans County ever worked more faithfully, conscientiously or persistently to perform properly and efficiently the duties of the office that had been entrusted to him than did Mr. Farman. He was a man of unalterable firmness of purpose, of undeviating probity and of highest civic ideals. He had a remarkable legal mind and it has always been a source of great regret to his loyal admirers that his health was not of the robust quality that might have permitted him to reach even greater heights in jurisprudence. For the last years of his life he battled continuously with ill-health, although never relaxing from active work in his profession. In 1898, when Mr. Farman was a young man of twenty-three, he went with his company, the National Guard of Orleans County, and served in our war with

Spain. He suffered while at Chickamauga from the exposure to rain and mud and change of climate to such an extent that his constitution was weakened and he was never as strong or robust as before he entered the service. After his return from the Spanish War, he was elected captain of Company L of the National Guard, with headquarters at Newport, a position in which he served for several years, and he was also the first president of the Spanish War Veterans' Association, which had been organized only a short time before his death.

On November 9, 1904, Albert Wooley Farman was married to Ada G. Brown, of Westfield, and they have been the parents of four children, the oldest a graduate (1928) of the U. V. M. The children are: Beatrice, Willard, a graduate of high school, and now an employee of the post office of Newport; Elvira, a student in high school; and Albert, whom they lost at the age of nine. Mr. Farman was a devoted father and anxious that his children should have the best of education to enable them to take advantage of the opportunities of life. When he passed away it was felt throughout the community that a fine, courageous citizen had been lost to the town, one who had earned and held the esteem of all.

**WILLIAM RADDIN POND, D. D. S.**, was born on September 9, 1876, in East Saugus, Massachusetts, a son of Abbott Sequard and Ellen (Stocker) Pond, and a grandson of Erasmus Arlington Pond, who practiced medicine in Rutland for thirty-nine years and was the inventor of the sphygmograph, a device which made it possible for the pulse-beat to be read by machine. The father, Abbott Sequard Pond, was a chemist by profession, while the mother, Ellen (Stocker) Pond, came of an old and prominent family of Lynn, Massachusetts. William Raddin Pond received his preliminary education in the Rutland High School, of Rutland, Vermont, and then attended the Dental College at the University of Maryland, from which he was graduated in the class of 1899. He began his practice in Rutland in 1902, after practicing in Proctor for three years, and has here successfully continued professional work. Dr. Pond has a brother, Dr. Arlington Pond, who at the present time is practicing medicine in the Philippine Islands, as well as an uncle, Dr. Edmund M. Pond, now a surgeon in Florida but formerly a resident of Rutland, Vermont; also another uncle, Dr. Erasmus A. Pond, of Brooklyn, New York, who formerly practiced in Rutland.

Dr. Pond for ten years was a member of the State Board of Dental Examiners and for seven years president of the board. He belongs to the Vermont State Dental Society, the Rutland County Dental Society and the New England Dental Society, of all three of which he is a past president; and also to the First District Dental Society of New York and the American Dental Association. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order his affiliation is with the Rutland Lodge, and of the Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the local Rotary Club Chapter, of which he is a past president, and of the local Gun Club, Bowling Club and the Rutland Country Club, all of which he has served as president. Dr. Pond is also an athlete and sportsman, and is especially fond of outdoor life, shooting being his especial hobby. He has twice been president of the Vermont State Trap Shooters Association. He was one of the original promoters of the Boy Scout camps and the first president of the Boy Scout Council in Rutland County. His religious affiliation is with the Congregational church.

On June 27, 1906, in Rutland, Vermont, Dr. William R. Pond married Dorothea Burnham, daughter of Captain Samuel Burnham. By this marriage there have been the following children: 1. William R., Jr., born May 11, 1907, who became a student at Princeton University,



class of 1929. 2. Mary Burnham, born January 2, 1909, a student at Smith College, class of 1931. 3. Arlington, 2nd, born March 5, 1911, a high school student. 4. Samuel Burnham, born October 31, 1913, also a high school student.

**MAURICE EDWARD WALBRIDGE**—Modern scientific methods have been successfully applied to the business of introducing to persons of means the attractions of Vermont as a Summer residential and specialized farming region by Maurice Edward Walbridge, of Rutland. This young man has been, during the few years in which he has been engaged in this occupation, one of the most conspicuous among those who, in working for their own prosperity, have contributed enormously to the steadily advancing commercial growth of the State. Bringing a college and university education to bear upon his work, he established a system whereby he was able to convince capitalists of the attractions to be found here at far less cost than in many other districts where investments had been made and homes erected. An attractive personality has been of great value to him in this and in making friends wherever his operations extend, a factor which makes him welcome to all circles and adds lustre to his growing fame in the line of work he follows.

He was born in Cabot, Vermont, July 8, 1896, a son of Edward Payson and Linnie Dell (Foster) Walbridge, and was educated in the local public schools and at Montpelier Seminary, graduating from the last named institution in 1914 and from Dartmouth College in 1919. He then took a course at Harvard University, upon completion of which he became vice-principal and athletic coach at Morse High School, Bath, Maine. This position he resigned in 1921 and came to Rutland, where he entered the real estate field of business. He immediately introduced the novelty of selling farms for summer residences and was so successful that he has brought annually into Vermont from twenty-five to thirty families, each of whom has invested an average of \$5,000 in land and improvements. Mr. Walbridge has shown to outsiders that Vermont, Lake Champlain and inland lakes offer unusual opportunities for summer or year around homes, and it is the emphasis of these features that has attracted many well known people to choose Vermont for their summer playground. He is a strong advocate of scientific methods in agriculture, and illustrates their value by the fact that the highly successful farmers of this State today are the sons of farmers who have graduated from agricultural schools and who apply in combination the practical and theoretical sides of the business. As examples of fine farms that have been developed of late through these methods he notes those of Edwin Gould, at Lower Cabot; Scott Hammond, at Brandon, and Thomas Pierce, at Clarendon. Among the nationally prominent men who have acquired Summer homes in Vermont through the direct instrumentality of Mr. Walbridge, operating the Walbridge Realty Company, are: John M. Thomas, president of Rutgers College, New Brunswick, New Jersey; Judge Edward Nugent, of Elizabeth, New Jersey; Charles Smith, banker, of New York City; W. K. Boardman, of Nashville, Tennessee; Sinclair Lewis, author; E. D. Bronner, vice-president Michigan Central Railroad; Jesse Merritt, editor, Farmingdale, Long Island; Howard Walters, president Walters Rubber Company, Garden City, Long Island, and others. During the World War he was a student at Dartmouth, where he was identified with the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. He is a member of the Rutland Chamber of Commerce, of the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce, the Exchange Club, Mercury Club, Rutland Exchange Ski Club, organized to foster winter sports; and the Rutland Lodge, No. 79, Free and Accepted Masons. He is acting presi-

dent of the Vermont Real Estate Board, which he was instrumental in organizing, and was a member of the "Maple Sugar Special" train that toured the country in the interest of Vermont.

Maurice Edward Walbridge married, in Walpole, New Hampshire, March 6, 1919, Blanche Waller, of Chelmsford, Massachusetts. Their children are: Maurice Edward, Jr.; Jeannette Foster and Richard Payson.

**JED W. HURLBUT**—The Bennington Waxed Paper Company, which has come to rank as one of the outstanding manufacturing enterprises of Bennington, Vermont, was founded more than a score of years ago, in April, 1907, in this city, for the purpose of making paraffin paper of all types, including certain specialties not hitherto placed on the market. Its first president was I. E. Gibson, who, along with four other men, N. M. Puffer, A. T. Shaw, A. W. Moore, and Jed W. Hurlbut, of whom this is a record, established the business. The original site occupied by the company was on Scott Street; and, while in 1925 a removal was effected into the new building on the extension of Mill Street, the company still operates its original Scott Street plant. From the start, Jed W. Hurlbut possessed all the working knowledge of the business, and it is largely a result of his careful planning and wise policies that the organization today holds the prominent place that it does hold in the life of this city. The present officers are: Daniel C. Hurlbut, an account of whom appears on the following page, president; Jed W. Hurlbut, chairman of the board of directors and treasurer of the company; and E. C. Whittaker, clerk of the board.

Jed W. Hurlbut, one of the founders and for many years the chief promoter of this business, was born in Essex Junction, Vermont, on December 8, 1858, a son of Daniel and Louisa (Morse) Hurlbut, the former of whom was a paper manufacturer in Bradford, Vermont. The mother, Louisa (Morse) Hurlbut, was a native of Duxbury, Vermont.

Jed W. Hurlbut received his early training in the public schools of Bradford, whither his family went to live, and his first work was with his father in the paper manufacturing business. There he acquired a thorough knowledge of business and manufacturing methods, especially as applied to the making of paper products. Then, after a time, he came to New York, settling in Little Falls, where for ten years he was engaged in the paper business. A few years thereafter, he was situated in Well's River, Vermont; and then, in 1903, he came to Bennington, where since that time he has remained and has become one of the city's outstanding figures in industry. In 1907, he and the group with which he was associated started the Bennington Waxed Paper Company, in which he has been engaged since that time. He is now gradually relinquishing the duties and cares of the business in favor of his son, Daniel C., who is president and general manager of the company.

In addition to his manufacturing activities in Bennington, Jed W. Hurlbut is keenly interested in all the civic and social affairs of his city, county and State. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has gone through all the bodies; the Bennington Club, of which he is an ex-president; and the Bennington Chamber of Commerce. He is president and chairman of the Board of Education, a director in the County National Bank, a trustee of the Bennington County Savings Bank, and an interested student and spectator of all business and political developments in his community.

In Bellows Falls, Vermont, Jed W. Hurlbut married Nettie H. Church, a native of Westminster, Vermont, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Church. By this union there were two children: 1. Daniel C., a biography of whom follows. 2. Helena, born in South Braintree, Massachusetts, September 8, 1902.







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**DANIEL C. HURLBUT**—Manufacturing wax and paraffin paper specialties of all types, Daniel C. Hurlbut, as president and general manager of the Bennington Waxed Paper Company, plays an important part in the business and industrial life of Bennington, Vermont; and, although he is one of the younger men of his State so engaged in a high executive position, he has demonstrated full well his abilities for this work and has acquired a large number of close friends in his native community.

Daniel C. Hurlbut was born July 16, 1889, in Bellows Falls, Vermont, a son of Jed W. and Nettie H. (Church) Hurlbut (see preceding biography).

The son, Daniel C. Hurlbut, received his early education in the public and high schools of Bennington, and after leaving school became associated with his father in the wax paper manufacturing business. That was in 1910. From the outset he was successful with his work, and since that time the father has been gradually relinquishing a number of his duties in connection with the business, while the son, who is president and general manager, is taking upon his own shoulders the responsibility of this important manufacturing enterprise of Bennington, and is making constant strides toward expansion of the business. The company makes wax paper specialties of all sorts. In addition to his work with the Bennington Waxed Paper Company, Daniel C. Hurlbut is active in the civic and social affairs of his city. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is identified with the Knights Templar and the Cairo Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the local Chamber of Commerce and the Bennington Club; and, as a matter of fact, there is no enterprise of public importance, which he believes will bring about some permanent good to the community, in which he does not take a part.

In April, 1913, in Bennington, Vermont, Mr. Hurlbut married Anne J. Shufelt, a native of this city, daughter of James H. and Sarah (Nichols) Shufelt, both of this place. By this union there has been one son, John Nichols, born October 29, 1927.

**ALBERT V. KIESLICH**, prominent resident of Burlington for many years, is a well-known engineer and contractor of this city. The excellent quality of the service which he supplies, together with his own energy and ability, have brought him a prosperous business to which he gives all his time and attention. He is a son of Robert and Josepha (Hofrichter) Kieslich, of Germany, who came to the United States in 1883. His father, until the time of his death in 1910, was also a contractor at Burlington.

Albert V. Kieslich was educated in the University of Vermont, graduating with high honors from that institution in 1910 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, and for the following two years was instructor of civil engineering at the university. While in college he was active in athletics. In 1911 he, with Professor Elliott of the University, organized a construction company and continued until 1915, when Mr. Elliott withdrew and Mr. Kieslich organized his present company and has continued since that date. He has also played an active part in the civic and fraternal life of the community, contributing generously to many worthy enterprises. During the years 1914 and 1915 Mr. Kieslich served as alderman for Burlington. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is a member of Washington Lodge; and holds the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite; is a member of Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and Goethe Lodge, No. 597, D. O. H. He is also a member of the Burlington Country Club, the Ver-

mont Society of Engineers, and a director of the Burlington Chamber of Commerce. He and his family worship in the faith of the Protestant Episcopal church.

In March, 1912, Albert V. Kieslich married Hattie Lena Fischer, daughter of Adolph F. Fischer, of Burlington. Of this marriage there are three children: Marion, Kathleen, and Harriet.

**JAMES CALDER**—Manufacturing daylight evaporators, sugar utensils, sheet metal work, stoves and other such products, James Calder has long been one of the outstanding producers of such materials in Vermont. His products now are distributed throughout the Eastern and Central States of the United States, and the business he conducts, known as the James Calder Company, is nationally recognized.

Mr. Calder was born in Scotland, December 18, 1869, son of James C. and Elizabeth (Mitchell) Calder, both natives of Scotland, now deceased. His father was a blacksmith by trade, while both father and grandfather served with honor and rank in the armies of Great Britain. James Calder, of whom this is a record, received his early training in the public schools of his native community in Scotland; and, perhaps because he possessed an inventive turn of mind, learned the trade of steam-heating and plumbing in this country. In 1893 he came to America, settled in Enosburg Falls, Vermont, and in 1908 first engaged in business for himself under the name of the James Calder Company. This company manufactured daylight evaporators and sugar utensils, as well as sheet metal work, including stoves and ranges and hollow-ware. Mr. Calder came to Richford in 1910, where he established himself in the same line of endeavor, the business having grown in its scope and proportions, until it now covers the Eastern and Central part of Vermont. Not only is Mr. Calder active as a business man; however, but also as a member of fraternal orders and local organizations. His fraternal affiliations are with Missisquoi Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His religious preference is with the Baptist church.

James Calder married, in 1898, Dora A. Vincent, of Vermont, daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Carty) Vincent. Mr. and Mrs. Calder are the parents of the following children: Clyde V., Albert J., now deceased; Robert B., and Glenn W.

**WESLEY A. KELLEY**—Colonial stock of purest strain is represented in the person of Wesley A. Kelley, of Derby Center, in the neighborhood of which he was born. The family lived for about thirty years at Newark and the rest of their lives was spent in the town of Derby. He is not only a successful practical farmer, but a business man of ability and a progressive citizen of vitality and value to the community, esteemed and respected by a large circle of acquaintances and hosts of intimate friends. Industrious and honorable in all his dealings, modest in his accomplishments, Mr. Kelley represents the highest standard of upright citizenship that has been instrumental in making Vermont one of the most progressive States of the Union.

He was born in Derby, Vermont, April 25, 1859, a son of Willard and Octavia (Smith) Kelley, the first having been born in St. Johnsbury and the second in Lyndon. The father enlisted for the Civil War in Company B, Vermont Regular Volunteers, serving three years. They were farmers and during the latter part of their lives lived on the farm of the senior Mr. Kelley, which was cultivated by their son Wesley until he was thirty years of age, when he and his parents removed to Derby, where they both later died, the farm having been leased. Wesley was educated in the district schools of Newark and after school hours worked on his farm and also followed the occupations of a mason and plasterer. Some



time following the death of his parents he retired from farm work and leased his farm of 230 acres, in order to give his entire time to a lumber business he had established in Derby Center. While living in Newark he served his town as lister, selectman and constable. He is a member of the fraternal order of Free and Accepted Masons and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which last named organization he has gone through all chairs. He and his wife are Methodists in religion but attend the local United church.

Wesley A. Kelley married Emma V. Curtis, daughter of Bennett and Sarah (Rice) Curtis, of Sutton, Vermont. They have an adopted son: Percy McKinley, educated in the elementary and high schools, at Montpelier Seminary and two years at Middlebury College, with one year in Purdue University. During the World War he served overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces in the Tank Corps, with the rank of corporal, was transferred to the Motor Transport Corps, with station in Paris, and honorably mustered out at the conclusion of hostilities. He married Irene Moyer, of Waverly, Massachusetts. They also have raised Helen Mitchell, an orphan and a native of Scotland. She was nine years of age when she came into the Kelley household and has been cared for as a daughter, educated in high school and Derby Academy, with a course in teaching, and is now in her fourth year as teacher in Derby Line, having a reputation of being an excellent teacher.

**EDWARD WALLING BRADFORD**—Descendant of one of the most notable and oldest of New England families and inheritor of the best traditions of Colonial times, Edward Walling Bradford grew to manhood in Vermont, pursued a career of great achievement here and became one of the foremost citizens of Bennington and favorably known throughout the State. In addition to his business activities he took an active part in civic affairs, was a strong factor in fraternal organizations and a genial and courteous companion in his social relaxations. He had been associated for many years with one of the oldest mercantile producing establishments in New England, and was esteemed for the high principles upon which he conducted his business, ever regardful for the inalienable rights of competitors and in every way seeking coöperation, to the end that all might profit from the resultant prosperity of a growing trade. He was kindly and considerate, sympathetic and generous, tolerant and reliable and made a legion of friends, while his value to the community was attested through the wide admiration of the whole people, a loyal and devoted citizen of highest character.

He was born in Bennington, Vermont, January 23, 1860, a son of Henry E. and Eleanor (Abbott) Bradford, his father having been the founder of the Bradford Knitting Mills here in 1854, the first operating mill of its character established in New England. Acquiring his early education in the local public schools, he was graduated from Bennington High School and then took a course at the Poughkeepsie Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York. When he was eighteen years of age he became junior partner with his father and brother, William H. Bradford, in the Bradford Knitting Mills and threw himself whole-heartedly into the work. Making it a study from the bottom, he eventually became one of the leading authorities in the manufacture of knitted goods and to the end continued in the vanguard of his profession. He was a director of the First National Bank of Bennington, attended the Baptist church and was a strong supporter of the Republican party. He was also one of the most vigorous agents in fostering railroad enterprise for the district and was active in all phases of public activity. He was an honorary member of Custer Post, Grand Army of the Republic, a charter member of the Improved Order of Red Men and a

member of the Bennington Club and other social organizations, as well as being a thirty-second degree member of the order of Free and Accepted Masons, affiliated with all bodies, from the Blue Lodge to the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His death occurred in Bennington, June 6, 1916.

Edward Walling Bradford married, March 17, 1886, Minerva Lawrence, daughter of John and Polly (Hull) Lawrence.

**PERRY Z. WHITNEY**—A leading merchant of Wilmington, being the only dealer in grains in that town, Perry Z. Whitney is also engaged in merchandising hay, flour and coal, and has built up a large and valuable good-will from among the people of that community. He has interested himself in the civic affairs of the town, and has served in governing board of the educational department of Marlboro, in which he gave much of his time and energy for the advance of the school system.

Born in Marlboro, Windham County, September 21, 1879, Perry Z. Whitney is the son of Henry F. Whitney, a native and farmer of Marlboro, and Meta A. (Hall) Whitney, who was born in Halifax, Vermont. Having finished his course in the public schools of Marlboro, he completed his education at the Bliss Business College, North Adams, Massachusetts. He next entered the service of his father on the home farm, and left at the end of a year to engage in the sawmill business. In 1905 he came to Wilmington and launched out in the hay, grain, flour and coal enterprise of which he is the sole proprietor. His approved business methods and progressive ideas, coupled with a sustained disposition to render the best service possible at his command, have given him a foremost place among the commercial interests of Wilmington.

Always found marching under the Republican political ensign, Mr. Whitney has ever stood ready to respond to the call of the people for public service. Thus it was that he accepted the office of lister, in which he served for several years, when a resident of Marlboro. Likewise he was an influential member of the Marlboro School Board for a term of years. His fraternal affiliations are with Social Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Worshipful Master, and the Scottish Rite Consistory, in which he has taken all degrees up to the eighteenth. He is an attendant of the Universalist church. He hunts and fishes with the zest of a true sportsman and lover of the great out-of-doors.

Perry Z. Whitney married, in 1905, Alice E. Eames, who, as is her husband, is a native of Marlboro.

**VERLE N. LUNN**—With a keen determination to advance in the world of business, Verle N. Lunn of Brattleboro worked and studied with admirable zeal with the result that he is now known as one of the leaders in the insurance business in this city and vicinity. Mr. Lunn maintains offices at 59 Main Street where he represents a number of leading insurance companies and handles all kinds of insurance. He was born in Stark, New Hampshire, July 15, 1896, son of Joseph W. and Susan P. (Cole) Lunn, both of whom are natives of Stark. Joseph W. Lunn was connected with the Boston and Maine Railroad for many years as conductor until his recent retirement.

Verle N. Lunn was educated in the public schools of White River Junction and after high school was occupied in the clothing business in Washington, District of Columbia, for four years. He attended the night school conducted by the Knights of Columbus at Washington for a year and also took an evening course at George Washington University. He spent two years as a traveling salesman in which capacity he sold various novelties to gift shops, while he was also employed for two years in the sale of crude gums and glues for a leading New



York manufacturing concern. In 1925, Mr. Lunn came to Brattleboro and engaged in his present venture in which he has been consistently successful, making himself a popular and well-liked figure among the residents of this community. In all local affairs he takes an interested part and he is active in fraternal circles as Senior Steward of Brattleboro Lodge, No. 102, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and as a member of Brattleboro Post, American Legion. He is a member of the National Association of Insurance Agents, and in politics follows the principles of the Republican party. His religious adherence is given to All Souls' Church. His hobbies are hunting and camping in which he finds great recreation and pleasure. During the recent World War, Mr. Lunn enlisted in the United States Army, June, 1918, and was assigned to Company A, 336th Battalion Tank Corps. He served for eleven months in France as a member of the American Expeditionary Forces and was discharged in November, 1919, with the rank of first class private.

Verle N. Lunn married, in 1920, Irene Howley, who was born in Burlington, and they have one son, Robert N.

**FREDERICK L. OSGOOD, M. D.**—In the medical profession, Frederick L. Osgood, M. D. of Saxtons River stands out prominently as one of the representative physicians of this section of Vermont. Dr. Osgood has been active in the practice of medicine here since 1896, and consequently has earned a rightful place in the esteem of his fellow-citizens, through his solicitous and capable attention to their needs and by his sincere devotion to the highest ideals of his admirable calling. He has not only concerned himself with the physical needs of this community, but has also taken an outstanding part in governmental affairs, having served in several important local posts, while in State activities he has been honored on several occasions by election to the State Legislature and to the State Senate, having served with distinction in both these distinguished bodies. Dr. Osgood was born in Chittenden, September 27, 1872, son of Willard W. and Louise (Thornton) Osgood, both of whom were born in Ira and have ever been among the highly respected residents of their community. Willard W. Osgood has been engaged in agriculture all his life.

Frederick L. Osgood was educated in the public schools of Chittenden and later attended Castleton Normal School, after which he spent one year at the University of New York. Returning to his home State, he matriculated at the University of Vermont and studied for the medical profession, graduating with the Class of 1894, receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine. He then served as interne at Bellevue Hospital, New York, for nine months, after which he went to Europe and took post-graduate courses in London, England, and Vienna, Austria. Upon his return to the United States, he engaged in medical practice at Shrewsbury and after six months in that city, went to Springfield, where he also practiced for a short time. It was in 1896 that Dr. Osgood first came to Saxtons River and since that time has been busy in the practice of his profession. His exceptional ability as a medical practitioner has brought him renown throughout this part of the State, while his considerate, friendly manner has made him one of the most popular doctors in the profession. He is a valued member of the Medical Association of Vermont State; of the American Medical Association, and the Windham County Medical Society of which he is past president. He is also one of the foremost surgeons on the staff of the Rockingham Hospital. In his fraternal affiliations, he is prominent in King Solomon Temple Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Ma-

sons; he is Past Grand of Saxtons River Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a vigorous member of the Chamber of Commerce of Bellows Falls and is identified with the financial and industrial progress of the State as a director of the Bellows Falls National Bank and treasurer of the Saxtons River Woolen Mill. Ever interested in the advancement of education, he is active as a trustee of the Vermont Academy. Dr. Osgood has served the people of his town and State in the realm of civil government for many years. He has been justice of the peace since 1922, and health officer for the town of Grafton since 1923, while he has served three years on the school board of the town of Rockingham. He is trustee of the Campbell fund, while, in his political activities, he has also been representative to several Republican State Conventions. From 1917 to 1923, he was a member of the Vermont Legislature and represented this district with splendid effect, while in 1921, he was elected to the State Senate, and again in 1929 will sit in this prominent body as a representative of the people. He attends the Baptist church. His hobby is orcharding in which he finds recreation and relaxation from his strenuous professional and political activities.

Dr. Frederick L. Osgood married in 1904, Blanche Osgood, who was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and they are the parents of four children: Frederick L. Jr., Doris, Lena, and Frances L.

**CHARLES H. PARMELEE**—Representative of many important interests and activities in the town and district of Wilmington, Charles H. Parmelee has both dignified his business connection and served the community thereby, having also held the offices of member of the General Assembly, town clerk and treasurer, school director, library trustee, and member of the Republican Town Committee. On all sides he is esteemed one of the most useful citizens of Wilmington, having for a quarter century occupied the office of village treasurer. In business life he is favorably known as the senior member of Parmelee & Howe, pharmacists, grocers and hardware merchants, one of the oldest establishments in Wilmington.

Charles H. Parmelee was born in Wilmington, February 22, 1858, the son of Chauncey and Mary A. (Smith) Parmelee, both parents natives of that town, and now deceased, the former having been engaged in farming until his death. The son Charles received his education in the local schools, in a New Jersey institution and at Leland Grey Seminary, Townsend, Vermont. From textbooks he directed his attention to farming, which he pursued faithfully and with a fair degree of profit for twelve years. In 1888 he purchased the drug, grocery and hardware business of Elmer E. Wheeler at Wilmington, continuing to operate it as sole owner until 1916. In the latter year he received Ralph W. Howe (q. v.) as a partner, and the style of the house was changed to Parmelee & Howe, by which it has ever since been known. This firm has a strong hold upon the people of Wilmington, many of whom have extended it their good-will for years, and its line of customers is one of the most desirable in the Wilmington area.

Mr. Parmelee has always held firmly to the Republican political faith, and on more than one occasion he has been signally honored by his party and fellow-citizens. In 1919 he sat in the House of Representatives of the Vermont Assembly. He was elected town clerk and treasurer, later serving as school director for three years, and for several years as a member of the Republican Town Committee. His most important local political office is that of treasurer of the incorporated



village of Wilmington, of which he has been the incumbent for more than twenty-five years. He is a trustee of the Wilmington Savings Bank, treasurer of the River-view Cemetery Association, and treasurer of the Restland Cemetery Improvement Association. His religious interest centers in the Wilmington Congregational Church, which he serves as clerk, and of whose Sunday School he has been the superintendent for more than a quarter of a century. Health, pleasure and profit are returns accorded his intense application to gardening as his chief diversion from his many exacting responsibilities.

Charles H. Parmelee married (first), in 1884, Eva Adams, born in West Halifax, Vermont, who died survived by a daughter, Kathleen, now Mrs. Ralph W. Howe. He married (second) Mary L. Warren, who was born in Haverhill, New Hampshire.

**RALPH WESLEY HOWE**—Professionally and in the mercantile life of Wilmington, Ralph W. Howe enjoys high standing. He is the junior partner of Parmelee & Howe, druggists, grocers and hardware dealers, one of the oldest and most reliable business houses of that town. Mr. Howe, a finished pharmacist, gives his attention more directly to the management of the drug department, while also contributing a major part to the general conduct of the business as a whole. He is highly esteemed in the profession, being a member of the Vermont State Pharmaceutical Association.

Born in East Dover, Vermont, August 28, 1889, Ralph Wesley Howe, son of Wesley D. and Rose (Wick) Howe, points with pride to his parents who gave him early encouragement for a career. His father, a native of East Dover, has been engaged in farming and lumbering many years. The mother was born in Brattleboro. Careful attention was given to the matter of the son Ralph's education. His primary training was received in the Wilmington schools, and his college preparatory course was taken at Brattleboro High School, from which he was graduated in 1908. He then entered Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst, from which he was graduated in the Class of 1913, with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Direct from college he received appointment as scientific assistant for Southern field crop investigation under the Bureau of Entomology of the United States Department of Agriculture, pursuing that mission for three years.

In 1916, Mr. Howe came to reside in Wilmington and became a partner of Charles H. Parmelee (q. v.) forming the firm of Parmelee & Howe. This enterprise has been successfully managed for many years, and its cumulative success has been in no small degree due to Mr. Howe's activities in the tripartite business. His political affiliation is with the Republican party, and fraternal with Social Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Sigma Phi Epsilon Society. He attends the Congregational church, plays a strong game of tennis, and continues to enjoy study and practice of entomology.

Ralph W. Howe married, in 1916, E. Kathleen Parmelee, born in Wilmington, and they have children: Virginia Parmelee, Mary Warren, and Ralph Wesley, Jr.

**REV. CHARLES LEO PONTBRIAND**—In Lyndonville, Vermont, no figure is more familiar than is that of Rev. Charles Leo Pontbriand, pastor of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Elizabeth, who has been in charge of this parish since June, 1900, a period of more than twenty-eight years. Father Pontbriand is a graduate of Grand Seminary, in Montreal, Canada, and for a time after his ordination was secretary to Bishop de Goesbriand. He came to Lyndonville from Highgate,

Vermont, where he had been located for about five years, and has performed here a work which is a benefit to the community at large, as well as to the parish of St. Elizabeth's.

Rev. Charles Leo Pontbriand was born in Vergennes, Vermont, June 6, 1870, son of Leo Napoleon and Flavia (Labossiere) Pontbriand. His father, who was a native of Berthier, Province of Quebec, Canada, was a millwright by trade and was a soldier in the Civil War, but by some error his name appears on the records as "Leo Napoleon Pomeroy," instead of Leo Napoleon Pontbriand. He and his wife, aged eighty-one and seventy-nine, respectively, are living in Highgate, Vermont, and have been married for fifty-nine years (1928). They became the parents of a family of four children, of whom Father Pontbriand is the eldest, the others being, in order of birth: Henry, Flavia, and Louis. Father Pontbriand attended the public schools of Vergennes, Vermont, his birthplace, and early chose the Church as his field of service. With this end in view he entered St. Joseph's College, at Burlington, Vermont, where he completed his course with graduation in 1889. He was then ready for his theological training for which he entered Grand Seminary, at Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada, from which he was graduated in 1894. On December 22 of that same year he was ordained a priest by Archbishop Fabre, of Montreal, after which he became secretary of Bishop de Goesbriand, with whom he remained for a period of eight months. At the end of that time he was assigned to the Catholic Church at Highgate, Vermont, as pastor, and after rendering efficient service there for five years he came to St. Elizabeth's Church here in Lyndonville, in June, 1900. During the twenty-eight years which have passed since he took charge of this parish he has greatly strengthened both its material resources and its spiritual life. The membership of the parish now numbers about four hundred souls, and its various societies and organizations are in a prosperous condition. Father Pontbriand is a member of the Société de St. Jean de Baptiste and of the Catholic Order of Foresters, and his sterling qualities of character have won for him the affection of his parishioners and the respect of the community in general.

**PATRICK J. O'KEEFE**—Since 1923, Patrick J. O'Keefe has been chief of police at Brattleboro, Vermont, discharging in a very efficient manner the many duties of his difficult position. Mr. O'Keefe has been in police work for many years, guarding the public interest in a manner which has won him much praise and extensive reputation. His acceptance of the position which he occupies at Brattleboro was universally hailed as a most effective step in the protection of the community, and in the period since that time Mr. O'Keefe has more than justified the confidence reposed in him. Mr. O'Keefe was born at Taunton, Massachusetts, on January 18, 1889, a son of Timothy O'Keefe, born in County Cork, Ireland, and engaged for many years in foundry work at Taunton, and of Katherine (Donahue) O'Keefe, now deceased, who was also born in County Cork, Ireland.

Patrick J. O'Keefe was educated in the public schools of his birthplace, being graduated from St. Mary's High School. Upon the completion of his academic training he began the business of life in the employ of the Glenwood Range Company, of Taunton, with whom he remained for a period of eight years, winning gradual advancement for his meritorious services. Thereafter for four years he followed the sea in the United States merchant marine service, a year and a half of this time covering the participation of the United States in the World War. Upon the conclusion of hostilities he returned to life ashore and at White



*Rev. C. L. Pontbriand*





River Junction, Vermont, became associated with the police department. As a member of the police staff he remained in this place for six years, at first as a traffic officer, but later promoted to the position of chief of police, which he filled most successfully. Finally in 1923, he came to Brattleboro as chief of the police department here, and to this position he has since devoted his time and attention to the complete satisfaction of all members of the community, in whose esteem he occupies high place.

In politics Mr. O'Keefe is an independent voter, heartily supporting every movement for civic betterment and progress. In his leisure time he finds rest and relaxation in hunting and fishing, being fond of all outdoor activities. Mr. O'Keefe worships in the Roman Catholic faith, attending St. Michael's church of that denomination at Brattleboro, and contributing liberally to its work as, indeed, he contributes to many worthy benevolent causes. His residence is situated at No. 4 Canal Street, Brattleboro.

**HON. ELI H. PORTER**—Notable public service of the most constructive type has been rendered to the State of Vermont by one of her most distinguished citizens, Hon. Eli H. Porter, of Wilmington, a member of the Public Service Commission, and long a prominent figure in the councils of the Democratic party, having at one time been honored with the candidacy of his organization for the office of Governor. He is probably one of the best-equipped men in Vermont in matters of public utilities and service, having been a member of the bodies of control of those facilities for more than a score of years, barring a period, in which he served in another capacity. He is a former legislator of long standing, and left the impress of his service in the records and upon the laws enacted by the General Assembly. Mr. Porter is a retired business man of Wilmington, where he is esteemed as a leading citizen of substantial worth and wide influence.

George Porter, father of Hon. Eli H. Porter, was born in Whitingham. In early life he pursued the trade of carpenter, and in his latter years he was engaged in the lumber and grain business. The mother, a native of Whitingham also, was Fannie Kingsbury, of an old family. Both parents are deceased.

Born in Whitingham, August 16, 1855, Eli H. Porter attended the public schools of his native village and finished his education at the celebrated Powers Institute, of Bernardston, Massachusetts. From his schoolbooks he directed his attention to the hay, grain and feed business, of which his father was the proprietor, and continued in that association until 1887. He then went West and remained in the "far country" for a year. Returning to his home State, he took a residence in Wilmington, and became a member of the Wilmington Grain and Lumber Company, of which he was secretary and treasurer until 1893. In the latter year he was honored by the Government with appointment as postmaster of Wilmington and served with his usual finish and courtesy while occupying the office for the term ending in 1897. Resuming mercantile activities, he formed the firm of Chandler & Porter, buyers and dealers in hay, grain and feeds, at Wilmington, which association lasted until 1906, when he entered the lumber business, in which he was engaged till 1908, when he retired from active business pursuit.

The long and remarkably useful political career of Mr. Porter in the service of the State began in 1892, when he took his seat in the House of Representatives at Montpelier. Again in 1900 and 1902 he was returned to the House. In 1904 he was the Democratic candi-

date for Governor. Two years later, 1906, he is again in the lower House of the Legislature and is made chairman of the powerful Ways and Means Committee. It was in that year that he received appointment from Governor Fletcher D. Proctor to the office of railroad commissioner. Subsequently a reorganization was effected and the name of the body was changed to Public Service Commission, and in 1908 he was appointed to be a member of it, remaining in office until 1910. From 1912 until 1913 he was a member of the Educational Commission. In November, 1918, he was for the third time appointed to the Public Service Commission. He was reappointed by Governor Percival W. Clement, who held office from 1919 until 1921, and was installed for a term of six years. In 1925 he was appointed as his own successor for another six-year term by Governor Franklin S. Billings. His tenure of office will end in 1931. Mr. Porter has been a delegate on numerous occasions to Democratic State conventions, in whose proceedings he has been a forceful figure.

In financial circles Mr. Porter has also attained prominence and positions of influence. For more than a quarter of a century he has been a trustee of the Wilmington Savings Bank, for six years he served as president of that institution, and is now chairman of its finance board. He is the oldest living Past Worshipful Master of Social Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Wilmington. His religious preference is Universalist. Angling and the chase constitute the recreational diversions of which he is most fond.

Eli H. Porter married, October 1, 1891, Gertrude H. Boyd, born in Wilmington, and they are the parents of a son, Gerald H. Porter, who is a graduate of South Carolina State Medical College.

**WILLIAM J. PENTLAND** has impressed himself upon the community that has witnessed the development of his career and has been given its hearty endorsement for his qualities of integrity, straightforwardness and keen business acumen. He was born in Brattleboro, December 25, 1874, son of William John Pentland, born in Ireland and Annie T. (Keohane) Pentland, who was born in London, England. They came to America as young people and their family life has long been a part of the domestic structure of Brattleboro.

William J. Pentland received his early education in the public schools of Brattleboro, through the high school grades, taking a business course in the last year. After leaving school, he worked for the Estey Organ Company for three years. His father had been associated with that company for 35 years as an expert finisher and was department foreman a number of years. He died in 1918. Young William Pentland, however, wanted to learn the technical trade of plumbing and heating, and doing so, eventually went into business for himself after serving a practical apprenticeship under the late John Galvin, of Brattleboro. His business has embraced not only plumbing and heating but general tinware and supplies, and has grown into splendid proportions, and there are many public buildings and large structures in Brattleboro, the contracts for which have been carried through by the firm of William J. Pentland, in this important branch of construction work. This firm may rightfully claim to be the oldest company of the sort in the city and it is a well-known fact that its prosperity is contemporary with the growth of Brattleboro itself.

Mr. Pentland takes a deep and active interest in civic improvement in its various branches and has done practical work in fostering the best civic ideals. He is also active in church matters and has been senior warden of



his church. As assistant general superintendent of the Valley Fair Association, he has helped to build up that organization and he is one of the incorporators of the Brattleboro Savings Bank. Fraternally, Mr. Pentland belongs to the Brattleboro Lodge, No. 102, Free and Accepted Masons; Fort Dummer Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Connecticut Valley Council, Royal and Select Masters; Beauseant Commandery, Knights Templar; and to all Scottish Rite bodies, including the thirty-second degree.

**GUY A. SMITH**—In the composite life of the town of Vernon, Guy A. Smith holds a number of important official positions. He is the station agent, the postmaster and the local representative of the railway express service. In the municipality he has served four years as chairman of the School Board. Thus in many avenues he has manifested his qualifications for leadership.

Born in Verndale, Minnesota, December 10, 1884, Guy A. Smith is the son of Eber N. Smith, who was a native of Champlain, New York. For some years he was telegrapher and station agent for the Northern Pacific Railroad, and subsequently he operated a general store in Bethel, Vermont. At the time of his death he was agent and telegrapher for the Central Vermont Railway at Royalton. His wife, who was Alzada Averill, of Mooers, New York, is also deceased. The son Guy, after completing his education in the high school of Bethel, became a telegrapher on the Central Vermont Railway, June 1, 1907. He made steady progress in railroading and grew in favor with the management and the railroad's patrons. In 1912 he was installed as station agent at Vernon, and in the same year was appointed local agent for the American Railway Express. In 1913 he was appointed postmaster of Vernon. All these positions he still holds. In politics he has always worn the Republican mantle ever since he attained his majority. Education is a cause in which his interests have been manifested to a marked degree, and in appreciation of this he was elected to the school board. Further honors in this connection came to him when his colleagues chose him for their chairman, which office he succeeded himself in for four consecutive years. He is an attendant of the Union Church at Vernon. He makes farming his principal hobby, from which he derives both pleasure and profit.

Guy A. Smith married, in 1908, Alta Richardson, born in Leverett, Massachusetts, died in 1926, survived by her husband and children: Allen A., Elwin L., Leona A., Ruby M., Norma E., Bernice A., Arline M., and Helen A.

**RAYMOND CLARK RANSOM**—In the town of Castleton Raymond Clark Ransom is active in commercial affairs as one of the leading merchants of this community. Mr. Ransom has been engaged in the mercantile business here since the fall of 1903, having been associated with his brother, Harold A. Ransom, in the management of the A. L. Ransom store until January 1, 1924, when he became the owner of the business which was acquired by his father, Albert L. Ransom, March 1, 1884. He was postmaster in the town during the years 1906 to 1914 having been acting postmaster during the two years previous to 1906.

He is Past Master of Lee Lodge, No. 30, Free and Accepted Masons. He graduated from the Castleton State Normal School in the class of 1897, prepared for and entered Middlebury College in the fall of 1903, became a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, but was called home soon on account of illness of his father. He was born in Castleton, September 4, 1880,

the son of Albert Lemuel Ransom and Mary Frances Clark Ransom. He married Florence P. Reynolds, December 15, 1904, and they have one son, Philip Reynolds Ransom, now a student at Boston University.

Mrs. Raymond C. Ransom is one of the outstanding women of this State, being a leader in women's political activities. She was born in North Pownal, daughter of Frederick A. and Sarah B. (Phelps) Reynolds. Her grandfather was Hart Reynolds, of Quaker descent, who was born in Canaan, New York, and died in Greenwich, New York, May 12, 1865. Her great-grandfather was William Reynolds. Her mother, Sarah B. Phelps, was born in Blandford, Massachusetts, December 25, 1856, a member of the famous Phelps family whose progenitors were among the earliest settlers of New England.

Florence P. Reynolds, now Mrs. Raymond C. Ransom, attended the public schools of Pownal, and was graduated from the Castleton State Normal School with the class of 1900. She then taught for three years at Winchendon, Massachusetts. Mrs. Ransom is an ardent member of the Republican party and in the fall of 1922 was elected a member of the Republican State Committee, and since then has been twice reelected. She was elected vice-chairman of Vermont in October, 1924, and held that office until October 2, 1928. She served as chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Castleton State Normal School Alumni Association from June, 1920 to June, 1923. The State Normal School charter expired in 1919 and the normal schools at Castleton and Johnson were closed. Through the efforts of this committee the schools were reopened and reestablished by legislative enactment.

Mrs. Ransom is also a member of the Vermont Women's Republican Club and is chairman of the Rutland County division. She is a member of Ann Story Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, in which she is a Past Regent; she is a charter member of the Lone Pine Chapter, No. 85, Order of the Eastern Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Ransom are members of the Congregational church.

**NORMAN A. HOWE**—A business man of proved ability and wide experience, Norman A. Howe is now general agent for Southern Vermont of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, with offices in the Barber Building, Main Street, Brattleboro, Vermont. His services to his company have met only with praise from high executive officials, while the people of Vermont have appreciated his presentation to them of an insurance policy of the highest type in which they may securely invest. At Brattleboro, where he makes his home, Mr. Howe is highly regarded as a progressive and public-spirited citizen.

Mr. Howe was born at Hinsdale, New Hampshire, June 19, 1886, a son of George C. Howe, who was born at Chesterfield, New Hampshire, and of Maydella (Veazey) Howe, born in Westmoreland, New Hampshire, both parents being now deceased. He comes of an old and well-known New England family, his grandfather, Norman Howe, having served with distinction during the Civil War as a member of Company A, 14th Regiment of New Hampshire Volunteers, with the rank of lieutenant. Wounded in action, after exceptionally meritorious service, he was retired and sent to his home. During the remainder of his life he was a very active member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Howe's father was well known until the time of his death as a farmer in Springfield, Vermont, and had just retired to a small place in Saxtons River, Vermont.

Norman A. Howe of this record, attended the public schools of Hinsdale, New Hampshire, and of Bellows Falls, Vermont, and following his completion of the high school course, undertook the course of study in Rutland Business College. Finishing his academic education,







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he began his business career in the employ of the Robertson Paper Company, of Bellows Falls, but after a year and a half in this position he came to Brattleboro and associated himself with the dry goods firm of Houghton and Simonds, with whom he remained for a period of five years. Gaining valuable experience in this work as well as merited advancement for his services, Mr. Howe was able, at the end of this time, to establish an independent dry goods business at Northfield, Vermont, under the firm name of Pollard and Howe, and to the direction of this company's affairs, he devoted his time and attention for three years. Thereafter he accepted the position of manager of the Palmer Five to Fifty Cents Store at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, going from there to Springfield, Massachusetts, as manager of the A. E. Dickinson dry goods store in that place. Remaining in this position for a year and a half, Mr. Howe resigned to become assistant manager of Bailey's Five to Fifty Cents Store, at Boston, Massachusetts, which position he filled in a very successful way for the following year. Finally, in 1917, he became connected with the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, at first as special agent, but in 1924, in recognition of his fine work, he was appointed general agent of this company for the Southern Vermont territory, with headquarters at Brattleboro, serving in this capacity since that time. Quickly winning the confidence of the communities in this section, he soon built up a highly profitable business which he has developed with fine energy and ability to its present prosperous proportions.

Politically a member of the Republican party, Mr. Howe is chairman of the local Republican Town Committee and has been active in political work throughout this section. Any movement, however, whatever its source, which he considers in the best interests of the community or State is assured of his hearty support. Mr. Howe has always been vitally interested in civic progress and welfare contributing liberally to worthy enterprises and also to movements of benevolent or charitable character. For a period preceding the World War, he served one enlistment in the Vermont National Guard as a member of Company E of Bellows Falls, and during this conflict he was a member of Company M of the State Guard, holding the rank of corporal. Mr. Howe is now secretary of the Valley Fair Association, while he is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons. In this order he is a member of Brattleboro Lodge, No. 102, of Abenaki Chapter, No. 19, Royal Arch Masons; Connecticut Valley Council, No. 16, Royal and Select Masters, of which he has been two times Thrice Illustrious Master, and Beauseant Commandery of the Knights Templar. He is also a member of Webster Lodge of Perfection, William Vinton Council, Marsh O. Perkins Chapter; and Bingham Chapter, No. 30, of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mr. Howe is president of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Brattleboro Country Club, while in his leisure time he finds rest and relaxation in golf. With his family he worships in the Congregational faith, attending Center Church of that denomination at Brattleboro, in which he is an active worker and is now chairman of the board of religious education.

Norman A. Howe married Lucie J. Farmer, who was born in Conway, Massachusetts, and died in April, 1927. Mr. and Mrs. Howe became the parents of one child, Perry Gorham, born June 27, 1912, a junior in high school 1928, born in Northfield, Vermont.

**GEORGE ALFRED HUARD**—In the retail business life of Burlington, one of the most popular and best known men is George Alfred Huard, who is connected with the Queen City Department Store in which organization he has been an active factor in aiding its commercial development and expansion. Mr. Huard has

been identified with the merchandising business for many years and has held responsible posts in various New England cities where he acquired a wealth of experience which had made him one of the most thoroughly equipped men in the mercantile business in this State.

Mr. Huard was born in Winooski, Chittenden County, August 2, 1868, son of Louis and Lucie (Champigny) Huard, both of whom were born in St. Denis, Province of Quebec, Canada, the father having been born in 1812, died in 1895, and the mother born in 1829, died in 1896. George Alfred Huard was educated in the old St. Louis Convent School as a young boy and later attended the Christian Brothers School of Montreal, Canada. He also studied for three years in his home town, working at the same time as a spinner and weaver with Sawyer and Manning who operated the old Winooski Mill. Giving up this trade, he accepted a place as clerk with the corporation store but shortly after went to Johnson in which town he was in charge of the spinning department for five years with I. L. Pearl & Company, prominent woolen manufacturers. Returning to Burlington, Mr. Huard accepted a position in the store of Charles Mongeon and remained there for a year and a half after which he entered the employ of Julius Roland at Lakeside where he continued for another year and a half. Mr. Huard next spent three years in connection with the Annie Ritchie Creamery of Burlington, leaving that concern to take a position in Terryville, Connecticut, in association with Michael Duke of that town. Three years later, he returned to Burlington to accept a post in the establishment of Guy Hosmer, located on North Street, and in this commercial enterprise was active for five years, following which he entered upon his present connection with the Queen City Department Store. A popular figure in retail affairs, Mr. Huard is also actively interested in all municipal developments and achievements and is an enthusiastic supporter of all movements toward civic advancement and community welfare. He is familiarly known to most of his friends and acquaintances by his second name, Alfred (Alfred G.).

George Alfred Huard married in Winooski, Cordelia Gadue, of that town, born November 2, 1868, daughter of Pierre and Marie (Frégeau) Gadue, her father being a native of Granby, Province of Quebec, Canada. To this union have been born six children: 1. Francis Alfred, married Catherine Murphy, and they have four children, Robert, Agnes, Donald, and Kenneth. 2. Edwidge Lucie, married George Bégin and they have five children: George, Jr., Marie, Veronica, Edward and John Alfred. 3. Lydia Mairie, married Edward Proulx. 4. Louis Alfred. 5. Clement Henry. 6. Hilda.

**ALBERT WOODRUFF GRAY**—No history of this State will ever be written without a somewhat extended mention of several generations of the Gray family. Not only were members of the family among the early settlers of Dorset and Middletown, they were also among the early industrialists of the State. And they made products of such excellence that the demand for them spread far and wide over the country, thus giving the Green Mountain State (which until quite recently has never been adequately advertised) some of its earliest, most effective and most valuable publicity. Today, the reputation of the State is being enhanced by the achievements of her sons, who have gone into all sections of this country and made for themselves enviable reputations in industry, commerce and all the learned professions. Among these sons is Albert Woodruff Gray, who is now a practicing lawyer in New York City.

The Gray family dates back to an early period in New England history. It was established in Vermont by Aaron Gray, who was born in Connecticut in 1773 and died in Middletown in 1835. It is a family tradition that he was the son of an officer who was killed in the Revo-



lutionary War. He married Hannah Highby, who was a native of Hubbardton, this State, where the family were pioneer settlers. It is said that her father was a soldier in the Revolution and fought in the Battle of Hubbardton. Aaron Gray and two or three of his brothers were among the early settlers of Dorset. He was a carpenter and joiner. Lured by descriptions of the wonderful Northwest Territory, he removed, about 1801, to Ohio in the hope of improving his fortune. But out there he lost his wife, whom he greatly loved, and met with other discouraging misfortunes. So he returned home penniless.

Albert W. Gray, their son, was born in Dorset, September 30, 1810. When his father returned from Ohio, the lad Albert went to live with an uncle and remained with him until he was fifteen years old. Then, after working with his father for a short time, he was bound out to Henry Gray, a relative, until he was twenty-one. Henry Gray was a millwright in Middletown, and thus that town became the permanent residence of Albert W. He developed into one of the most skilled millwrights in that section of the State. As soon as he became of age he embarked in business on his own account, and his venture proved successful from the beginning. He was a natural mechanical genius and gave much of his time to the study and experimental application of mechanical principles. These experiments consumed a large part of the money he had saved from his contracts as a millwright. However, in 1836, he invented a corn-sheller, which was widely sold, and which in its day was regarded as one of the best devices of its kind. In 1844 he invented a horsepower treadmill, which he patented, and began to manufacture in a small shop with the assistance of one or two employees. Soon after that he invented a machine for the manufacture of wrought nails. This was the first machine of its kind in the world, and of its practical working there seemed to be no doubt. A company with a capital of a hundred thousand dollars was organized to manufacture wrought nails; but at that time labor was so cheap in Europe that, notwithstanding the Gray machine, operated by one man, could produce as many nails as six hand workers in a given time, the foreign manufacturer was able to undersell the Gray product; so the Middletown Wrought Iron Nail Company was compelled to suspend operations. Mr. Gray immediately set about designing improvements on his machine which would greatly increase its capacity; but it was not long before somebody else invented a machine to cut nails from wrought iron sheets, so the Gray machine was abandoned.

During all these years he had had the assistance of his eldest son, Leonidas, in manufacturing the horsepower treadmill already referred to. In 1856 he brought out an improvement in this machine which reduced friction to a minimum, and which, as late as 1886, was said to be "to this date the lightest, most durable machine and best of its kind in use." Albert W. Gray took into partnership his sons Leonidas and Albert Y., who, according to a contemporary, "inherited his mechanical skill and perhaps excelled him in business capacity." They fitted up a building that had been used as a woolen mill with the necessary machinery and increased the manufacture and pushed the sale of the improved treadmill. The demand for the machine increased rapidly, old debts were soon paid off and the concern prospered so that by 1875 the elder Gray was able to turn the business over to his sons and retire to the enjoyment of a well-earned competency. While he had had the advantage of only a few months instruction in a district school, he was a man of fine intellect and he had given himself a pretty thorough training in the theory of mechanics. He also possessed determination beyond most men and was a tireless worker. Of him the writer already quoted says: "It is not an over-estimate to say that the enterprises of which he was the father and founder in effect has doubled the value of property in Middletown." Mr. Gray was hon-

ored with every office in the gift of the town. He was one of eight who represented Rutland County in the Constitutional Convention of 1857. He was a member of the Legislature in 1866 and 1867. In 1868, while examining damage to his property wrought by a freshet, he discovered mineral springs that quickly acquired a wide reputation for their curative properties. Similar springs were later discovered in the neighborhood, and he and E. W. Gray organized the Middletown Springs Hotel Company to take over these springs. They erected a hotel, the building and furnishing of which cost about \$100,000—a big investment in that sort of an enterprise for that time and place—and Middletown became a favored resort.

Albert W. Gray was twice married. The line here under consideration is descended from his first wife, Angeline Skinner. He died October 26, 1885, widely mourned as a friend and public-spirited citizen.

Their son, Leonidas Gray, father of Albert Woodruff Gray, was born in Middletown, December 10, 1834. His educational opportunities were limited, and from early youth he was called upon to assist his father, who was struggling to perfect and market his inventions. Leonidas early gave evidence of splendid mechanical talent, and from the time he became his father's partner in 1856, the development of the business showed the impetus of his youthful energy, ambition, business acumen and financial genius. Their first manufacturing was done in a room sixteen by thirty-four feet and their power was developed by one of their own treadmills. Later, water power was substituted for horse power, and in time this was augmented by a powerful steam engine. As the business grew, father and son designed new machinery which lowered costs and increased production. The space utilized was constantly increased until they occupied a factory 175x90 feet, four stories high, and had ten other buildings for blacksmith and forge shops and for storage purposes. These ranged in size from 40x30 feet to 116x40 feet. They added other agricultural implements to their line, such as threshers. In 1866 another son, Albert Y., was admitted to partnership, and the firm name became A. W. Gray and Sons. When the father retired in 1875, the firm name was changed to A. W. Gray's Sons.

While Leonidas Gray took a vital interest in everything that concerned the welfare of Middletown, he had no political aspirations; but he did consent to serve the town in the Legislature in the session of 1880. When the First National Bank of Poultney was organized, he was elected its vice-president. He was also president of the Gray National Bank of Middletown Springs, of which he and his brother, Albert Y., owned the controlling interest. Believing that the town needed a good hotel, the two brothers were among the principal promoters of and investors in the Montvert Hotel. Later they were compelled to take it over because of previous inefficient management. They made it one of the best summer hotels in the State.

Leonidas Gray was twice married. By his first wife, Ellen Mosely, of Middletown Springs, he had three children: Frances L., E. Corinne and Ethel M. The first wife died in 1872, and three years later he married Alice Woodruff, daughter of Samuel Woodruff of Middletown. Albert Woodruff Gray, born December 13, 1881, was the only child from this union.

Albert Woodruff Gray made his preparation for college at Troy Conference Academy, Poultney, and at Williston Seminary, Easthampton, Massachusetts. He then matriculated in Yale University, from which he was graduated in 1904 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. It is only natural that with his heredity and early environment young Gray should have strong leanings toward engineering as a profession. The law also appealed to him, and he was finally decided to make the latter his



vocation by an invitation to enter the office of Townsend, Avery and Bullon in New York City. Accordingly he entered New York Law School, from which he was graduated in 1910 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He remained in the office just named for three years and then for one year was in association with W. A. Purrington. Mr. Gray was admitted to the bar in 1906. Since 1907 Mr. Gray has engaged in private practice by himself. The thoroughness with which he analyzes the questions involved in his cases, and his good judgment as to the merits of issues and what procedure will best serve the interests of his clients has brought to him a most desirable clientele, among which are numbered many important corporations, such as the American Kreuger and Toll Corporation, the Hobart Manufacturing Company and others of similar caliber.

Mr. Gray has a flair for writing and frequently contributes articles dealing with legal questions to such periodicals as the "Hardware Age" and the "Oil Trades Review." He is a director of the Surburg Chocolate Corporation and its vice-president; director of the Baer-Roche Company; director of the Allied Hotel Corporation and treasurer of Tadmer Company. His clubs are: Yale and the Lawyers' of New York City; Westchester-Biltmore Country, of Rye, New York; and he is a member of the Vermont Society of New York City.

On September 21, 1922, Albert Woodruff Gray married Mrs. Mary Louise (Peck) Stone, daughter of James and Harriet Peck, and widow of I. Frank Stone, of Stamford, Connecticut. The Pecks are a very old New England family. Mr. and Mrs. Gray are members of the Fifth Church of Christ, Scientist, New York City.

**WILLIAM A. SHUMWAY** has carried out the traditions of his forebears for industry and progressive achievement in his work in Brattleboro, in which he has been engaged for more than forty years. He is a citizen of the highest character, has been entrusted with public office, in which he has acquitted himself with credit and to the advantage of the people, and has held financial posts of honor and trust with dignity and integrity. Having spent his entire life here, he has a very wide circle of acquaintances and numbers his close personal friends by scores, while his value to the business life of the community is admittedly great.

He was born in Brattleboro, September 15, 1872, a son of Albert Shumway, a native of Jamaica, Vermont, and Emily (Gordon) Shumway, also of Jamaica, both deceased. Albert Shumway was a cabinet-maker and a veteran of the Civil War, having served with the Sixteenth Regiment of Vermont Volunteer Infantry and being a member of Sedgwick Post, Grand Army of the Republic, until his death. His son acquired his education here in the public schools and began his first work in the photographic studio of A. D. Wyatt, where he worked for fifteen years. He then undertook an independent career in the ice business, in which he was engaged for three years, when he was appointed tax collector of the town and retained that position for thirteen years, at which time he was invited to accept the post of secretary of the Brattleboro Trust Company. He accepted this in 1920 and has since been so engaged. He has been rather active in politics on the Democratic side and since 1922 has been town treasurer and justice of the peace, serving also on several occasions as delegate to the Democratic State conventions. He is a member of the Brattleboro Savings Bank corporation and for fifteen years was probation officer of the town. He is devoted to the uplifting of boys and to all forms of outdoors recreation that appeal to youth and virile manhood. Fraternally he is affiliated with Columbian Lodge, No. 36, Free and Accepted Masons; Fort Dummer Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Connecticut Valley

Council, Royal and Select Masters; Beauseant Commandery, Knights Templar, of which he is Past Commander; Wantastiquet Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Independent Order of Red Men, and Lodge No. 1499, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Brattleboro. He also belongs to the Brattleboro Club, of which he has been president; the Brattleboro Country and Outing Clubs.

William A. Shumway married, in 1902, Belle H. Emerson, a native of Brattleboro. Their children are: Frank G. and A. Hadley Shumway.

**DAVID MORRIS**—Associated with merchandising for more than fifty-two years, David Morris, proprietor of the New York Dry Goods Company, of this town, has been one of the few to successfully compete with the chain stores and mail order houses which have made such inroads upon individual enterprise during the last decade. Not only has he been able to survive this handicap, but at the same time he has been successful in bringing a steady increase to his business, and has devoted innumerable hours to the progress of his community. He has also fraternized to great extent in fraternal orders, and is one of the most valued members of the Presbyterian denomination.

Mr. Morris was born April 14, 1859, at Poultney, Vermont, and his education was gained in the public schools of Poultney and Hydeville. In 1876, at the age of seventeen years, Mr. Morris came to Fair Haven, and here for nine years was employed in a general merchandising store. With this experience to his credit, he then launched his own business and conducted it for three years, at the end of this time again becoming an employee for another store, being occupied mostly for the ensuing six years as a buyer. At the expiration of this period, he established the business which he now owns, in 1895, and in the same location where it is now conducted. This enterprise, begun as a general dry goods store, has extended greatly and has experienced steady and satisfactory growth, despite the terrific competition of the chain stores and mail order houses, a competition which only the small, independent business man fully appreciates. To overcome this handicap, the local merchant must carry a larger and more diversified stock, and at the same time must give the same service as does organized competition. That Mr. Morris has survived and succeeded in Fair Haven is due not only to his own sagacity and acumen, but some of his success may be attributed to his honest dealing and his liberal support of other local institutions. For several years he was president of the local Chamber of Commerce, and has been the instigator of a large majority of the progressive movements in this town.

Mr. Morris takes great pride in his close affiliation with the Masonic Order, being a member of the Blue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, having held offices in the two first-mentioned units. He is also a member of the Order of Foresters, and of the Modern Woodmen of America, but it is, perhaps, as a member and official of the Presbyterian church that he has become best known. He is an elder of the church, and recently attended the General Assembly of Presbyterian churches as a delegate to the convention, at Tulsa, Oklahoma. He holds the remarkable record of having taught in the Sunday School for more than fifty years, and has held every office in the church.

Mr. Morris married, June 14, 1882, Mary J. Hughes,



at Middle Granville, New York, and their children are: 1. Eleanor V., married Chester Thomas, of Proctor, Vermont. 2. Gwendolyn, married W. Eric Barnes, of English parentage, born in Egypt, and they reside in Hammond, Indiana.

**FREDERICK (FRITZ H.) HUMPHREY BURNHAM**—There are hosts of insurance men scattered over the country, some covering limited fields, some handling general insurance, and some taking care of only one or two classes of insurance. Of these some are routine men, securing business and writing policies wherever they can induce a prospect to so invest, and some do all these things and also study the subject of insurance in a comprehensive manner. Few make the careful and scientific study of the subject which Frederick (Fritz H.) Humphrey Burnham has made, and still fewer have collected in useable form so much valuable data. Mr. Burnham has specialized in fire insurance, and his library of fire hazards in New Hampshire and Vermont is what may truly be called laboratory data. He also has a library of insurance law, and has been for years actively interested in constructive insurance legislation. He is operating the business founded by his father in 1866, and is special agent for the National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford. His offices are located at No. 75 Merchants' Row, Rutland, Vermont, where he is handling a very large volume of business.

Samuel Emmons Burnham, father of Mr. Burnham, was born in Manchester, Vermont, received his education in the public schools, and in Middlebury College, from which he graduated in 1858, and upon the outbreak of the Civil War enlisted for service in Company E, 5th Vermont Regiment. Later, because of rheumatism and heart trouble, contracted in the course of service, he was obliged to resign because of such disability, and was made assistant provost-marshal in Vermont, which service he rendered during the remainder of the war. On September 1, 1866, soon after the close of the war, he founded the insurance business which has ever since been operated under the Burnham name and which at the present time (1928) is operated by the founder's son, Frederick Humphrey Burnham. He established the business in Rutland, and there it is still conducted, though the field covered includes the States of New Hampshire and Vermont. Samuel Emmons Burnham married Witta Groneweg, and both were highly-respected in Rutland.

Frederick (Fritz H.) Humphrey Burnham, son of Samuel Emmons and Witta (Groneweg) Burnham, was born in Rutland, Vermont, July 27, 1876, and received his early school training in the public schools of his birthplace and for one year in Burr and Burton Seminary at Manchester. When his preparatory course was finished he entered Amherst College, at Amherst, Massachusetts, where he was graduated with the Class of 1897, receiving at that time the degree of Bachelor of Arts. After graduation he became associated with his father in the insurance business, and in 1900, when he was only twenty-four years of age, he took over the business. He is special agent and adjuster for the National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, covering New Hampshire and Vermont. Mr. Burnham has from his earliest years been deeply interested in fire insurance as a scientific study and his researches have been most thorough and painstaking. He has facilities for giving a complete report on fire hazards for new buildings, drawn from the working plans of the buildings, and can show accurately how to reduce the hazard. He also has complete facilities for showing how to install any machinery or equipment in such a way as to secure a minimum of fire hazard, and has also

collected a library of insurance law. In his personal capacity he has been interested in constructive insurance legislation for the past twelve years and his work in this field has been especially sane and effective. His systematic and thorough study of the entire field of insurance makes his opinion concerning insurance one of interest. His conclusions are positive and he is quite ready to give his reasons for his opinion.

Another phase of the careful and studious interest of Mr. Burnham in affairs which affect the general public is his active part in the good road movement. The building of good roads, the proper markings for direction of travelers and for the warning of those who frequent the highway he deems essential to the prosperous development of a locality. He is interested in securing for Vermont the interest and the patronage of the better class of tourists, but has little desire to attract the so-called "tin can tourist" class. As evidence of the sincerity of his interest in the public welfare, he has served as a member of the Board of Aldermen of Rutland for two years, making his service in that capacity vigorous and efficient, and in all special efforts and plans for city betterment he can be counted upon for generous support. He is a member of the Rutland Lodge No. 79, Free and Accepted Masons; Vermont Consistory of Burlington, No. 320; Knights of Pythias, and Military Order of Loyal Legion; and is also a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon college fraternity, of which his father was a member in Middlebury College. Mr. Burnham is fond of out-of-door sports, and is a member of the Scott Fish and Game Club, of Temiscouta, Canada, located one hundred and forty-three miles north of Quebec. His religious affiliation is with the Episcopal Church of Rutland.

Frederick Humphrey Burnham was married, in Rutland, Vermont, October 4, 1905, to Helen Cleaver, of Logansport, Indiana, daughter of F. C. Cleaver. Mr. and Mrs. Burnham have one son, Francis Richard Burnham, born March 14, 1907, who is in the employ of the National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut. Mr. Burnham makes his home at No. 14 Kingsley Avenue, in Rutland.

**LAURENCE G. SHERMAN**—Member of a family old in the history of New Hampshire, Laurence G. Sherman has made that family's name well known in Vermont, and is today a foremost citizen of Brattleboro. His career has been one of variety and interest, in war and in peace.

Born in Walpole, New Hampshire, January 16, 1895, Mr. Sherman is the son of George E. Sherman, who is himself a native of Walpole, having engaged for many years in the hotel business there, and Minnie (Gates) Sherman, native of Walpole, deceased.

Following his academic instruction in the public schools of Walpole and Brattleboro, in which latter town he graduated from high school with scholastic markings significant of excellence at his studies, he matriculated in Dartmouth College, whence he took the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1917, at the age of twenty-two years. Meanwhile, in April of 1917, the United States had entered the World War; and as soon as he could arrange his affairs Mr. Sherman entered the service of his country. For a time, in 1917, he attended the ground school for the training of military aviators at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from the school was graduated as a cadet in the flying corps, and in October, 1917, went to France as a member of Provisional Division No. 12. He remained in France until January of 1918, when ordered to Foggia, Italy, and there he remained until June, 1918. Commissioned a first lieutenant in the United States Army Air Forces



May 13, 1918, with this rank he left Italy in June to return to Tours, France, and near Tours was stationed until August, 1918, then was ordered back to Foggia, where he remained until October of that year. In October, a month before the Armistice that closed hostilities, he went to the front, discharged his duties there in action with valor, and was discharged, with the rank of first lieutenant, January 8, 1919. He returned to Brattleboro, then, and resumed the course of his proper career where the greater cause had forced him to leave it, becoming associated with E. L. Hildreth Company, publishers, starting with this organization as typesetter. In 1922 he became manager of the company, and has been directing manager through the years that have followed. The Hildreth publishing firm is well known throughout New England, notably for fine work executed in the printing of books.

General affairs have claimed much of Mr. Sherman's interest. Fraternally he is affiliated with Columbian Lodge, No. 36, Free and Accepted Masons; with Webster Lodge of Perfection; and Brattleboro Lodge No. 1497, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and with Sigma Nu. He belongs to the Brattleboro Country Club, of which he is vice-president; Brattleboro Club, Brattleboro Outing Club, Aviators' Post No. 743 of the American Legion, and the Military Order of the World War. Politically he adheres to the principles and supports the candidates of the Republican party, in whose circles he is a valued member. He was an incorporator of the Brattleboro Savings Bank, of which he is now a director, and is a member of the Board of the Memorial Hospital, Brattleboro. He attends the Congregational church, and is fond of hunting and fishing. Seldom are there movements of major importance designed for the advancement of the community in which he is not an active influence toward fulfillment.

Laurence G. Sherman married, April 30, 1919, Elizabeth Fales Hildreth, native of Brattleboro. Mrs. Sherman died March 16, 1927, leaving children: Hildreth Gates, Laurence Fales, and Joseph Morgan.

**ROBERT W. BUCK**—Born in Sunderland, Vermont, August 21, 1891, Robert W. Buck was educated in a private school at New Haven, Connecticut, and at Yale University, from which he was graduated in 1914, having been made a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. Upon leaving college he interested himself in various lines of business mostly in the manufacture of lumber, with his father, Albert E. Buck, who was born in Arlington, Vermont, August 20, 1862. His mother was Fannie M. (Hard) Buck. The elder Buck had been long engaged in the lumber business in Bennington and Rutland counties, and upon taking his son into his enterprise, decided to dispose of the sawmills and engage in the retail trade. This change was made in May, 1927, when father and son thus established themselves in Rutland, at the former Stoddard Manufacturing Plant, where they are still conducting a growing retail lumber yard.

During the World War Mr. Buck served as a second lieutenant in the Supply Service of the Aviation Corps, remaining three years in the service. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and is fraternally affiliated with the Beta Theta Phi college society. He attends the Protestant Episcopal church.

Robert W. Buck married, in Portland, Oregon, June, 1918, Martha Ruth Coombs, of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada. Their children are: William S., Robert Wales, Albert Edward and Sheila Ruth, all attending school in Rutland.

**EDWARD J. SHEA, JR.**—Requisites for success in the law are numerous, interlocked, the degree of success being dependent upon the strength or weakness of each integral factor. Edward J. Shea, Jr., has launched himself in the profession of law in such a manner as to indicate that all requisites are present, and the course of his legal fortune has been in accordance, though he has not been long at the bar and is, indeed, one of the youngest of barristers in the municipality of Brattleboro. That he has ability has never been in question—his associates of his own and preceding generations are quick to accord him recognition. That he owns fast integrity is no less assured. And that his talent will develop with the years is granted as fact by those most able to predict.

Mr. Shea is a native of Brattleboro. He was born, March 21, 1903, son of Edward J. Shea, who, born in Brattleboro, is now engaged as a clerk in the Brattleboro Post Office, and Mary (McGrath) Shea, who, deceased, was born in St. Albans, Vermont. The family is old in the records of Vermont. Its members have been honored citizens; and in Brattleboro the name is particularly well known.

Following his graduation, with markings significant of scholastic excellence, from Brattleboro High School, Mr. Shea took a comprehensive commercial course in Bay Path Business College, then read the law in the offices of Carpenter and Clawson, of Brattleboro. His facility in law was first manifest to his preceptors here, and when he sat for his bar examination the outcome was looked to with assurance. Hence, without benefit of collegiate training in the profession, Mr. Shea was admitted to practice by the Bar of the State of Vermont in 1927. Thence onward he has engaged actively in professional enterprise, with marked fortune to his clients and to his professional reputation. Rapidly he is making for himself a foremost figure in the bar of Windham County. He is a member of the county bar association; fraternally is affiliated non-professionally with Brattleboro Lodge No. 1499, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and with Leo Council No. 917, Knights of Columbus; is a member of the Brattleboro Club; politically holds to Republican principles, and attends St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church. His principal relaxations out-of-doors are snow-shoeing and skating, together with tennis. Sports have held his interest since school days, and assist him to retain the vigor so necessary to active prosecution of his duties professionally. His profession is his real hobby. He is attorney for the Vermont Acceptance Corporation, its agent, and has other comparable positions in his capacity as barrister. Offices: No. 32 Main Street; residence: No. 80 High Street.

**A. PALMER BENEDICT, M. D.**—Helping to fill a real need which exists among the population of Fairhaven and the vicinity, Dr. A. Palmer Benedict is carrying his ministrations to the sick and afflicted, with enthusiasm and energy. Dr. A. Palmer Benedict was born in Willsboro, New York, the son of a school teacher. He was graduated from the high school at Walden, New York, in 1912, and entered Middlebury College, in 1913, graduating in 1917. In the fall of 1919 he matriculated at the Medical School and received his degree of Doctor of Medicine at graduation in the Class of 1923. He served an internship of twenty-one months in the Worcester (Massachusetts) City Hospital and held the position of resident-physician in that institution for three months.

While taking his academic training at Middlebury his studies were interrupted by the entry of the United



States in the World War. In April, 1917, he enlisted for service in the Navy and became later a member of a detached medical unit of the Navy with the American Expeditionary Forces. He saw his first service on a training station and a receiving hospital ship, from which he was transferred to one of a fleet of minesweepers that were convoying merchant ships from Brest, France. The last five or six months of his enlistment were spent in the United States Navy Hospital in Brooklyn, New York.

Dr. Benedict began his practice at Fairhaven in October, 1925. He had hardly settled down to his work there when his father-in-law, Dr. Edwin Buxton Clift died, and the then young physician took over the former's practice and continued to care for his own. Dr. Benedict is affiliated with the learned organizations of his profession: the American Medical Association, Vermont State Medical Society and the Rutland County Medical Society. The memories and associations of his war service are perpetuated in part through membership in the American Legion. His fraternal relations are with Eureka Lodge No. 75, Free and Accepted Masons and the Chi Psi and Phi Beta Pi fraternities.

Dr. A. Palmer Benedict married, August 12, 1922, at Fairhaven, Helen Seymour Clift, daughter of Dr. Edwin Buxton and Louise Hagar (Edgerton) Clift, and they are the parents of a son, Peter Clift Benedict, born May 28, 1926.

**JOHN R. RYDER**—Active all his life in the business life of Brattleboro, John R. Ryder, a native of this place, is now treasurer of the Brattleboro Heating and Supply Company. He was born, September 16, 1878, a son of George H. and Julia (Newman) Ryder. His father, a native of Guilford, Vermont, was engaged with the Estey Organ Company until his death; he was a veteran of the American Civil War, served in the Sixteenth Regiment of Volunteer Infantry of Vermont with the rank of corporal, and held membership in the Sedgwick Post of the Grand Army of the Republic. The mother, Julia (Newman) Ryder, was born in Brattleboro; she is now deceased.

John R. Ryder attended in his boyhood the public and high schools of his native community of Brattleboro. Upon completing his education, he entered the employ of the Vermont National Bank in 1896 in the capacity of clerk. He remained with that banking institution until 1906, and then helped to organize the Brattleboro Trust Company. He served as assistant treasurer of this bank until 1916, and then became associated with the People's National Bank, where he was cashier, remaining in this position until 1923. Then he became associated with the C. E. Bradley Corporation, continuing as treasurer of it until 1926, when he left it to take up his connection with the Brattleboro Heating and Supply Company, with which he has been affiliated in the capacity of treasurer ever since. This business is situated at No. 186 Vernon Street, Brattleboro, and is known as one of the leading business institutions of the city, playing as it does an important part in the lives and affairs of the people here. And Mr. Ryder has done not a little toward building it up to the position which it to-day holds in Brattleboro.

In addition to his treasurership of this company, Mr. Ryder is active in several other organizations of a business and financial nature. He is a trustee of the Vermont Savings Bank, a director of the Brattleboro Trust Company, and vice-president and director of the C. E. Bradley Corporation. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which his affiliation is with the Brattleboro Lodge No. 1499. He also holds memberships in the Brattleboro Club, the

Brattleboro Country Club, the Brattleboro Outing Club, the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce and the Unitarian church. Also keenly interested in political developments, he is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he regularly upholds. Mr. Ryder's favorite hobbies are outdoor diversions, principally fishing.

In 1902 John R. Ryder married Marcia Parker, a native of Brattleboro, Vermont.

**ORRIN CORNELIUS TAYLOR** was born March 24, 1855, in New York State. After he had secured a sound elementary and secondary instruction in the public schools, with markings of excellence, he came to Burlington and here entered at once upon a career destined to be of large portent. His first activity was in the employ of Murray and Reed, wholesale tobaccoists, as salesman. His strict attention, inborn talent and cultivated ability, together with a strong and friendly personality, soon made him invaluable to this organization, and he became associated with the firm as a partner. Under the firm name of Reed and Taylor, they continued business for eleven years, then organized the firm of O. C. Taylor and Company, which he conducted prosperously for more than twenty-five years. Active in the general affairs of Burlington, Mr. Taylor was a member of many fraternal organizations. He supported all worthy projects designed for the advancement of community, State and National supremacy, and during the World War was of valued assistance in the Liberty Loan campaigns.

Orrin Cornelius Taylor married, September 7, 1882, Isabelle E. Emery, daughter of Oliver M. and Lucinda (Gurley) Emery, of Potsdam, New York, and of this union were born children: 1. Isabelle, wife of James H. Hoffnagle, of Scarsdale, New York. 2. Alice E., wife of Captain Charles S. Ferrin, of Fort Ethan Allen, Vermont; and their children are: Albert Taylor, born October 31, 1916, and Alice Joy, February 26, 1924. Mrs. Taylor survives her husband, and continues to reside in Burlington. She belongs to one of the oldest families in New England, and is of distinguished ancestry, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She gave great care to assisting her husband in his activities, to motherhood, and now takes deep pleasure in the happiness of both children and her grandchildren.

It was on January 2, 1923, that Orrin Cornelius Taylor died. His demise was widely mourned. Tributes came from every hand, spontaneously, sincerely given, telling of friendships of a lifetime and of devotion augmented with the years. Mr. Taylor had been one to own a legion of friends, all of whom held him dear, and who recall with tenderness his smile, directness of purpose, and honor. His name will live long in the annals of Vermont.

**GEORGE H. V. ALLEN**—Prominently identified with the financial and industrial activities of his community, George H. V. Allen is one of Fairhaven's best-known citizens and a forceful figure in the business life of Vermont. Mr. Allen is president of the Allen National Bank of this town and is a partner in the firm of S. Allen's Sons, producers of slate and slate products.

Mr. Allen attended Princeton University, from which institution of learning he was graduated as a member of the Class of 1901. On July 1, 1913, Mr. Allen was elected president of the Allen National Bank of Fairhaven, which institution was founded on April 2, 1879. The present officers and directors are as follows: George H. V. Allen, president; A. Vail Allen, vice-president; Carl S. Cole, vice-president and cashier; George A. Leonard, director and Morris Patterson, also a director. Mr. Allen's father, Simeon Allen, organized the concern which was operated for thirty-five years,





O. C. Taylor,





when it became the firm of S. Allen's Sons, the owners and operators being Mr. Allen and his brother, A. Vail Allen (q. v.). In this old-established enterprise, they have continued to conduct a prosperous business in slate, for which product this vicinity is famous.

**A. VAIL ALLEN**—Although active in the Allen National Bank, of Fairhaven, as its vice-president, and for many years devoting much of his time to the slate interests of himself and his brother, who operate under the firm of S. Allen's Sons, A. Vail Allen is keenly-interested in virtually all of Vermont's industries and natural resources, and has a practical insight into them and constructive ideas concerning them.

The slate industry has not been developed in proportion to its potentialities, Mr. Allen holds. He perceives that its greatest need is coördination and consolidation, for the unification of selling and advertising expense and effort. He and his brother, George H. V. Allen (q. v.), have their vested interest in the Eureka quarry at North Poulney, which is operated exclusively for the production of roofing slate and for the furnishing of slate in the unfading green, unfading mottled green and purple. The slate business, established by Mr. Allen's father, Simeon Allen, in 1867, was taken over by the two sons in 1900, when the present firm name was adopted. A study is being made of the problem of reducing the wastage of eighty per cent which occurs between the point of taking the slate from the original bed and that of the finished product. To do this would require the use of more highly-perfected machinery and the employment of methods not now in general use. The solution of the problem has thus far been prevented by the high cost entailing upon the machinery that is required and by the lack of capital generally in the business. The matter is one that will, undoubtedly, continue to employ the thought of practical slate men until the elimination of the wastage, or a goodly proportion of it, has been satisfactorily effected.

Pointing to the region round about Fairhaven—the section bounded by Dorset on the south and Orwell on the north—Mr. Allen believes that it is particularly well adapted to the raising of the Mackintosh Red apple, the variety for which a preference is held by the public, as shown by the fact that it invariably brings from two dollars to eight dollars a barrel more than any other variety. Mr. Allen's faith in the Mackintosh Red is manifested by his having put in an orchard of about fifty-five hundred trees, most of them being of this variety. He rightly holds to the opinion that one of the great needs, if not the greatest, of developing the apple industry in Vermont is proper cold-storage facilities, the use of which would prevent loss in the market price of apples through wilting in a heated picking season, and which would also permit growers to hold their product for a favorable market. Mr. Allen is an enthusiast on the subject of apple-growing, and he is optimistic that it is a coming industry in Vermont, which when developed will constitute an important factor in the State's progress.

Another forward movement in Vermont's commercial advance lies in the successful finding of a market for the poorer grades of maple sugar and syrup, much of which is now sold to the manufacturers of tobacco for use in sweetening chewing tobacco. This fact was stressed by Mr. Allen as he dwelt upon the progress being made by the State's industries and upon the possibilities that the future holds out for her farmers and manufacturers.

During the early years of the Eastern States Farmers Exchange, Mr. Allen was active in getting it settled on a strong basis and in seeing it work out as a going

proposition. Mr. Allen lays emphasis in the fact that the exchange has done an excellent work in the training of farmers' children in modern methods of raising crops and livestock—this has proved an unexcelled example to the farmer himself. By employing coöperative buying methods for the farmers' needs and benefit, a large saving in the cost of supplies and machinery has been effected. Along this line the exchange is doing fully \$10,000,000 of buying a year on the average. This subject is one that holds the imagination as well as furnishes food for thought on the part of practical and far-sighted Vermont folk.

Mr. Allen is ever thinking along the lines of the best interests of the farmer. In this respect, he is unremitting in his zeal for the continuous agricultural development which is now going on apace. But in order to sustain this movement, he holds that the farmer cannot slacken on the point of hard work. Nowadays the farmer is so much "coming into his own," as a saying has it, that there is a tendency toward the attitude of standing by and letting improved machinery do the bulk of the work, whether results be satisfactory or not, as contrasted with the good old days. An example of this danger of too little work and too much play on the part of the farmer is in the use of the automobile, Mr. Allen warns. He clearly sees that where judiciously used by the farmer, the automobile has been, and is bound to be, of inestimable value, but in some instances the farmer with the automobile has permitted it to keep him from applying himself to his work as he did before the advent of the horseless vehicle and its present almost universal vogue. Work on the part of her farmers—and of all her people, for that matter—is the essential element to Vermont's progress and her maintenance of high standing among her sister States. In this all level-headed folk will agree with Mr. Allen's philosophy and take his point of view.

**ARTHUR L. ROHDE**—Engaged throughout his entire business career as an undertaker, Arthur L. Rohde has acquired a deservedly high place in the estimation of his fellowmen for the work that he has done in this connection in Brattleboro, where he has been a lifelong resident. Throughout the many years of his work in this place, Mr. Rohde has either been in partnership with others or, as is now the case, has practiced his profession alone; and his activity in the different clubs and fraternal organizations in his community has given him a place of leadership in the social, as well as the business, life of Brattleboro.

Mr. Rohde was born in Brattleboro, Vermont, January 13, 1883, a son of August F. Rohde, a native of Hamburg, Germany, who during his residence in the United States has been engaged in business as a cabinet-maker, and of Charlotte (Hollenden) Rohde, also a native of Hamburg, Germany, both living (1928). Arthur L. Rohde, the son, was educated in the public and high schools of Brattleboro, his native city. After completing his formal education, he became associated with Moran and Company, undertakers in Brattleboro, with whom he continued until 1916. He was then taken into the business, and the firm name was changed to Moran and Rohde. This partnership existed until 1924, when upon Mr. Moran's death Mr. Rohde took over the conduct of the business and continued as its sole proprietor. The establishment, with its tastefully appointed funeral parlors, is situated at No. 32 Oak Street.

Mr. Rohde's success in his chosen line of work has been no less pronounced than it has been in the social



and fraternal life of his community. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which his affiliation is with the Brattleboro Lodge, No. 102; the independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is identified with the Wantastiquet Lodge, No. 5; and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he belongs to the Brattleboro Lodge, No. 1499. His other affiliations are with the Vermont State Funeral Directors' Association, the New Hampshire State Funeral Directors' Association and the National Funeral Directors' Association. His political affiliation is with the Democratic party, whose policies and candidates he consistently supports. His religious faith he exercises through membership in All Souls' Church. Mr. Rohde's favorite diversion is the raising of collie dogs, of which he owns a number of fine specimens.

**GEORGE ENOCH ADAMS**—One of Fairhaven's representative citizens, George Enoch Adams is a leading figure in the business, financial and civic affairs of this town. Mr. Adams is the president of the First National Bank of Fairhaven, he was the former owner and proprietor of this community's most modern, progressive pharmacy, while in affairs of local government and civic maintenance, he has been prominently identified for many years. He is one of this town's senior business men and holds the esteem and respect of all who know him, as he has always endeavored to serve the best interests of the people in every activity with which he has been connected. Mr. Adams was born in Williamstown, August 13, 1852, son of John and Anna (Howe) Adams, the latter, the daughter of Enoch Howe, both of Williamstown.

George Enoch Adams was educated in the Accommodation School at Williamstown until he was twenty-one years of age, after which he worked his way through Montpelier Seminary, applying himself to what was then known as the Latin scientific course. He graduated from that institution with the Class of 1878 and then entered the University of Vermont. After completing his college training, Mr. Adams decided to enter the profession of pharmacy, and accordingly became connected with a retail drug store and became thoroughly proficient in this line. In 1895, he bought out one of Fairhaven's drug stores, which at that time was in rather run-down condition, and by his enterprising spirit and desire to serve, he built up a splendid establishment which has become one of the most prominent business organizations in this town. Mr. Adams has always taken great pains to carry only the finest grade of drugs and accessories and the people of this community depend with absolute certainty on the excellence of everything sold by his company. In the financial life of the town, Mr. Adams has been exceptionally prominent and has served as president of the First National Bank since 1921, prior to which time he had been a director of that institution for many years. In affairs of public service, Mr. Adams has won the lasting praise and confidence of his fellow-citizens. He served as water commissioner for eighteen years, and during his tenure of office was active in securing improvements in this department of public utilities to the value of \$10,000, while he aided in reducing the bonded debt of Fairhaven by \$35,000. In politics, he is a staunch supporter of the Republican party and has been a member of the school board of Fairhaven for six years, and has been justice of the peace in this town. Mr. Adams is active in fraternal affairs and is a valued member of Eureka Lodge, No. 75; Free and Accepted Masons, and in Council and Chapter. He is a member of the Business Men's Association of Fairhaven, and of the local Chamber of Commerce. His religious adherence is given

to the Methodist church and he has served in the capacity of treasurer of the local organization for more than thirty years. In the various churches which he has attended for the past sixty years, he has usually sung in the church choir, while he also teaches a Sunday School class. Mr. Adams is unmarried.

**EDGAR S. ROBERTSON**—In modern industry great enterprises are developed from small essentials to manufactured articles, notable in this respect being shoe heels made of wood. These adjuncts have become so important in the saving of leather that factories devoted to their manufacture are numerous throughout the country, one of the important ones being the Brattle-Last & Wood Heel Company, of which Edgar S. Robertson is the general manager here. Engaged in this business for nearly twenty years, he has grounded himself thoroughly in its details and established a reputation as a business man and executive of high ability. He is among the younger element in the commercial world of this district of Vermont, but ranks high and stands as one of the very able and valuable citizens of the community.

He was born in Prince Edward Island, Canada, July 12, 1893, a son of Robert, a farmer, and Mary Ann (Murray) Robertson, both natives of his birthplace, where they still reside. His education was acquired there in the public schools and in 1911 he left his home and came to Haverhill, Massachusetts, where he found work with the Slipper City Wood Heel Company. He remained in that employ for two years and then went to the Merrimac Wood Heel Company, of the same place, where he was a department foreman for one year. He was then with the New York Wood Heel Company and Williamsburg Wood Heel Company, and then opened a plant in Petosky, Michigan, for the Michigan Maple Block Company. When this was sold to St. Louis parties, which removed its headquarters to St. Louis, Missouri, he became a member of the firm. He remained in that city for but six months, when he sold his interest and became associated with the New York Wood Heel Company as superintendent, remaining for two years and, in 1920, came to Brattleboro. Here he founded the enterprise of which he is now the manager, serving as superintendent from its inception until 1928. The business is prosperous and adds greatly to the general industrial activity of the town and district. Mr. Robertson served in the United States Army during the World War, stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. He is a director of the Keystone Wood Heel Company, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; a member of the Associated Industries of the State of Vermont and of the Brattleboro Club. In politics he is a Republican and in religion a Baptist. He is a keen sportsman and enjoys hunting in season. His fraternal affiliations include membership in Columbian Lodge, No. 36, Free and Accepted Masons; Fort Dummer Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Connecticut Valley Council, Royal and Select Masters; Beauseant Commandery, Knights Templar; Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Wantastiquet Lodge, No. 5, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Oasis Encampment and Sahib Sanctorum of Oriental.

Edgar S. Robertson married, in 1926, Esther C. Gustafson, of Grosvenorville, Connecticut, and they are the parents of Barbara Ellen Robertson.

**HAZEN E. STOCKWELL**—All things being equal, the more sound experience that a man can bring to any given field, the more successful will he be in that field. In the case of Hazen E. Stockwell, of Brattleboro,



there was brought to the field of printing and publishing a true wealth of banking experience which fitted him roundly for the business duties involved in the company's management. More, he brought to the company inherent talent, well developed through reason, observation and years. He is today one of Brattleboro's foremost citizens, a business figure well known throughout Windham County and widely known in Southern Vermont and Northern Massachusetts.

Mr. Stockwell comes a family old in the annals of the town of Brattleboro. Born in West Brattleboro, December 13, 1896, he is the son of Julius L. and Julia H. (Tyler) Stockwell. His mother is a native of Vernon, Vermont; his father, of Brattleboro. For the past forty years (this is written in 1928), Julius L. Stockwell has engaged in business as merchant in West Brattleboro, and through that extended period has held the office of postmaster for twenty-nine years. In the public schools of West Brattleboro and of Brattleboro proper, Mr. Stockwell secured his elementary and secondary academic instruction. He graduated from Brattleboro High School with the class of 1915, and thereafter, for a year, perfected his education through business studies in Bryant and Stratton Business College, of Boston, Massachusetts. In 1916, without loss of time at the expense of postponing a career destined to be both active and successful, he went to work for the People's National Bank of Brattleboro, and continued with that institution during the next seven years, advancing from responsibility to added responsibility until he occupied one of the most trusted positions within the gift of the banking house. In 1923 he severed connection with the People's Bank to take a more advantageous post with the Brattleboro Trust Company, with which organization he continued for five years, leaving it in May of 1928 to become associated with the Brattleboro Publishing Company, of which he is business manager, being a partner in the enterprise. The printing and publishing trade conducted by this company has flourished mightily under Mr. Stockwell's direction, reacting favorably to his soundly conceived ideas of business practice. Its substantial prosperity, together with its prospects for further development, is in a sense a monument to his own endeavor.

But Mr. Stockwell has not limited his interests to business alone. Indeed, few men of the Brattleboro community have wider or happier connections in general affairs. Fraternally he is affiliated with Brattleboro Lodge, No. 102, Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the Brattleboro Club, of which he was for two years treasurer, having been the first to hold that office, and of which he is now president. He is a member of the Brattleboro Country Club, of which he has been treasurer since 1922. And he is vice-president of the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce, member of Brattleboro Outing Club, was for several years treasurer of the Windham County Fish and Game Club, and belongs to Brattleboro Post of the American Legion. During the World War he served at special work in the Naturalization Department, at Camp Devens, also in supporting the several campaigns of patriotic appeal for funds and varied assistance. A Republican, he supports the party's principles and candidates effectively.

Mr. Stockwell married, in 1918, Marguerite White, of Brattleboro; and they have a son: Donald W. With his family, Mr. Stockwell attends the Congregational church, of which he is a considerable supporter. His relaxations out-of-doors are fishing and golf.

**RAYMOND A. KINIRY**—In providing entertainment of the highest type to the residents of Bellows Falls, Raymond A. Kiniry of this city has earned the sincere commendation of this entire community by his excellent management of the Bellows Falls Opera House,

of which he is proprietor. Mr. Kiniry has had a splendid background in the theatrical business, gaining a thorough knowledge of this work under his father, who was for many years one of the most popular and successful managers in theatre circles.

Mr. Kiniry was born in Bellows Falls, March 10, 1893, son of Thomas France and Katherine (O'Mara) Kiniry, his father, who is deceased, having been born in Bellows Falls, and his mother, who is still living, being a native of Ireland. Thomas France Kiniry was active in theatrical affairs all his life, having had, at all times, a sincere appreciation of the finer dramatic presentations, with the result that the former generation of Bellows Falls theatregoers were indebted to him for bringing to this city some of the foremost actors and actresses in the outstanding productions of their day.

Raymond A. Kiniry was educated in the public schools of Bellows Falls and after high school became associated with his father in the entertainment field, continuing in this direction until 1914, during which time he acquired a thorough knowledge of the theatre which has since proved a great value to him. He next went to Canada, where he was employed for a time with Frazier-Brace Company in construction work, later enlisting in the United States Army and serving in France. In 1920, Mr. Kiniry accepted a position in Manchester, New Hampshire, as manager of the Strand Theatre, and for a year and a half ably directed the interests of this establishment. Returning to Bellows Falls, he became connected with the International Paper Company and spent two years with this manufacturing concern, after which he engaged in the meat and provision business in Concord, New Hampshire, for a short period, coming back to this city, where he continued in the same line of endeavor in the business of W. H. Kiniry. Possessing a great love for the theatre and at the same time having a remarkable aptitude for the capable direction of public entertainment, Mr. Kiniry became manager and proprietor of the Dreamland Theatre in May, 1924, and operated this house with a most successful policy until October, 1927, when he became lessee and manager of the Opera House, the affairs of which he continues to direct with excellent results. The productions which he presents to the people of this city are of a type so well chosen and expertly cast that they are not frequently seen outside the metropolitan districts, with the result that the community can depend with perfect confidence upon his choice of plays, and they attest this by their constant support at all performances. In local affairs, Mr. Kiniry takes a prominent part, being actively interested in the Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Rotary Club, Westminster Club, and the Pierce Lawton Post, American Legion. His fraternal affiliations are with St. Charles Council, Knights of Columbus, and the Loyal Order of Moose. In politics, he is an Independent, preferring to judge the merits of the various candidates for office rather than to align himself with any particular political party. His religious adherence is given to St. Charles' Roman Catholic Church. His hobbies are baseball and boxing. Mr. Kiniry enlisted for service in the World War in June, 1917, and was assigned to the Medical Corps of the United States Army at Base Hospital, No. 44, attached to the 82d Division. He served a year in France as a member of the American Expeditionary Forces, and was discharged, May, 1919, with the rank of first class private.

Raymond A. Kiniry married, in 1923, Nora Hennessey, who was born in Bellows Falls, and they have one son, Thomas James.

**JOHN HENRY CUSHMAN**—Born at North Bennington, Mr. Cushman has been counted as one of the most prominent and useful citizens of the community, always inspiring in his civic ideals and ready to foster



all measures that pertain to the best welfare of Bennington. He was born June 13, 1877, son of Henry T. and Eliza Davis (Hall) Cushman. Mrs. Cushman was a daughter of Henry Davis Hall, and granddaughter of one of the former Governors of Vermont, Governor Hiland Hall. Mr. Cushman, the elder, was in the furniture business.

Attending in his boyhood, the schools of Bennington, John H. Cushman later entered Oberlin College at Oberlin, Ohio, and after his college days returned to Bennington and went into his father's business. At first for three or four years, he traveled for the company through the southern territory, then in 1898 he settled in New York City and had charge of selling in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington. This important position he held for twenty-two years, becoming widely known in the trade and making contacts that stood him in good stead when he assumed the office of president of the business, as he did upon his father's death in 1922. This responsibility caused him to take up his residence in Bennington, and he built his dwelling at Old Bennington and entered into active executiveship of the H. T. Cushman Company, as its titular president. He has taken an outstanding part in the community life of that residential portion of the city known as Old Bennington, and has acted as trustee and street commissioner. Mr. Cushman holds membership in the Mount Anthony Country Club, and in the Bennington Club, and is on the Board of Governors of the Country Club. A member of the Old First Church in Bennington, he also is one of the trustees, and as a family, the Cushmans are devoted and active church members. Mr. Cushman has the prestige of belonging to the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, which, founded by officers of the Civil War, gives eligibility of membership only to the direct male descendants according to the rules of primogeniture. He also holds a useful membership in the Chamber of Commerce, and may be counted upon at all times to uphold the most progressive movements that will foster the financial importance of Bennington. A member of the advisory board of the New York Furniture Exchange which is composed of fifteen manufacturers in the United States, and has its headquarters on Lexington Avenue in New York City, Mr. Cushman is recognized as one of the progressive and far-sighted members of the trade.

On April 4, 1903, at Irvington-on-the-Hudson, John Henry Cushman was married to Georgiana R. W. Lord, daughter of the late Henry F. and Agnes (Hagan) Lord. Mr. Lord was well known as of the firm of Lord and Burnham Company, manufacturers of greenhouses and their special boilers, with large factories in Chicago, Illinois; Elizabeth, New Jersey; Irvington-on-the-Hudson, its home office; and in Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Cushman have two daughters: 1. Georgiana Lord, born May 2, 1904, who married Judson Pentecost Philips, of New York, son of Arthur Philips, and grandson of George Pentecost, the famous evangelist, and they have a daughter, Caroline Pentecost, who was born on March 26, 1928. 2. Caroline Hall, born August 30, 1905.

**WILLIAM C. H. CUSHMAN**—On both his parents' sides a member of old and prominent Vermont families, Mr. Cushman, himself a native and life-long resident of this State, is most worthily upholding the family traditions of leadership in business, financial and public affairs. As an executive of one of the leading manufacturing establishments of North Bennington he has shown unusual business ability, while in his capacity as an officer or trustee of several public institutions he has proven his public spirit and his willingness to serve with effectiveness to the full extent of his powers in advancing the welfare of the community.

William C. H. Cushman was born at North Bennington, Bennington County, September 5, 1880, one of five

children of Henry Theodore and Eliza Davis (Hall) Cushman, both natives of Bennington. His father was for many years a prominent manufacturer and very active in public affairs. On his mother's side he is a great-grandson of the late Hon. Hiland Hall, Governor of Vermont during 1858-60. Mr. Cushman was educated in the public grammar and high schools of North Bennington, graduating from the latter in 1897. Immediately after leaving school he entered his father's factory, devoted to the manufacture of furniture specialties. During the first few years of his connection with this concern he acquired a very thorough knowledge of all its details, working in the different departments of the factory and later devoting himself for some time to selling its products. In 1901 he took charge of the entire management, in which work he has continued since then, being now treasurer, vice-president and general manager. Under his very able and progressive direction the business has been greatly expanded and since he has taken over the management, the business has grown to ten times its original size. Mr. Cushman is also a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of North Bennington. Though naturally the direction of a large manufacturing plant makes heavy demands on his time and energy, he has found it possible to devote himself extensively to public affairs. He is secretary and treasurer of the Bennington Soldiers' Home, on which board of trustees he succeeded his father. He is also a member of the board of trustees of the Putnam Memorial Hospital of Bennington, and a member of the Bennington Chamber of Commerce, and of the Bennington Club. During the World War he served as captain of the Bennington Company of the State Militia. His religious affiliation is with the North Bennington Congregational Church, which was founded by his maternal grandfather, Henry D. Hall, and of which he himself is a very active member.

Mr. Cushman married at Allentown, Pennsylvania, June 30, 1906, Ella Lee Douglass, who, though born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, is a member of an old and prominent Bennington family. Mrs. Cushman is the third of the five children of William M. and Helen (Billings) Douglas, both her parents having been born in Arlington, Bennington County. Her father founded, together with his father, the Eagle Square Company, of Shaftsbury, Bennington County, and became one of the leaders in the steel and wire industry of this country, his achievements including the building of four important mills for the American Steel & Wire Company. Mr. and Mrs. Cushman are the parents of three children: Helen, born October 13, 1907; Elizabeth Lee Cushman, born May 20, 1910, died November 10, 1924; and Henry Theodore, born April 5, 1923. The family home is located in North Bennington.

**FREDERICK BENNETT CUSHMAN**—A member and executive officer of the H. T. Cushman Company, manufacturers of furniture specialties, at North Bennington, Vermont, Frederick Bennett Cushman is in direct charge of all production of this company, which was established originally by his father, and by his able and efficient management has done much to further its expansion and continued success. Mr. Cushman is widely known locally as a business man of the finest progressive type and for his deep interest in the various phases of community life.

Born at North Bennington, October 20, 1886, Mr. Cushman is a son of Henry Theodore and Eliza Davis (Hall) Cushman, both natives of the State and members of families which have long been prominent in Vermont history. His father was well known for many years as a manufacturer, while the mother was a granddaughter of the late Hon. Hiland Hall, Governor of Vermont dur-



Henry Cushman





ing 1858-60. Frederick Bennett Cushman was one of a family of five children, receiving his education in the public schools of North Bennington, and later at Williston Seminary, East Hampton, Massachusetts. When he completed his academic training, he began his business career with the H. T. Cushman Company, traveling throughout the South and the Middle West and handling this territory with complete success. He rapidly became familiar with the important details of business operation and steadily advanced to positions of confidence and trust.

When the United States entered the World War in 1917, Mr. Cushman immediately enlisted, and July of that year found him at the Officers' Training Camp, at Plattsburg, New York, where he was shortly commissioned first lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps, and assigned to the drilling and training of recruits at Camp Jackson, South Carolina. Later he served in similar capacity at Camp Raritan, in New Jersey, and Camp Hancock, in Georgia, drilling recruits and organizing companies preparatory for sailing overseas. He continued his work in the army until the conclusion of hostilities, and was honorably discharged in March, 1919.

Shortly afterwards he again entered business, becoming a director and secretary of the H. T. Cushman Company, in charge of all production at the North Bennington factory, and also traveling in the Middle West territory. In this connection his services have repeatedly proved of the greatest value to the company, of which his brother, John Henry, is president, and his other brother, William C. H., is vice-president and general manager.

In spite of a busy life, Mr. Cushman has found time to be interested in the general progress of the community at North Bennington, and in civic affairs. He is a member of the Mt. Anthony Chamber of Commerce, the Bennington Chamber of Commerce, and the Bennington Club, while fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of the Lodge at Plattsburg, New York.

Frederick Bennett Cushman married, at Bennington, Isabel Norton, of Bennington, a daughter of Luman and Elizabeth (Pratt) Norton, who were also born at this place. Her father is an insurance broker of local prominence, a member of the Bennington Club, and a graduate of the United States Naval Academy, at Annapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Cushman are the parents of two sons: Norton, born July 26, 1923; and John Hall, born October 18, 1926.

**CLARENCE W. REED**—Among the interesting examples of native Vermont enterprise and success in the industrial field may be noted that of the Crosby Milling Company, of Brattleboro, of which Clarence W. Reed has been treasurer and general manager since 1921. Mr. Reed virtually grew up in this business, having been almost continuously associated with operations in grain for a period approaching thirty years in this district, and has familiarized himself with its details to a minute degree. Aside from his business enterprise he has always displayed a deep interest in civic affairs and has held office at the call of the people, administering it with skill and regard for the welfare of the community. His fraternal interests are also indicative of his wholesome appreciation of the benefits that accrue to all by association outside of industrial activities, thus making him a citizen of lofty motives and of high value to the town and to the State of Vermont.

Born in Jacksonville, Vermont, Clarence W. Reed is a son of Emery P., a native of Stamford, this State, who is engaged in the plumbing business at Jacksonville, and of Jeanette S. (Brown) Reed, deceased, 1928, who was born in Whitingham, Vermont. He acquired his education in the public schools of Jacksonville and when twelve years of age went to work for C. E. Allen, Brattleboro

florist, with whom he remained for three years, when he went to Dunham Brothers for five years more, when he again made a change, this time becoming associated with E. Crosby & Company, dealers in grain and flour. With this house he continued until 1921, a period of twenty-one years, when he and Charles M. Cox took over the business and changed the name to the Crosby Milling Company, with Mr. Reed treasurer and general manager, a position which he still administers. This enterprise was founded in 1850 by Edward Crosby as a flour jobbing house, which he controlled until his death, when it was continued by his sons, Edward C. and C. R. Crosby, together with L. F. Adams. This association continued for several years, when Charles R. Crosby acquired sole control and continued to operate until his death, in 1921. It is completely equipped with machinery for the mixing of poultry and dairy feed and manufactures the famous "Wirthmore" feeds and other brands originated by this house. They are also wholesale flour jobbers and rank among the most important grain enterprises in New England. Its president is Charles M. Cox and its plant at No. 184 Vernon Street, Brattleboro. Mr. Reed is a Republican in politics and attends the Congregational church. He has served three years on the Board of Village Commissioners, is a trustee of the Brattleboro Trust Company and a member of the Vermont Savings Bank and the Windham County Savings Bank corporations. He belongs to the Associated Industries of the State of Vermont and to the Brattleboro and the Brattleboro Country clubs. His fraternal affiliations are with Brattleboro Lodge, No. 102, order of Free and Accepted Masons.

Mr. Reed married, in 1904, Louise Kinson, born in Brattleboro. They are the parents of Ruth J. Reed.

**LINCOLN H. SAWYER**—When Phinneus Sawyer, great-grandfather of Lincoln H. Sawyer, founded the first sawmill in the town of Whitingham some one hundred and sixteen years ago, he could not have realized the part that this mill was to play with future generations of his family, or its part in the development of the town. Lincoln H. Sawyer is of the fourth generation to own and operate a mill in Whitingham. As did his forefathers, he has contented himself with honest gains, and has made the milling business—already an institution—a continued instrument to the town's prosperity. He is today among the foremost figures in the village, and is known widely throughout the county, in lower Vermont and upper Massachusetts.

Mr. Sawyer was born in Whitingham, June 10, 1865, son of John W. and Calista (Gillett) Sawyer. His father, native of this town, engaged in the lumber business until the time of his retirement prior to his death. He was an upright and respected man of affairs. His mother, Calista (Gillett) Sawyer, deceased, was also a native of Whitingham. After he had completed his academic instruction in the schools of Whitingham, Mr. Sawyer went to work in a lumber mill here, following the work as an employe for about five years. In 1883 he went into the sawmill and lumber business for himself, and in this business has continued throughout the forty-five years that have followed (this is written in 1928). Meanwhile he has interested himself diversely in parallel undertakings, with constant success, and has taken an active rôle in political affairs. An Independent in politics, in 1900 he served as Representative to the General Assembly. For six years he was one of Whitingham's selectmen, and on one occasion was a delegate to the Democratic State Convention. He is a director of the Brattleboro Trust Company, has other financial connections, and in 1924 built a hydro-electric plant with a 200-foot fall, the power from which he sells to the New England Power Company. He attends the Universalist church, and takes much pleasure out-of-doors on automobile drives. Dur-



ing the World War he was of valued assistance in the several campaigns of patriotic appeal, and has always proved himself a true patriot and citizen of public spirit, honored member of a distinguished and ancient family.

Mr. Sawyer married, in 1890, Clara Negus, of Chalmont, Massachusetts. Their children are: 1. Vesta S. 2. Haughton N., member of the firm of L. H. Sawyer and Son Company of Whitingham.

**WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON**—In carrying on the commercial activities of a community it has been found that native talent compares favorably with any that may be attracted from outside. Certain work must be done, in order to maintain the industries that were inaugurated by our fathers, and in Vermont it has been noticeable that the sons and grandsons of these pioneers continued the work worthily and progressively. A shining example is William H. Richardson, Brattleboro district manager of the Twin State Gas & Electric Company, with which he has been associated for twenty years. In his early middle life, Mr. Richardson is a man of fine personality, a lover of the outdoors and a business maker of exceptional ability. He is a citizen of value, whose friends number individuals in many walks of life, for he makes them readily and holds them firmly. He has a keen mind and has shown that the responsibility with which he is entrusted is in competent hands.

He was born in Brattleboro, July 13, 1885, a son of Frederick A. Richardson, a native of Guilford, now in business as a provision merchant, and Helen J. (Willcott) Richardson, born in Brattleboro. His education was acquired in the public and private institutions here and upon graduation from high school he worked for six years as a bookkeeper, becoming associated, in 1908, with the organization he now manages for this district. His present position was given him in 1912 by the officials of the company for the excellence of his work during his association with the corporation. In political faith he is a Republican and attends All Souls Church. He is a director of the Vermont People's National Bank and one of the incorporators of the Brattleboro Savings Bank. He is fond of golf and of balloon flying, having made several flights. His clubs are the Brattleboro Country and the old Vermont Wheel Club, now the Brattleboro Club, of which he is past president.

William H. Richardson married, in 1906, Edith Starr Hunt, of Jacksonville, Vermont.

**CURTIS E. DAVIS**—The year 1928 marked the thirtieth anniversary of the assistant postmastership of Curtis E. Davis, at Bellows Falls, Vermont, and the general public, who are the patrons of that office, are witnesses of the excellence of that service, and of Mr. Davis' devotion to the increasing activities and responsibilities of his position.

Curtis E. Davis was born April 16, 1866, at Athens, Vermont, a son of Curtis W. Davis, also a native of Athens, a farmer, now deceased, and of Martha (Evans) Davis, who was born at Windham, Vermont, and survives her husband. Curtis E. Davis attended the Athens public schools, and he was then employed for three years in a general store. In 1889, Mr. Davis first became associated with the Bellows Falls post office as a clerk, and in 1898 he was offered his present position, which he has continued to fill with efficiency and practical intelligence.

Politically, Mr. Davis shares the activities of the Republican party in this community. He is a member of Lodge No. 23, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which he served as secretary for twelve years, and he attends the Baptist church.

Curtis E. Davis married, in 1896, Elizabeth Swan, who was born in Granville, Vermont; and they have two children: Howe C., and Jean Elizabeth.

**JOSHUA H. BLAKLEY**, the popular postmaster of Bellows Falls, Vermont, during the various terms in which he has been thus engaged, has given to the government service the same degree of conscientious interest that he had exhibited throughout his business life. He has thereby won the approval and esteem of all who are associated with him in his office and community. He is known throughout the State for his former business activities, and is active and holds prominent position in his political affiliations.

Joshua H. Blakley was born December 2, 1864, at Addison, Vermont, a son of Earl R. Blakley, an agriculturist, of Shropshire, England, and of Angelina (Freemont) Blakley, who was born at Louvre, France, both parents now deceased. After attending the public and the high schools at Vergennes, Vermont, Mr. Blakley entered upon the clothing business there, so continuing for five years as a clerk, and during the ensuing three and a half years, he was manager of a clothing store at Ludlow, Vermont. In 1888, Mr. Blakley came to Bellows Falls, where he joined in partnership with L. W. Orcutt, as Orcutt and Blakley, this partnership existing until 1902, when Mr. Blakley, purchasing Mr. Orcutt's interest, continued as sole proprietor of the concern until 1908. Mr. Blakley received his appointment as postmaster of Bellows Falls in 1908, under the administration of President Roosevelt, and he was re-appointed to the office in 1912 by President Taft, so continuing until 1916.

In 1916, Mr. Blakley organized the Blakley Lumber Company, and he continued his interest in that business until 1918. At the close of the World War, he resumed his former lumber activities; and upon his reappointment to the Bellows Falls postmastership in 1923 by President Coolidge, he gave his entire attention to this office, in which he has continued to the present time.

Enlisting in the World War, Mr. Blakley became affiliated with the activities of the Young Men's Christian Association; and after serving one year in France in the Transportation Department, he returned to the United States in August, 1919. In politics a Republican, Mr. Blakley is faithful to his party's interests; and his business affiliations are chiefly those of the National Postmasters' Association, and of the Tri-State Postmasters' Association, having served the latter organization as president. He is a member of King Solomon Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; and of Abenague Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; also of Bellows Falls Lodge, No. 23, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a Past Noble Grand; and he is a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont, and served in 1902 as Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge. He is a member of the Masonic Club; the Young Men's Christian Association; and the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce. He attends the Protestant Episcopal church, and his hobby is farming.

Joshua H. Blakley married, June 17, 1916, Maytie Jakway, who was born in East Haven, Vermont.

**HERBERT N. WILLIAMS** is one of Londonderry's best known citizens and an active factor in the lumber and grain industries of this section of Vermont. Mr. Williams is a member of the firm of Williams Brothers, located in North Londonderry, which has been a contributing factor to the commercial prosperity of this State since 1907. He is also a leader in fraternal circles, being connected with the various bodies of the Masonic order and occupying commanding positions in these organizations. In civic matters, he has always been an earnest supporter of the best interests of his people and State, and besides holding several important local offices, has had the honor of representing his district in the Legislature of the State of Vermont.

Mr. Williams was born in Londonderry, May 1, 1885,



son of Adrill Plumer Williams and Stella Lydia (Baker) Williams, both of whom were born in Vermont, his mother being now deceased. Adrill Plumer Williams has been active in the lumber and sawmill business in this State for many years.

Herbert N. Williams was educated in the public schools of Londonderry, and after the completion of his formal education, entered the lumber industry and was associated in this line until 1907, gaining a splendid knowledge of the various details of lumbering operations during that time. In 1907, he became associated with his brothers, George A. and Fred I. Williams, and formed the firm of Williams Brothers, in North Londonderry. This progressive concern has ever since operated a general sawmill business, turning out rough lumber. In addition to this enterprise, they also operate a large gristmill here and handle a general grain business. In both these branches of activity, this organization has met with continued success, mainly through their sincere desire to supply only the highest quality products and the high degree of satisfaction rendered to their customers. They have kept pace with modern requirements and their establishment supplies the necessary materials for present-day needs. In his fraternal affiliations, Mr. Williams devotes his greatest attention to the Masonic order, and he is a member of West River Lodge, No. 57, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is past master and for two years was district deputy; he is a member of all bodies of the Scottish Rite, including the Vermont Consistory; West River Lodge, No. 24, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Victorian Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and Kent Lodge, Order of Rebekah. In politics, he is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and has served as justice of the peace in Londonderry since 1916, while he has served twelve years on the school board and had one term as a member of the Vermont Legislature. During his activity at the State Capitol, Mr. Williams ably represented his constituents, and left nothing undone to secure for his district all the advantages possible, while in matters of State welfare, he always supported those projects which had for their ultimate end the advancement and material betterment of this great commonwealth. He attends the Congregational church.

Herbert N. Williams married in 1909, Gertrude L. Pike, who was born in Wilmington, and they are the parents of four children: Maynard Herbert, Eunice L., Lauren Keith, and Doris E. Mr. Williams is one of this city's active public-spirited citizens and has always considered it a privilege to serve his fellow-residents in the various civil offices he has held. He finds great recreation from active business affairs in his hobbies of camping and seashore life.

**HENRY E. PRENTISS**—Though still under thirty years of age, Henry E. Prentiss has already attained a significant place in the business world and, as treasurer and manager of the Brattleboro Motor Company, is making a record of accomplishments that compares favorably with those of a great many of his successful seniors. His wide circle of friends include not only his business associates, but those who come in contact with him in other connections and come to know his outstanding personality.

Mr. Prentiss was born at Walpole, New Hampshire, July 10, 1900, the son of Fred and Jennie (Roberts) Prentiss. The father has retired and is living in Silver Spring, Maryland. The subject of this sketch was reared on the farm where he led an outdoor, active life which engendered in him the love for sports and motoring through which he secured his chief recreation from his work. He attended the public schools at Alstead, New Hampshire, and at Mt. Hermon Preparatory School

prepared himself for entrance in the Detroit Institute of Technology. After completing a year's course there, Mr. Prentiss engaged for two years in the creamery business in Bethesda, Maryland. But he wished to become an automobile dealer and in 1923 associated himself with the Smith Auto Sales Company of Bel-lows Falls. After one year's experience there he accepted the position as manager of the Brattleboro Motor Company which he still holds. Mr. Prentiss is Democratic in his political affiliations. He and his family attend services at the Church of Mt. Hermon.

Mr. Prentiss married, in 1923, Gladys M. Hilton of Rockville, Maryland. They have two children, Henry E. and James Leroy.

**WALTER C. MATOT** is a member of the well-known Rutland Confectionery Company, manufacturers and wholesalers of candies and confections. Mr. Matot came to Rutland in 1902 to accept a situation with the establishment with which he is now associated, and since that time he has advanced by his own efforts to his present position of prominence in the commercial and industrial life of this city.

Mr. Matot was born in Leicester Junction, July 7, 1882, son of Joseph P. and Lenora (Bushey) Matot. He was educated in the public schools of Leicester Junction, and attended the high school at Brandon. In 1902, he came to Rutland and has ever since been associated with the same concern, of which he was one of the three purchasers in 1921. Mr. Matot's activities have been directly concerned with the successful operation of this well known concern, which has been identified with the business prosperity of Rutland for more than fifty years, and it is fitting that a short résumé of the enterprise be given herewith. The Rutland Confectionery Company was founded in 1872 by Henry S. Howe, who manufactured the products in his small factory and distributed them throughout the State by means of peddler carts. As the business developed and increased, the demand far exceeded the supply and larger quarters were necessary to fill the orders. When the railroads were extended through this section, shipments were made by freight and express to the points of distribution, where agents received their supplies and carried them by wagons throughout their districts.

The founder of the enterprise died in 1896, and his son came into the business which he operated in conjunction with his sister, Lillian, and Mrs. Clarence Cook. This partnership existed for eight years when the son, Hiram H. Howe, became sole proprietor of the organization and continued to direct the affairs of the concern with steady success until his death, November 30, 1907. After that time, his wife, son and daughter carried on the establishment for fourteen years, disposing of the entire plant in 1921 to the present owners, Walter C. Matot, E. A. Dexter and G. A. Brown, who had all been identified with the company where they received most of their commercial experience. This concern now distributes their candies and confections within a radius of one hundred miles of Rutland. They have continued to specialize in old-fashioned hard candies which have been made under the direction of the same candy maker, with practically the same recipes for the past fifty-four years (1928). Their candy maker is A. C. Grevelle. Regarding Mr. Matot's partners: Mr. G. A. Brown was born in Essex, December 19, 1881, son of George H. and Ellen J. (Keeler) Brown. He married, October 8, 1913, Fay L. Morse, daughter of J. J. and Artie Missie Maria Morse. E. A. Dexter was born in East Dorset, October 28, 1876, son of Bela and Hanna Augusta (Wheeler) Dexter. He married, October 16, 1910, Edith Northrop, of Rutland, and they have two children, Warren Wheeler and Dorothy Lena.



**EDWARD DWIGHT WELLING**—Versatility of accomplishment marked the entire career of Edward Dwight Welling, of North Bennington, one of the ablest men produced by the State of Vermont and a citizen of the highest character and attractive personality. Endowed with unusual mental attainments, he was far visioned and a keen and accurate judge of coming events and their importance to the community in which he lived and worked. Remarkably active in his business operations, he nevertheless found time and took extreme pleasure in filling many positions of honor and trust in the town, county and State, giving to public affairs the fullness of his abilities and indefatigable energies. Financial and commercial affairs he interspersed with political activities and in each of them displayed an ability of highest order, administering every office with great credit to himself and the progress of the people. It was considered a rare privilege to call him friend, for he was a delightful companion, possessed of a keen sense of humor and never failed in his fidelity or his sympathetic understanding of his fellowmen and their complex emotions or ambitions. He abhorred shams, was devoted to truth and honor and, although not openly affiliated with any religious body, was known to possess the deepest of convictions and an abiding faith in an Almighty Creator. He was, in short, one of those fine characters whose lives count for so much in the fabric of which civilized progress is woven that their importance becomes greater as time passes and their absence is more deeply felt. He was a great citizen of Vermont and one of its greatest constructive elements, with a legion of admirers and sincere friends throughout a large territory.

He was born in North Bennington, November 16, 1851, a son of the late Charles E. and Sarah D. (Thomas) Welling, and acquired his early education in the local public schools, afterward attending the Military Academy at Worcester, Massachusetts, and then the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, New York. For a few years after the completion of his education he was connected with the North Bennington Boot & Shoe Company, then for a time served as purser on one of the ships of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, and after, for some months, as general freight agent of the Panama Railroad on the isthmus. Returning to North Bennington he joined his father in the manufacture of paper and on the organization of the Stark Paper Company in 1879, became its treasurer, and on the death of his father, its president, which position he held at the time of his death. For many years he was a member of the North Bennington Graded School Board and of the Village Board of Trustees, while for upward of thirty years he served as county and town auditor. In 1902-04 he represented Bennington County in the State Senate and for many years he was a member of the Executive Board of the Vermont State Republican Committee, having served latterly as its treasurer. He was a director of the North Bennington National Bank, vice-president of the H. W. Putnam Memorial Hospital Board and a charter member and the first vice-president and later president of the Bennington Club. He served as vice-president of the Bennington County Savings Bank and on January 1, 1928, was elected its president, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of I. E. Gibson. His death occurred in North Bennington, April 10, 1928.

Mr. Welling was twice married; (first), on July 4, 1876, to Mary Ella Douglass, daughter of the late Norman and Amelia Douglass, of North Bennington, whose death occurred March 3, 1890. They were the parents of two children: 1. Alice M., married C. W. White. 2. Charles N., deceased in youth. He married (second), December 23, 1891, Cora B. Middleton, of Livonia, New York, who survives him. He is also survived by a sister, Harriet S. Welling, and a brother, George B., both of North Bennington.

Charles Edward Welling, father of Edward Dwight Welling, was born in Hoosick, New York, October 16, 1823, a son of Edward M. Welling, who came to this country from New Brunswick about 1800 and in 1824 removed to North Bennington, then called Sage's City, where he purchased land and, following his trade of carpentry, erected several houses, a store and a mill where he engaged in the manufacture of potato starch. He had been married in Hoosick, in 1821, to Amelia Russell, and they became the parents of three children, Charles Edward having been the eldest. On the completion of his education the latter entered business with his father, and in 1850 he formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, Charles Thatcher, with whom he carried on a mercantile business for a number of years, and also engaged in the manufacture of paper. Eventually he retired from the store interests and with his son, Edward Dwight, of whom this review, took over the manufacturing interests, later buying the plant of D. Hunter & Company, both plants being incorporated in 1879 under the name of Stark Paper Company and, at the age of more than eighty-five years, as president of this company, had the distinction of being the oldest actively engaged business man of his town. He was a very energetic citizen of highest character, a director in several important enterprises, a Republican in political faith and fraternally affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In 1850 he married Sarah D. Thomas, of Brattleboro, Vermont, daughter of Elihu H. Thomas, a local manufacturer and one of the California gold seekers of 1849, who returned to Bennington, where he died at the age of seventy-three. Mr. and Mrs. Welling became the parents of five children: Edward D., Hattie S., and George B., surviving them. George B. married Arla McKay, and they are the parents of three children: Charles McKay, Edward T. and Frederick H.

**KENNETH H. SAUNDERS**—Thoroughly trained in the engineering profession, Kenneth H. Saunders has been manager of the Brattleboro plant of the Millers Falls Company, of Brattleboro, since 1920. His work in this position has been most satisfactory to his company which regards his services as being of the highest value, and he has come to occupy an important place in the business and industrial life of Brattleboro, where he is esteemed a progressive and public-spirited member of the community.

Mr. Saunders was born at Naugatuck, Connecticut, September 2, 1894, a son of William Saunders, who was born in South Adelaide, Australia, and of Rose (Bartlemas) Saunders, born in Pekin, New York. The father is now engaged in business at Waterbury, Connecticut, where he is controller of the A. H. Wells Company. Kenneth H. Saunders attended the public schools of his birthplace, and after graduation from the Naugatuck High School entered Yale University and was graduated from the Sheffield Scientific School in 1916 with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering. When he completed his academic education, he began his professional career in the employ of the American Brass Company, at Waterbury, Connecticut, and for a year was a member of their engineering department.

With the entrance of the United States into the World War, however, Mr. Saunders immediately enlisted and was sent to Camp Devens, Massachusetts. In September of that year he was assigned to the machine gun company of the 304th Infantry, with the rank of sergeant, and attended the Third Officers' Training School at this camp. In May, 1918, he was sent to Camp Lee, Virginia, where he was commissioned second lieutenant, following which he was transferred to Camp Dodge, in Iowa, and was here commissioned first lieutenant. Assigned to the 804th Pioneer Infantry, he sailed for France in August, 1918, as a member of the American Expeditionary Forces,



*Ernest W. Milling*





serving with distinction in the battle of St. Mihiel and the Meuse-Argonne offensive. Mr. Saunders returned to the United States at the conclusion of hostilities, and in July, 1919, was discharged with the rank of first lieutenant.

Upon his return to civil life, he became associated with the Woodbury Company, at Woodbury, Connecticut, and for a period of one year was manager of this concern, which he left in 1920 to take up his duties as manager of the Brattleboro plant of the Millers Falls Company. Since that time he has discharged all the duties of his position in a most efficient manner, his able management contributing largely to the successful operation of this plant.

Mr. Saunders is affiliated fraternally with Brattleboro Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, while he is also a member of the Yale Engineering Society, the Brattleboro Country Club, and the Associated Industries of the State of Vermont. He is a member and was first vice-commander of Brattleboro Post, No. 5, of the American Legion and holds membership in the Société 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux. In politics Mr. Saunders is a member of the Republican party, and from his busy life he has found time to maintain a constant interest in public affairs and the welfare of the community, contributing liberally to many worthy causes. Aside from his other interests he is also trustee and treasurer of the Mutual Securities Club.

In 1922 Kenneth H. Saunders married Marjorie Fanning, who was born in Brockton, Massachusetts, and of this marriage there is one son, William Kenneth. Mr. Saunders finds rest and relaxation for his leisure time in fishing, while with his family he worships in the Congregational faith, attending the Center Church of this denomination at Brattleboro. The family residence is situated at No. 6 Highland Road, Brattleboro.

**GEORGE MICHAEL MAHAR**—Dependability is interestingly illustrated by the coördination of character and choice of business vocation in the case of George Michael Mahar, of Fairhaven, who, for more than a quarter of a century, has been engaged in furnishing natural slate from the quarries of Vermont for roofing, floors and ornamental purposes in building construction. Business men with whom he has been associated during his period of activities here declare that his character is as dependable as his wares and that both are virtually perfect. Such encomiums are rarely won and more rarely deserved, but Mr. Mahar has operated among his fellows with such commendable honesty, such praise-worthy methods of conducting business that admiration long since gave place to esteem and today he is held to be one of the most acceptable of citizens and a decided addition to the commercial army of the district in which he has so long operated.

He was born in Poultney, Vermont, July 15, 1879, a son of John D. and Ann (Ryan) Mahar, and acquired his education in the local schools there and at Fairhaven, entering business life upon completion of his studies. For a time he engaged in beverage bottling, but, although successful at that occupation, he visioned broader fields of commercial potentiality and, in 1902, in association with his brother, the firm of Mahar Brothers, dealers in slate, was founded. From its inception the business prospered under the careful guidance of the brothers and in 1919 they formed it into a corporation in accordance with the laws of Vermont. Builders concede the superiority of Vermont slate as a roofing material, since it withstands the corroding influences of the weather or the ravages of fire better than any known substance hitherto used. Mahar Brothers manufacture this product into structural material for electrical switchboards, garden walks, plumbers' finishing, roofing shingles and other forms and have met with great suc-

cess, especially since adding slate flooring to their output, to meet the growing demand for this in the construction of large business buildings in the metropolitan areas. George Michael Mahar attends St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Fairhaven and is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In his early business career he founded a fund for the education of children through college, which is still operating successfully.

George M. Mahar married in Fairhaven, Vermont, September 2, 1904, Mary Eaton. Their children are: Katherine Aileen, George Burton, Mary Hagen, Anna Dorothy and Elizabeth Ella Mahar.

**DENNISON COWLES**—A career of constant activity and remarkable application to duty is that of Dennison Cowles, one of Brattleboro's foremost business men and head of the well-known firm of Robbins & Cowles, Incorporated, the oldest and largest hardware concern in this city. Mr. Cowles' rise to mercantile prominence is a splendid record of courage and determination to succeed, as he was obliged to start work when he was but twelve years of age, but disregarding all this, he surmounted all obstacles by his keen desire to advance. The present establishment which he heads was organized in 1887 as the F. B. Gleason & Company and a year later, Charles O. Robbins was made a partner and the firm name changed to Gleason & Robbins, and as such the business was operated until 1889 when Mr. Cowles purchased Mr. Gleason's interests and the name was changed to Robbins & Cowles. This partnership existed until 1918 when Mr. Robbins died and the business was incorporated with Mr. Cowles as president, treasurer and sole proprietor. In 1923, his son, Dennison B. Cowles, was made treasurer of the concern and Carl Cushing appointed vice-president. The firm has established a reputation for absolute dependability. They carry a complete line of hardware and builders' supplies, selling both wholesale and retail at their spacious, modern building at No. 165 Main Street.

Mr. Cowles was born in Westfield, Massachusetts, August 27, 1864, son of Rodney Curtis and Eliza P. (Kellogg) Cowles, both of whom were natives of Westfield, and are now deceased. Rodney Curtis Cowles was occupied in agriculture all his life. He was a veteran of the Civil War and a member of Wilcox Post, Grand Army of the Republic, having served with the Forty-second Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers.

Dennison Cowles attended the public schools of Westfield, Massachusetts, and at the age of twelve engaged in farm work in which he was occupied until 1883, when he accepted a position in the hardware business in Westfield and applied himself to this field of endeavor, familiarizing himself with all its details. In 1889, he came to Brattleboro and has ever since been identified with the commercial life of this city in his connection with the firm of Robbins & Cowles, which is well and favorably known throughout this section of the State for merchandise of the highest quality and business methods of the highest standard. Mr. Cowles takes an active interest in everything pertaining to the prosperity and welfare of his community. In his fraternal affiliations, he is prominently identified with the Brattleboro Lodge, No. 102, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master, being also a member of all bodies of both the York and Scottish Rites, including Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the Wantastiquet Lodge, No. 5, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Oasis Encampment, Patriotic Order Sons of America; Brattleboro Lodge, No. 1499, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Improved Order of Red Men. His club memberships are with the Brattleboro Club; the Brattleboro Country Club; Brattleboro Outing Club; Windham County Fishing and Game Club



and the Brattleboro Rifle Club. In connection with his business, he is a member of the New England Hardware Dealers Association in which organization he has served as director. His political adherence is given to the Republican party, and his church affiliation is with the Congregational church. His hobby is golf in which he finds the necessary relaxation from business activities.

Dennison Cowles married, April 19, 1897, Lucy Brackett, who was born in Brattleboro, and died in 1926. To this union were born two children: 1. Adele A. 2. Dennison Brackett, who served in the United States Army during the World War with the rank of second lieutenant, and is now treasurer of the firm of Robbins & Cowles, Incorporated, in association with his father.

**EDWARD DANA RAYMOND** has been an attorney at Fair Haven, Vermont, for more than thirty years. In the practice of his profession he has been very successful, winning wide reputation throughout the State as a leading member of the bar, while in his extensive travels he has made many distinguished friends, practitioners of the arts, and men of affairs, who respect his deep and many-sided culture, and quick intelligence.

Mr. Raymond was born on June 8, 1868, at Bridgewater, Vermont, where he attended the public schools until he entered St. Johnsbury Academy, in 1882. Four years later he matriculated at Amherst College and from this institution was graduated *cum laude*, on June 25, 1890, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. During the spring and summer of his sophomore year, Mr. Raymond traveled in Europe, studying for a time at Heidelberg University, and meeting many famous personages. At Amherst, Charles Whitman, later Governor of New York, was a member of his class. When he completed his education, Mr. Raymond taught school in Bridgewater, Vermont, for one year, and at the end of this time entered the law offices of Enright and Blanchard at Windsor, to study for the bar examinations. In 1897 he was admitted to the Vermont bar, and soon afterwards came to Fair Haven, which has since been his home. Mr. Raymond's thorough training and ability brought him, almost immediately, a highly successful practice to which he has given his attention for many years. At intervals, however, he has returned to Europe for extended visits, and upon the conclusion of one of these trips, in 1911, he delivered a series of lectures on Scott and Burns in many parts of Vermont, supplementing his addresses with written articles. Mr. Raymond numbers among his friends Mrs. General George E. Pickett, wife of General Pickett of Gettysburg fame, who now lives in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Raymond's advice in business matters has frequently been sought by large financial interests, and he is now a director of the Penrhyn Slate Company, of Vermont, and of the Granville Telephone Company. He has been a member of the Fair Haven School Board for many years, village attorney and attorney for the town on several occasions, and for two terms, municipal judge. In the year 1902, he served as chairman of the Republican State Convention. Mr. Raymond is a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, at Amherst, and is also affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, and the Knights of Pythias. He was secretary of his class at Amherst for a number of years, class representative on the Alumni Council for a period of five years, and for one term was a member of the executive committee.

Edward Dana Raymond married Alice L. Deming, of Lowell, Massachusetts, who died in April, 1923. Of their marriage two children were born: 1. Mrs. Theodore A. Schwamb, of Hyde Park, Massachusetts, who was graduated from Middlebury College in 1926, *magna cum laude*, and was salutatorian of her class. 2. Mary Gay, now a senior at Russell Sage College, at Troy, New

York. Mr. Raymond married (second), in September, 1928, Mrs. Florence D. Adams, of New York City.

**JAMES P. LEAMY**—As a young man, James P. Leamy has reached a noteworthy and outstanding position in Rutland, Vermont, where he is a widely-known lawyer. Mr. Leamy was born in West Rutland, Vermont, January 16, 1892, and was educated in the public schools of that city, graduating from the high school in June, 1908. In September, 1908, he entered Holy Cross College, in Worcester, Massachusetts, and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in June, 1912. He entered Harvard Law School in September, 1912, and graduated with the Bachelor of Laws degree in June, 1915. During the years of 1912 and 1913 while at Harvard, he also attended Boston College, securing a Master of Arts degree in June, 1913. About a year after he left Harvard, in April, 1916, he entered the law office of M. C. Webber in Rutland, Vermont, preparatory to taking his examinations for admittance to the bar.

James P. Leamy was admitted to the bar in November, 1916, and the years that have followed have been full of activity and success. Not quite a year after his admittance to the bar in March, 1917, he was entrusted with appointment as United States Commissioner for Vermont. Among the other public offices he has filled is chairman of the school board of West Rutland, and he is also director of the Rutland Hospital. Mr. Leamy represents as attorney, among many other organizations, The Vermont Marble Company, The Horton Power Company, of Rutland; Hinchey Consolidated Slate Company of Fairhaven, Vermont; Durick Keenan and Company, Fairhaven, and Rutland Sash and Door Company. He holds two offices for the Rutland Cooperative Savings and Loan Association, that of director and attorney.

Mr. Leamy, public-spirited and keenly interested in civic development, has on occasion expressed his belief as to the improvement of Vermont, citing good road development as the biggest single thing Vermont can do in the way of improvements. An incident of progress from the result of developing good roads is that of the success of the three hotels at Lake Bomoseen, for which Mr. Leamy is attorney. These hotels have doubled their business since they have become readily accessible. The Boy Scout movement is another of James P. Leamy's interests, with which he has closely associated himself, serving on the executive council.

His political views are Democratic, and he is an active party worker. He has served as chairman of the Democratic County Committee, and for the past eight years as chairman of the State Convention, being one of the delegates to the National Convention at New York in 1924. Fraternally, he is a member of the Rutland Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Knights of Columbus, and his clubs are the Rutland Country Club and the Harvard Club of Vermont.

**EDWARD J. MORRISSEAU**—Among Brattleboro's foremost business men is Edward J. Morrisseau, of the firm of W. B. Morrisseau and Son, who conduct a plumbing and heating business in this place. Engaged in the contracting branch of this industry, they are agents for Brattleboro and vicinity for Super-Automatic oil-burners, Quiet May oil-burners and General Electric refrigerators. The company employs twelve persons, and is among the foremost organizations of its kind in Brattleboro.

Mr. Morrisseau, the younger, was born in Burlington, Vermont, on June 19, 1899. He received his early education in the public schools of Swanton and St. Albans, Vermont, and in the Lisbon High School, of Lisbon, New Hampshire. Then he later worked at the plumbing trade with the Fitch Plumbing Company, of Brattleboro, with whom he remained for six years. He was the son







*Joseph Petts*

of William B. and Eveline (Oliver) Morrisseau, the former a native of Burlington, Vermont, also a plumber, employed by the Fitch Plumbing Company, and the latter of Joliet, Canada. His father, who had been engaged for many years in the plumbing and heating business in Brattleboro, took him in, after his training with the Fitch Plumbing Company, as a partner in the firm of W. B. Morrisseau and Son. This company was started in 1923 at No. 14 Highland Street, Brattleboro, and then in 1927 it moved to No. 4 Main Street.

In addition to his other activities, Edward J. Morrisseau has found time to participate to a considerable extent in the affairs of his community and State. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, in which he is affiliated with the Leo Council, having served for several years as secretary; and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he belongs to the Brattleboro Lodge, No. 1499. He also holds membership in the Brattleboro Club. Mr. Morrisseau is not definitely affiliated with any of the existing political parties, preferring to follow an independent course in regard to politics and to cast his vote for the candidates of his choice. Throughout his life he has been actively interested in athletics, and has closely watched developments in the major sports. From 1919 to 1922 he served his country as a member of Company I of the Vermont State National Guard. His religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic church, his parish being Saint Michael's.

In 1924 Mr. Morrisseau married Maude Alice Beau, born in Wilton, New Hampshire; and they had two children, Edward J., Jr., and Jean.

**JOSEPH POTTS**—This State is fortunate in the number of its sons who have gone forth to other sections of the country and by their achievements in every field of endeavor have added to its growing prestige. Among these is Joseph Potts, a practicing lawyer, now of New York City. It is about a hundred years since the Potts family was established in Vermont, and during this period each generation has linked itself by marriage with older American families that trace back to the beginnings of New England history, and who contributed their share to the making of that history, whether in fighting the savage Indian or later, in the Revolution, helping to establish this country as a free and independent nation. In the less strenuous but not less exacting times of peace these families have played a constructive part as honorable citizens who recognized and fulfilled their civic responsibilities. The Potts family is of that Celtic stock which has been such an important contributing factor in the development of this continent. The immigrant ancestor of the family here under consideration was Joseph Potts, a native of Cordevilis, County Monaghan, Province of Ulster, Ireland. He married Margaret Gibson, and they had a son Joseph, who was born in Cordevilis in September, 1819. The elder Potts came to this country alone to spy out the land, as it were. He soon sent for his wife and their infant son. The family lived in Boston until the lad was four or five years old, and then Mrs. Potts removed with the boy to Ryegate, this State. Mrs. Potts came from a family of education and culture and she was a strict Presbyterian of the old school. She taught her son to read, using the Bible as a textbook. Young Potts adopted the law as his profession and read Blackstone, Chitty and other standard texts of his day in the law office of Underwood and Leslie of Wells River. He was admitted to the bar in Danville in 1843 and began at once the practice of his profession on his own account in Groton. In 1847 he became a resident of Barnet. Another historian says of him: "Mr. Potts rose rapidly in his profession. He had a genial and pleasant personality, and the faculty of making and holding friends to an unusual degree. He was endowed with a prodigious memory, a fine sense of humor and proverbial

wit. His memory was such that even in the trial of long cases he made no notes, and it is said that in his final summing up he missed nothing. In his day notes were taken in long hand and were of necessity incomplete, and when questions arose as to the testimony given by witnesses his recollection was accepted as correct by the court and brother lawyers. Mr. Potts was an easy conversationalist, a clear, forceful and eloquent speaker, and possessed of persuasive powers before a jury, which was a large factor in his rise to prominence in his profession." He had no political aspirations; and this was fortunate, for he was a Democrat. But, because of his outstanding ability, irreproachable character and great personal popularity, Republicans joined with the few members of his own party in electing him to practically all town and county offices. He was the first Democrat elected to the office of State's Attorney. He died in 1862, and thus a career already brilliant and rich in promise for the future was brought to an untimely end.

In 1843 Joseph Potts married Kate Knight of Waterford, this State. Her ancestry traces back to Colonial days. Her grandfather, Joseph Knight, enlisted at Athol, Massachusetts, April 24, 1775,—less than a week after the battle of Lexington—and served in Captain Ichabod Dexter's company, Colonel B. Ruggles Woodbridge's regiment. He was also a member of Captain John Oliver's company, Colonel Sparhawk's regiment, which saw service in New Jersey. Daniel Quimby, Mrs. Potts' maternal grandfather, enlisted in 1775 in Captain Philton Tilton's Company, 2nd Regiment, New Hampshire Troops, under the command of Colonel Enoch Poor. Mrs. Potts died in December, 1900.

Their son, Marcus Alonzo Potts, was born in Groton, September 19, 1846, and died in Kansas City, Missouri, March 30, 1913. The following quotation is taken from the "St. Johnsbury Caledonian." "Mr. Potts came to this town after his father's death in 1862, where he was for twenty years connected with Fairbanks' store and for many years its manager. In this capacity he made a wide circle of friends, and his cheery and optimistic nature proved an excellent business asset through life. Mr. Potts married and lived here with his family until 1883 when he moved to Kansas City, Missouri, as vice-president of the W. B. Grimes Dry Goods Company. During his long residence in St. Johnsbury, Mr. Potts was an active force in the business and religious life of the place. . . . He has been a frequent and welcome visitor to his former home, and a large circle of friends in this section are richer in the memory of his friendship. On December 20, 1870, Marcus Alonzo Potts married Mary Swasey Richardson, who was born in Haverhill, New Hampshire, May 11, 1847, but who at the time of the marriage was a resident of Barnet. She was a daughter of William Richardson. The genealogy of the Richardson family has been compiled and published. According to this volume this branch of the family is descended from Samuel Richardson, a Puritan who came to Massachusetts from England some time between 1630 and 1635. He founded the town of Woburn in that State. Samuel Richardson, son of the immigrant, was a soldier in King Philip's War. His second wife and two of his children were massacred by the Indians. Nathan Richardson, Mary Swasey Richardson's paternal great-grandfather, was a member of Captain Ithamar Wright's Company of Minute Men which marched on the Lexington Alarm. Her maternal great-grandfather was Benjamin Harnden, of Wilmington, Massachusetts, who also marched to Concord on April 19, 1775, as a member of Captain Cadwallader Ford, Jr.'s, company. Later he was commissioned a second lieutenant in Captain Nathaniel Heath's company, his service extending to August 11, 1779.

Dr. Bernice Richardson, son of Nathan Richardson, was a native of Brookfield, Massachusetts. He was a successful physician in Franconia, New Hampshire,



where he died November 16, 1855. His son, William Richardson, was born in Denmark, Maine, May 9, 1816. He married Mary Philbrook of Lancaster, daughter of Greenleaf Clark and Lavinia (Gotham) Philbrook. Greenleaf C. Philbrook fought in the Revolution as a member of several Massachusetts and New Hampshire regiments. William Richardson died in Barnet, July 2, 1888, and his widow survived until May 17, 1892. They were the parents of Mary Swasey Richardson who married Marcus Alonzo Potts, as stated above.

Joseph Potts, their son, was born in St. Johnsbury, September 15, 1873. He prepared for college at Phillips Exeter Academy, graduated from Harvard College in 1897, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts and from Harvard Law School in 1900 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. The following year Mr. Potts was admitted to the bar of New York, and in 1914 was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. He began his professional career in the offices of Parsons, Shepard and Ogden, who were succeeded by Parsons, Closson and McIlvaine, and remained with them until 1910. Since that time he has engaged in general practice alone. During the World War Mr. Potts served as chairman of the Local Advisory Board, No. 114, New York City.

Always a baseball enthusiast, Mr. Potts joined his brother, R. F. Potts, in starting the "Baseball Magazine" in Boston in 1908. The business was incorporated under the name The Baseball Magazine Company, and Joseph Potts has been president of the Company from the beginning. Their offices are now located in New York City, and Mr. Potts divides his time and attention between this business and his law practice. The brothers have demonstrated that there was a field for the magazine they ventured to bring out, and under their able management its circulation has been built up to 100,000 per month. It goes to every country in the world.

Mr. Potts is a member of the Vermont Society of New York; also of the American Bar Association, New York State Bar Association, New York County Lawyers' Association, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and of Harvard Club of New York City.

**RUSHMORE LAPE, M. D.**—Acknowledged dean of medical men in Fair Haven, Dr. Rushmore Lape has seen many changes and improvements in his and other professions since he started practicing medicine in Fair Haven more than half a century ago. During this period antitoxins have become one of the outstanding developments, and great strides have been made in the relief of tuberculosis. During this period man's span of life has been lengthened eighteen years, and general health conditions have improved to an extent almost inconceivable. These betterments and developments may be directly contributed to such men as Dr. Lape, who have labored unceasingly for the health and welfare of their fellowmen. Dr. Lape has served in various public offices here, which, while not lucrative, have assisted greatly in promoting health in Rutland and the surrounding community, and that his unremitting toil has not been in vain is proven by the honor and respect given him here.

Dr. Lape is a son of the late John Joseph and Mary (Mott) Lape, his father having been a farmer. After obtaining his preliminary education in the public schools, Rushmore Lape entered Albany Medical College, and was graduated from this institution in February, 1877. In the fall of that year, or to be exact, on October 13, 1877, he came to Fair Haven, and began his practice as a physician and surgeon, and during the more than half a century that has elapsed he has confined his operations to this town. A wide practice, which increased steadily from his first introduction to Fair Haven, has gained him many friends and obtained for him the full trust of his patients. Also, this extended period of practice has won for him the title of "dean of medical men" in

this town, and his unquenchable desire for further knowledge in his profession has fully qualified him for this title. Dr. Lape, for more than twelve years, was health officer here, and now is a member of the Board of Health, and executive officer. He is a member of the Masonic order and connected with many organizations pertinent to his profession, including the Vermont State Medical Society; a member and Fellow of the American Medical Association, and member of the Rutland County Medical Association, which he has served as secretary and president. His church is the Methodist of Fair Haven.

Evidencing his desire to further the profession which has occupied him and which he loves so well, is his support of a proposed medical course, to be inaugurated by the Albany Medical College and sponsored by the American Medical Association. This, when inaugurated, will equip students for general practice in the space of four years, and thus will enable them to handle ninety per cent. of the cases which now require the service of a full-fledged physician. This procedure, according to Dr. Lape, will permit of better attention to rural districts and attract a better class of young men to the study of medicine.

Dr. Rushmore Lape married, April 19, 1877, at West Sand Lake, New York, Rosena Uline, daughter of Henry D. and Almira (Craver) Uline. Mrs. Lape still survives, and she and her husband celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1927. Mr. and Mrs. Lape have three children: 1. Orra May, married Wilbur P. Dayton, deceased. Mrs. Dayton has three children: Howard, Dorothy, and Wilbur. 2. Dr. Edmund R. Lape, practicing medicine at Swanton, Vermont. 3. Edith Almira, now Mrs. O'Connor. Dr. Rushmore Lape resides in Fair Haven and there maintains his office.

**FRED L. PARMELEE**—The Brattleboro Milk Plant, of Brattleboro, Vermont, furnishes milk which it gathers from about three hundred farmers in Windham County, Vermont, to companies which place it in the hands of consumers in Massachusetts. The Brattleboro plant, which is one of the biggest of its kind in New England, is headed and managed by Fred L. Parmelee, whose lifelong acquaintance with people and conditions in different parts of New England renders him capable of handling the affairs of this great company in a way that makes it of the utmost service to a large number of people.

Mr. Parmelee was born in New Haven, Connecticut, on December 23, 1878, a son of Charles D. and Sarah (Mallory) Parmelee, both of whom were born in New Haven. His father is engaged as an oyster grower, having been in this occupation throughout the productive years of his life. The mother is now deceased. Fred L. Parmelee received his early education in the public schools and the high school of New Haven, his birthplace, and then, having completed his school work, he became associated with his father in the wholesale oyster business, working for eleven years as an oyster grower. At the end of that period he came to Vermont, where he conducted a dairy farm in Putney for seventeen years. In 1921 Mr. Parmelee was instrumental in starting the Brattleboro Milk Plant, of Brattleboro, which since that time has grown to its extensive proportions of today. He was the president of this company until 1924, when he took over the management of the plant. Since that year he has continued as its manager. The headquarters of the organization are situated on Putney Road. Here the firm gathers in milk from the farmers of Windham County, ships it in bottles to A. H. Philips Company, Inc., and others, in Springfield, Massachusetts, handling in this way about 35,000 pounds of milk per day. The company has a branch plant in Chicopee where it fur-



nishes milk and cream direct to consumers in Springfield and the nearby territory.

The way in which Mr. Parmelee has coördinated the different duties of this company has marked him as a man of special business ability; but, in addition to his activity with the Brattleboro Milk Plant, he takes a prominent interest in the social and political life of his city and State. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which his affiliations are with the Brattleboro Lodge, No. 102, the Pulaski Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and the Crawford Council of Royal and Select Masters of New Haven, Connecticut. He also holds membership in the Brattleboro Club. Mr. Parmelee's political affiliation is with the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he regularly supports. He served, while living in Putney, for three years as school director of the town; while in 1921 he was elected on the Republican party ticket to membership in the lower house of the Vermont State Legislature. He also served as a member of the Vermont State Fair Commission.

In 1902 Mr. Parmelee married Louise Baldwin, a native of New Haven, Connecticut. Their children are: Helen Baldwin, Marion Mallory, and Dorothy Leete. Mr. Parmelee's religious affiliation is with the Congregational church.

**LELAND HERBERT CAREY**—There are many residents of Burlington, Vermont, who know that when they wish to have a thoroughly good job of automobile or general repairing done they can find the man for the job by going to the garage of Leland Herbert Carey, at No. 162 Maple Street. Mr. Carey is himself a first class mechanic, a graduate of the Academy of Automobile Engineers, at Portland, Maine, who has been identified with various concerns and is a veteran of the World War, in which he served in the Naval Aviation Corps with the rank of machinist.

Leland Herbert Carey was born in Colchester, Vermont, November 9, 1896, son of Mark, who was engaged as a butcher to the time of his retirement and is now (1928) living in Colchester, and of Bertha (Plunkett) Carey, both natives of Vermont. After attending the public schools of his birthplace he entered the Academy of Automobile Engineers, at Portland, Maine, from which he was graduated with the class of 1913. He at once secured a position with an automobile repair concern, and continued in that line until the entrance of the United States into the World War. Then, on December 15, 1917, he enlisted in the Naval Aviation Corps as an apprentice seaman, and served until 1919, when he was discharged with the rank of second class machinist, having served overseas for six months and here at home for seven and a half months. After receiving his discharge in 1919 he was identified with various automobile concerns until February 1, 1922, serving as a mechanic, but on that date he engaged in business for himself as a machinist specializing in general automobile repairing. Being a natural mechanic and a well trained one as well, and having had exceptionally valuable experience, he soon built up a very good business and on August 1, 1925, he purchased the plant at No. 162 Maple Street which he now operates. His business has grown to proportions which require the services of from eight to ten men, and to automobile repairing and engineering he has added painting and other lines of service. He has established a reputation which is a valuable business asset, and his many satisfied customers are his best advertising mediums. He requires in his employees ability and thorough knowledge and his own special training enables him to set the standard for his help. Each year brings new patrons to his plant, and each year has witnessed a decided growth in the scope of his business. Along with his success as a mechanical engineer Mr. Carey finds

time for numerous fraternal and club affiliations, including membership in Burlington Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; and the Chittenden Country, Fish, and Game Club. His religious membership is with the First Congregational Church. As a citizen and as a business man, Mr. Carey is much respected among his associates, and he is each year placing his business upon a more firm foundation.

Leland Herbert Carey was married, in 1919, to Velma Badger, daughter of William Badger, of Burlington, and they have two children: Velma Elizabeth and Stanley Gordon.

**HUGH AGNEW**—Self-made in the veriest sense of the word, Hugh Agnew is proprietor of one of the leading laundry businesses in Brattleboro and, interested in public affairs and an active member of a number of organizations, plays a vital part in the civic and community life of the town.

He was born May 7, 1891, in Boston, Massachusetts, but, orphaned at an early age and as a boy worked on farms for his board and lodging, with the result that his schooling was frequently interrupted and obtained in a number of different places. He attended the public schools of Stoughton, Middleboro and Westboro, Massachusetts, and the Brattleboro High School. Then he managed to secure a term at the Albany Business College. There followed seven years during which Mr. Agnew was employed by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, at Brattleboro, until in 1920 he bought out the Brattleboro Custom Laundry which had been started in 1888 by Mrs. L. P. Russell. Mr. Agnew dropped "Brattleboro" from the name of the concern and, under the name, The Custom Laundry, has done a constantly increasing business. The laundry had its start at No. 26 Elliot Street where it remained for ten years when it was moved up the street to No. 102, which housed the concern until fire destroyed the building in 1922. Then Mr. Agnew erected his own building at No. 6 Church Street where the business has since remained, its work requiring the services of some twenty people now as compared with Mrs. Russell's sole handling of the activities of the place in its early years.

A member of Columbian Lodge, No. 36, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master; of Fort Dummer Chapter, Webster Lodge of Perfection; of the Brattleboro Club and the Brattleboro Outing Club; the Massachusetts Laundrymen's Association, and the National Laundrymen's Association, Mr. Agnew has a large sphere of activities outside his business duties. He is deeply interested in sports, particularly the winter varieties, and outdoor life in general, and is a botanist of no little ability, studying wild flowers during his numerous trips through forests and fields and cultivating an extensive garden. Mr. Agnew is politically Republican, and attends the Congregational church.

In 1914 Mr. Agnew married Florence Skinner of Brattleboro, Vermont. Their three children are Clifford Clark, Charlotte Wilcox, and Jean Frame.

**ROGER STANTON PIKE**—Starting his career as a shipping clerk for the Vermont Marble Company, Roger Stanton Pike, from this humble beginning, has risen to a place in the insurance world that is equalled by few others in Vermont. During this time, however, he has been variously occupied in other pursuits, his insurance career having begun in 1910. With offices at No. 55½ Merchants Row, Rutland, he now conducts one of the largest general insurance firms in this vicinity, representing many fire insurance companies of repute and importance. Various other interests have also benefited through contact with Mr. Pike, including financial institutions, and he has taken a liberal part in the conduct of civic affairs in Rutland, having served on the Board



of Aldermen, and as commissioner of public safety. Fraternal organizations also have received a great deal of his attention, and he belongs to many secret societies or fraternities, and at the same time participates actively in the affairs of his church.

Mr. Pike was born January 17, 1885, at Hampton Falls, New Hampshire, son of Matthew S. and Helen M. (Dow) Pike. The house in which he was born, it is interesting to note, was partly in Exeter and partly in Hampton Falls, the line dividing the building being exactly in the center. Mr. Pike was born on the Hampton Falls side. The Pikes have long been residents of New England, the founders of this family coming here from England, first located in Salisbury, Massachusetts. Among Mr. Pike's antecedents was Judge Robert Pike, famous in early American history.

Roger Stanton Pike obtained his entire scholastic training at Phillips Exeter Academy, located at Exeter, New Hampshire, and was graduated from this institution in 1905. His first experience in gainful employment came with his acceptance of a position as shipping clerk for the Vermont Marble Company of Proctor, Vermont. Later he resigned this position and accepted a similar one with the Rutland-Florence Marble Company, West Rutland. This was in 1907, and Mr. Pike was so occupied for three years. It was on January 31, 1910, that he entered upon his insurance career, at this time becoming an agent for accident and health insurance. In 1917, he opened an office in the Quinn Building, Rutland, and began his independent conduct of the insurance business. He removed to his present location on Merchants Row in 1926. Here he does a large amount of general insurance, representing among others the Home Fire Insurance Company of New York, the Fireman's Fund of San Francisco, the North British and Mercantile, the Great American Indemnity, and the American Fidelity. As previously stated, Mr. Pike has not confined his activities alone to Insurance, but has participated in the affairs of other enterprises, among them being the Vermont Investment Thrift and Loan Corporation, serving as a director thereof. He has participated in public life, serving for four years as a member of the Board of Aldermen, and in 1915, he filled the office of commissioner of public safety most creditably.

Fraternal affiliations of Mr. Pike are numerous, but it is in the Masonic order, perhaps, that he is most active. He is a member of both the York and Scottish Rites, and has served as presiding officer in every York Rite body, including the Grotto and Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He served as Potentate of Cairo Temple in 1924, and other fraternal affiliations include membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In this last-named body he has served as Leading Knight. Mr. Pike is especially well known in the ranks of the Rotary Club, having organized the first Rotary Club in Vermont, at Rutland, which started with twenty-five members. He is a member of the Rutland Country Club, and he and his family attend the Congregational Church of Rutland.

Roper Stanton Pike married Viletta Terrill Curtis, daughter of Edward S. and Viletta (Terrill) Curtis, and they are parents of one son: Edward S. Pike, born October 28, 1911, graduated from high school in 1928, and is now a student at Middlebury College, class of 1932.

**FRED BARNES PINGREE**—His various departments of activity in the legal interests of his State and community have upon all occasions found Judge Pingree efficient and resourceful, capable and discerning whether as justice or prosecuting attorney, and a public official possessing a well-trained legal mind. Judge Pingree has been engaged in practice throughout the State for a con-

siderable period, and is a prominent member of the Vermont State bar.

Judge Fred Barnes Pingree was born August 16, 1869, in Chicago, Illinois, a son of William Pingree, who was born at Salisbury, New Hampshire, in 1830, and died in 1889, and of Mary (Barnes) Pingree, who was born at Belvidere, Illinois, and died September 6, 1928. William Pingree was a railroad man throughout his career, having been employed as general ticket agent by the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, and as general agent on the Pacific Coast for that railroad.

Judge Pingree attended the public schools in Chicago, Illinois, and in Los Angeles, California, and, graduating at the Commercial High School, in San Francisco, California, he then read law in the office of former Governor Samuel E. Pingree, at Hartford, Vermont. Admitted to the bar of the State of Vermont in 1897, Judge Pingree then began to practice his profession at Woodstock, Vermont, where he continued until 1899, when he removed to Chester, Vermont, and established his office there. In 1901, he came to Bellows Falls, and as a member of the Vermont State Bar Association and the Windham County Bar Association, he there continues, with his office at No. 14 Square.

Chosen to office for his abilities as a legal leader and as an outstanding representative of his community and people, Judge Pingree served as deputy county clerk of Windsor County, Vermont, for two years, and consecutively as police court judge of Bellows Falls for six years, and as justice of the peace for ten years; while for the past ten years he has held the office of prosecuting attorney for the town of Rockingham, Vermont.

A Republican in political matters, Judge Pingree has served as delegate to several Republican State conventions. During the World War, he was a member of the legal advisory board of Windham. He attends the Congregational church, and his recreations are hunting, fishing and motor-boating.

**HON. HENRY L. CLARK**—In his day the late Judge Henry L. Clark was one of the foremost and best known lawyers and legislators of this State. He carried in his veins the blood of many of the early settlers of New England; and in character, ability and achievement he represented the best type of Vermonter. The paternal line of Judge Clark's ancestry is believed to begin in this country with Thomas Clark, mate of the "Mayflower" on her famous voyage in 1620. He did not remain with the Pilgrims, however, but returned to England with his ship. Three years later he came back to Plymouth in the good ship "Ann" and settled permanently in that colony. His descendants in this line remained in Massachusetts until shortly after the Revolutionary War when the immediate forebears of Henry L. Clark located in this State. He was born in Mt. Holly, February 5, 1847, the eldest of Anson G. and Abigail (Kilburn) Clark's five children. His boyhood was evidently that of all farmers' boys of the period, spent on the family farm, at first in Mt. Holly, later in Leicester. His schooling was limited to Rutland High School and Brandon Seminary. Details and reminiscences of his boyhood and youth are missing, both because he survived his parents and all his colleagues of that period who might have supplied them from recollection, and because consistently with his well known reticence he seldom talked of himself and his early life to his later associates or even to his own family. It is known that during the intervals of his own schooling he taught at various times and places in district schools.

While still in his teens he began his long legal career by reading law in the office of Edgerton and Nicholson in Rutland. This apprenticeship was pursued in the traditional manner, including the performance of the janitorial duties. In 1868 he secured employment as Register



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of the Probate Court of the Fair Haven District by Judge C. M. Willard, then the Probate Judge of that District, and took up his residence in Castleton. He continued to read law with Judge Willard, meantime housekeeping for himself in a room on the upper floor of the old "Union Block," which old timers will recall as the principal business block in Castleton Village, burned about thirty years ago. In 1870 Judge Willard retired from the probate judgeship and was succeeded by Jerome B. Bromley, prior thereto a general practitioner in Pawlet. H. L. Clark was admitted to the bar in 1870 and was taken into partnership by Judge Bromley. They continued in practice in Castleton under the name of Bromley and Clark until the death of Judge Bromley in 1899, Bromley retaining the probate judgeship and Clark being Register throughout that period of twenty-nine years. For six years he was assistant judge of Rutland County Court on the bench with Austin S. Baker and Judge Joseph E. Manley.

Upon the death of Judge Bromley, Clark was appointed Probate Judge by the Governor and held the office by biennial election thereafter until February 1, 1925. Generally there was no opposition candidate for the office. Judge Clark never appointed a Register to assist him in the probate office. He had no associate after the death of Judge Bromley. He had no clerk or stenographer. Every detail of the business from his judicial duties to the bookkeeping and typewriting was done by himself. Every word in the probate records of the Fair Haven District was written by him from 1868 to 1899 (thirty-one years), as Register, and from 1899 as Judge until two or three years before his retirement, when the increasing difficulty of keeping up the work of the office forced him to allow his daughter to undertake the probate recording. For a total period of fifty-four years he did the entire recording personally.

Judge Clark's natural capacity for leadership made him prominent in political circles, and his sound judgment and keen political discernment contributed largely to the Republican party's success in his day. In 1884 he represented the town of Castleton in the Legislature, and during that session he served as chairman of the committee on elections and as a member of the committee on claims. He represented Rutland County in the State Senate in 1886 and there served as chairman of the committee on claims and on the judiciary committee. From 1886 to 1888 he was a member of the board of State railroad commissioners. In 1896 he was again a member of the Legislature and served on the committee on claims and on the committee on the judiciary. He went back to the Legislature for the last time in 1906 and in that session served on the committee on insurance and on the committee on the judiciary. In 1910 he was a member of the State Senate for the last time and served on the committees on the Judiciary and Corporations and was chairman of the Committee on Municipal Corporations. He was also a member of the Joint Standing Committees on Joint Rules and the House of Correction. He served as town clerk for very many years. He was a resident trustee of the Castleton Normal School for a long period, did similar service as a member of the board of trustees of the Rutland County Grammar School and was a trustee of the Castleton Cemetery Association.

In the earlier years Castleton and neighboring towns afforded considerable general practice, and Judge Clark was an active practitioner before the County Court in Rutland and before the Supreme Court. In later years he felt it necessary to refuse litigated matters, and with these eliminated the general practice furnished by the community was practically negligible. The work of the probate office occupied most of his time and the balance was devoted to the fire insurance business and to the town clerkship. He was local agent for the Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and nearly every build-

ing in the town was covered by Vermont Mutual insurance. Judge Clark by reason of his long service as probate judge and town clerk and by reason of his long residence and practice occupied a position of influence in his community, during the last twenty-five years or more, which may not perhaps be described as unique, but which finds its equal more nearly in the "squire" of earlier generations. The people of the community consulted him and relied upon him for the solution of every sort of problem. If the consultation was extralegal, it was, of course, gratuitous. If it was strictly legal, it also was generally gratuitous. Occasionally, though rarely, even if the client were amply able to pay, would he charge for office counsel, and then ordinarily only one dollar. He believed that the office of Probate Judge carried an obligation of free advice in estate matters, which is certainly not imposed by statute, and which he observed cheerfully and without limit in the conduct of the office.

If Smith wanted to buy Brown's farm, the formula was for Smith to consult Judge Clark about as follows:

"Judge, does Brown hold good title to that farm he is living on?" An answer as to any Castleton property could usually be given without any examination of the title. Judge Clark himself had probably drawn the deed or probated the will by which Brown acquired his title. An answer in favor of the title was accepted as the equivalent of a policy of title insurance and the Judge was requested to prepare a deed. This oral certificate of title carried no fee. The compensation, if any, was reflected in the charge of one dollar for drawing the deed and the further fee of one dollar for recording the deed as town clerk.

One of his sons recalls the following incident which occurred while visiting his father's office one summer:

A local farmer client called to execute a will which Judge Clark had prepared for him. The judge had previously had a consultation as to the client's wishes, had drafted the will and copied it himself on the typewriter. He asked his son to wait and act as a witness and went out in the street and gathered in two other witnesses. When the execution was completed the judge gave each of the witnesses a cigar for his time. The client then inquired the amount of the "damages." Judge Clark replied, "Oh, about a dollar." The client searched himself and counted out laboriously dimes and nickles until he reached an aggregate of eighty cents, with little prospect of him producing more. Judge Clark interrupted the search with "I don't want to take a man's last cent for making a will—call it seventy-five cents." And the matter was closed on that basis.

In October, 1924, being then in his seventy-eighth year, Judge Clark suffered a breakdown. He had been carrying as great a load of detail as when in the prime of life—in fact it is thought the amount of probate work had been gradually increasing. In brief, the growing infirmities of age had made it impossible for him to despatch his work with former promptness. The effort to keep up was too great a strain, and he became physically disabled for the first time in more than half a century. The disability was entirely physical and the judge was unable to understand it, recognizing no infirmity of age. Physicians explained to him that the machine was old and had been run very hard, that it needed a rest, and predicted a renewed period of usefulness if he would take several weeks' complete rest. Their advice and the urging of the family were of no avail. It seemed to the judge that there was no one available to carry on his work, even temporarily. But more than that, he felt and declared that if he quit then he would never work any more; and he said, "I am not through yet." With indomitable will he forced his body to go on after only a couple of weeks' rest. Before that breakdown he had walked between his house and his office six trips a day. He never made the trip again on foot and found great difficulty in



walking about his office. However, during November and December, 1924, he continued to work with such grim determination that he kept up with current work and made up the accumulation caused by his disability in October. But early in January, 1925, a more severe breakdown resulted from the unwise effort. His disability seemed complete and permanent. On February 1, 1925, he tendered to the Governor his resignation as Judge of Probate. Difficult as it was for him to surrender the business which he loved, which with all respect to his successor, he naturally felt could not be properly administered by anyone else, his reaction to the relief from that physical burden was immediate and within a month he was back in his office. Judge Clark was for many years a director of the Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance Company and of the Marble Savings Bank of Rutland, in whose affairs he took an active interest.

Judge Henry L. Clark married, in 1873, Lora M. Holt, a graduate of Castleton Normal School. She was a daughter of Nathan Holt of Weston. The Holt family also dates back to the beginnings of New England history. From this union the following children were born: 1. Henry Wallace, a sketch of whom accompanies this. 2. Eva M., deceased. 3. Alleyne, who graduated from the Castleton Normal School and from Brown University. 4. Carroll B., who graduated from Cornell University. Mrs. Clark died in 1923.

Judge Clark passed away April 6, 1926, having made a record of which his posterity may ever be proud. The State of Vermont lost an upright, loyal citizen and the profession which he adorned, a member who lived up to its highest and best traditions. He was widely mourned by a circle of friends to whom a whole lifetime of intimate acquaintance had served only to reveal more fully the excellencies of a most estimable character and personality.

**HENRY WALLACE CLARK** was born in Castleton, July 27, 1874, son of Judge Henry L. Clark (a sketch of whom accompanies this) and Lora M. (Holt) Clark. His preparation for college was made at the Castleton Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1891, after which he attended the English and Classical School of Professor Perry at Rutland. He then entered the University of Vermont at Burlington, from which he was graduated in 1897 with the highest honors, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1922 his *alma mater* conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. After leaving the university he entered New York Law School, from which he graduated in 1899 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and was admitted to the bar of New York in the same year. He began his professional life as a clerk in the New York City law office of Sullivan and Cromwell. In 1904 he severed this relation to become associated with the firm of Boardman, Platt and Soley, and remained with them and the firms that succeeded them until 1909. In that year he entered the New York law department of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroad systems. Upon the dissolution in 1913 of the common management of those systems, Mr. Clark became counsel for the Union Pacific system, and later was made its vice-president and general counsel. He was also made a director and officer of various subsidiary companies in that system. Since 1921 he has been a member of the law firm of Clark, Carr and Ellis, which was organized in that year.

Mr. Clark's professional affiliations include the Association of the Bar of the City of New York; New York County Lawyers' Association; New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He is also a member of the Delta Psi Fraternity. His clubs are the Metropolitan and Bankers of New York City, and the Ardsley Country, of Ardsley-on-the-Hudson.

On December 31, 1904, Henry Wallace Clark married Marion C. Logan, daughter of Alexander Logan, of New York City.

**ALEXANDER W. MONTGOMERY**—As treasurer and manager of the White River Chair Company, Alexander W. Montgomery plays a prominent part in the industrial life of Brattleboro, where he has been active in a business way since 1905, the year in which he came here as bookkeeper of this organization.

Mr. Montgomery was born in New York City, March 4, 1870, a son of Alexander Charles and Elizabeth (Hoag) Montgomery. His father, who was born in Chambley Basin, Quebec, Dominion of Canada, was engaged throughout the productive years of his life as a painter, while the mother was born in New York City; both are now deceased. The son received his early education in the public schools of New York City, his birthplace, and then held different positions until 1905, when he came to Brattleboro to become bookkeeper for the White River Chair Company, with which he has done such useful work in the years since that time. In 1914 he was made assistant manager, a step of advancement which was the beginning of his rise to his present executive position.

The White River Chair Company was organized a year before Mr. Montgomery's advent to the firm, having been established in 1904 at White River Junction, Vermont, by B. Souto, who was then its president; F. A. Thompson, treasurer and manager; and a small group with whom they were associated. The business continued for about a year at White River Junction, but at the end of that period was burned out. It was then removed to Brattleboro, where ever since that time it has continued. It manufactures a line of office chairs exclusively, and ranks as the largest organization of its kind in the State of Vermont. It employs one hundred and fifty persons, and is situated at No. 190 Vernon Street, Brattleboro. In 1924 B. Souto, the president, died, and was succeeded by his son, B. V. Souto. Then, in July, 1927, F. A. Thompson retired, and Alexander W. Montgomery was made treasurer and manager.

He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which his affiliation is with the Brattleboro Lodge, No. 102, being Past Master of same; and a thirty-second degree Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Mason. He likewise is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is connected with the Wantastiquet Lodge. He is a member of the Brattleboro Club, and of the Associated Industries of Vermont. Politically, he has not aligned himself with either of the existing major parties, having preferred to follow an independent course and to choose the candidates which he has believed most fitted for the offices to which they aspire. Mr. Montgomery also has been from 1901 to 1906 a member of the Twenty-second Regiment of the New York National Guard. His religious affiliation is with the Episcopal church, of which he is treasurer.

In 1896 Alexander W. Montgomery married Mary C. MacCartie, born in New York City. They have become the parents of one son, Harry A., who is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, having been graduated from that institution in the class of 1918, and who is serving in the United States Army Engineering Corps with the rank of first lieutenant. He also was with the American Expeditionary Forces in France. He now is a first lieutenant in the United States Army Engineering Corps, stationed in the Panama Canal Zone.

**LEON R. COVEY**—Among the business leaders of Wilmington, a place of high rank is given by popular accord to Leon R. Covey, furniture dealer and undertaker, which businesses he represents as the senior mem-



ber of the firm of Covey & Allen. A native of Wilmington, Mr. Covey was born August 5, 1895, the son of George T. and Jennie (Brown) Covey, both born in Wilmington, the former a well-known farmer. After he had finished his course in the local public schools, the son Leon entered the employ of Floyd Crafts, who was engaged in the livery business in Wilmington. At the end of four years he severed that connection and established himself in a similar line of business in the same town and was thus engaged for five years. In 1920 he joined forces with Harold G. Allen in forming the firm of Covey & Allen, which has ever since conducted a combined furniture and undertaking establishment, which has a strong hold upon the confidence and respect of the townspeople. Mr. Covey cannot be classed as a pronounced partisan, rather he is given to independent action in political affairs. He is an attendant of the Congregational church, to whose activities he gives liberally of his means.

Leon R. Covey married (first), in 1915, Jessie Adams, born in Vermont, who died the year of her marriage. He married (second), in 1916, Bell Eames, a native of Marlboro, who died in 1918, leaving a daughter, Margaret Eleanor. He married (third), in 1919, Florence Reed, born in Jacksonville, Vermont, and they are the parents of a daughter, Elizabeth May.

**LOUIS I. ALLEN**—Ranking among the largest independent wholesale distributors of oil and gas in Southern Vermont, Louis I. Allen also has a garage on Bridge Street, operates a bus line and has storage tanks on Vernon Street, and is known as one of the foremost business men of this place. There is scarcely any phase of Brattleboro life in which he is not keenly interested, having spent practically all his life here and being intimately acquainted with the people and with the industrial conditions.

Mr. Allen was born in Brattleboro, Vermont, on April 29, 1882, a son of Charles E. and Emma M. (Hodge) Allen. His father was born in Westminster, Vermont, where he lived for a time, and then became engaged in the florist's business in Brattleboro, where he lived and worked in this capacity for fifty-two years; he died in 1925. The mother, Emma M. (Hodge) Allen, was born in Groton, Massachusetts; she also died in 1925. Louis I. Allen received his early education in the public schools of Brattleboro, and upon completing his education he went to work for the Dunham Brothers Company, of Brattleboro. With this company he remained for three and one-half years, and then went with Swift and Company for another three and one-half years. With Swift and Company he gained a knowledge of salesmanship and its problems, having been engaged in this type of work with that organization. Then he worked for seven years in the tea and coffee business as salesman in northern New England. In 1913 he entered the baggage transfer business, and has continued it along with his other endeavors ever since that time. In 1922 he also became distributor of oils, greases, gasoline and tires, all of his oils and greases being Texas products. In 1926 he discontinued the Texas line and contracted with the Mexican Petroleum Corporation, and today he is the sole proprietor of this business, as well as of the transfer establishment which he conducts.

In addition to his work in these connections, Mr. Allen takes a prominent part in the civic and fraternal life of his community and State. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he belongs to Brattleboro Lodge, No. 102; the Fort Dummer Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; the Connecticut Valley Council of Royal and Select Masters; the Beauseant Commandery, Knights Templar; and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which

his affiliation is with the Brattleboro Lodge, No. 1499. His other social connections are with the Brattleboro Club and the Brattleboro Country Club. In his political views he is a staunch supporter of the Republican party and its principles. He attends the Congregational church. His favorite hobbies are all kinds of sports, notably baseball and horseback riding.

On October 20, 1920, Mr. Allen married Eloise O. Saunders, born at Newfane, Vermont, daughter of H. S. and Ella Saunders, the former deceased, the latter living.

**CHARLES HUNTOON LANDON**—None but the very oldest residents of Rutland can remember when there was no Landon hardware store in Evelyn Street, because it was there when Vermont's surviving soldiers returned from the battlefields of the Civil War, just as it was still there when their grandsons came back from the carnage of the World War in France. It is one of the institutions of the city, its growth during more than sixty years being illustrative of the healthy development of commercial Vermont. At the head of this establishment stands Charles Huntoon Landon, president of W. C. Landon & Company, Incorporated. Trained from boyhood in the business that has been a family heritage, he has constantly striven to provide for the growing demands of commerce the material that is required by continually changing conditions, his success in this having been reflected by the development of the establishment of which he is the chief. Thus is strikingly illustrated the good citizenship of which he is a conspicuous example, because of which he has won and retains the respect and esteem of his fellow merchants and of the entire body politic with which he has long been associated.

It was in 1865 that W. C. Landon, father of Charles Huntoon, established the hardware business in Rutland, that has functioned uninterruptedly ever since in Evelyn Street, yet with constant expansion. At first occupying a small brick building and doing only a retail business, the founder matched his growing business by enlarging his stock and adding to his floor space until now the business occupies two large brick blocks with many thousand feet of floor space. In 1898 his son, Charles H. Landon, and William H. Spaulding, were admitted as partners and the firm entered the wholesale field. They also added a line of automobiles at this time. The death of the founder occurred in 1910 and in 1924 the business was incorporated under the title of W. C. Landon & Company, Incorporated, with Charles H. Landon as president and William H. Spaulding as vice-president. William H. Spaulding died in 1924 and his son, Richard B. Spaulding, succeeded him as vice-president. From its incorporation the business has shown increasing growth, particularly in the wholesale field. It has the State agency for the Oldsmobile line of motor cars and for Zenith Radio sets. In addition to general hardware, automobiles and radios, the establishment deals in paints, farming implements, ammunition, building and contractors' supplies of all kinds. This diversified stock of supplies has met with such appreciation that the business of the corporation during the last ten years has multiplied many times. Practically every employee of the concern saw service in the World War and every man is as jealous of the success of the business as are the executives who guide its destinies. C. P. Gordon Landon, son of the president, is a veteran of the World War and now the treasurer of the corporation.

The military record of the president includes sixteen years of service in the Vermont National Guard in all ranks from private to captain. He served as first lieutenant of Company A, 1st Vermont Volunteers, during the Spanish-American War and after the reorganization of the State Militia following this, he was appointed State inspector of rifle practice with the rank of captain.



He is one of the Sinking Fund Commissioners of the City of Rutland, vice-president of the Central Bank of Rutland and member of the Chamber of Commerce. He served the City of Rutland as School Commissioner for nine years and was also for a number of years treasurer of the Rutland Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and of the local camp of Sons of Veterans. He is affiliated with the Military Order of Foreign Wars, in which he served at various times as secretary, treasurer and commander of the Department of Vermont. He is Past Commander of Camp Foyles, Spanish War Veterans. He is also affiliated with various Masonic orders and the Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the Congregational church.

Charles H. Landon married, April 26, 1892, Mattie M. Gordon of Dalton, Georgia, a daughter of Charles P. and Maggie (Manly) Gordon. Children: C. P. Gordon, born July 31, 1896; Mary Margaret, born December 23, 1901.

**OSCAR A. GAST**, as the head of one of Bellows Falls' oldest commercial enterprises, continues to carry on the splendid traditions established by his predecessors in the pharmacy of which he is now owner and proprietor. Mr. Gast has been connected with the drug business in this city during his entire career and holds the unique record of having come directly from high school to work in his present store. Here he made such rapid progress that ten years later he was enabled to purchase a half-interest in the business and a year following acquired full control, changing the name at that time (1906) to its present form, O. A. Gast, and proceeding to conduct the affairs of this establishment with consistently favorable results until it is now one of the outstanding organizations of its kind and a credit to the pharmaceutical trade.

Mr. Gast was born in Germany, September 25, 1877, son of August and Mary (Taube) Gast; his father, a native of Germany, is now deceased, while his mother, also born in Germany, still survives him. August Gast came to the United States and settled in Bellows Falls, where he was an industrious worker and respected citizen all his life.

Oscar A. Gast was educated in the public schools of Bellows Falls, and after high school, entered the employ of J. F. Pierce in 1895, at the latter's drug store in this city. Three years later, S. W. Wilder purchased the business from Mr. Pierce and operated it for a year and a half, disposing of it to Colonel E. G. Osgood, who also continued for another year and a half, selling out to Dodge and Fuller. Mr. Gast continued in the employ of each new owner, to whom he was of great value by reason of his thorough and expert knowledge of the business, and in 1905 he purchased Mr. Fuller's interest and became a partner in the firm. In 1906, he bought out Mr. Dodge's share and became sole owner and has ever since operated the store at its original location at Westminster Street and Square, it being one of the oldest pharmacies in this city. Always alert to the advance of modern progress, Mr. Gast has kept abreast of all the latest methods and discoveries in the field of pharmacy and its allied products, and his establishment continues to receive the increased patronage and fullest confidence of the citizens of this community. He is a prominent member of the Vermont State Pharmaceutical Association and a vigorous member of the local Chamber of Commerce. In his fraternal affiliations, he is a valued member of Bellows Falls Lodge, No. 23, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His political principles are those of the Republican party; and he attends the Congregational church. His hobby is antique-collecting, in which he has made many valuable acquisitions.

Oscar A. Gast married, in 1899, Mertie D. Cory, who was born in Westminster, daughter of George M. and

Emila (Shepard) Cory, both deceased. Her father was one of the selectmen for a number of years.

**RICHARD BILLINGS**—The Billings family is not only one of those which helped to found Vermont towns as original grantees, but it is numbered among the early colonial Puritan pioneers in both Massachusetts and Connecticut. By marriage in all its generations it has linked itself with other early families, so that it is safe to say that the Billingses of today are still full-blooded New England Yankees. As the record shows, in times of peace they have ever borne their share of civic responsibility, frequently in public office and always with credit to themselves and to the satisfaction of their constituents, and in times of war they have done their duty in protecting settlements from the invading Indian or in the establishment of this country as a free and independent nation.

The name "Billing" is Anglo-Saxon and means a "place by the meadow." It was originally written "de Billing." In the Domesday Book it is spelled "Bellinge." The final "s" was not added until early in the eighteenth century in this country. The name is found on record in England as early as 1221 A. D., in the sixth year of the reign of Henry III. The line here under consideration traces directly from John Billing who was a patron of the Church of Colly-Weston. He also had lands in Rushden. His eldest son was Sir Thomas Billings, a barrister, knighted in 1458. He was principal law adviser to Edward IV; in 1465 he was made Justice of the King's Bench and three years later Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench. His youngest son by his second marriage was Nicholas Billings, from whom the line traces through his son John, his son William, his son Roger, who inherited lands in Somersetshire from his father and settled at Baltonsburgh, where he died in 1596. His son Richard became a resident of Taunton, Somersetshire, and his son William was the father of the William Billings who founded the family in America about the middle of the seventeenth century. He is said to have been one of the original proprietors of Lancaster, Massachusetts, in 1654. Three years later he became one of the largest landed proprietors in Stonington, Connecticut. His son William died in Preston, Connecticut, in 1738. It was his son Joseph who added the final "s" to the name. His youngest son, Samuel, resided in Montville, a suburb of New London and was one of the defenders of Fort Griswold who were killed in the famous massacre at that fort. His son John, born November 10, 1751, followed the sea in early life. He enlisted on May 1, 1775, and served in the Revolution until 1778. He then sold his lands in Connecticut and moved to Royalton, this State, where he died August 22, 1832. He married Olive Noble, daughter of James Noble of the North Parish of New London. She died in East Bethel, this State, May 14, 1843, aged eighty-nine. John Billings was one of the original grantees of the town of Royalton. He was called "Captain" Billings. He served many years as registrar of probate and was employed by many of his fellow-citizens to settle estates. He was an earnest Christian and was a member of the Baptist church, although he differed somewhat from that denomination in belief, his wife sharing his views. Their son, Oel Billings, the grandfather of Richard Billings, was born in Royalton, April 18, 1788, and died in Woodstock on November 29, 1871. On March 13, 1817, he married Sophia Wetherbe, daughter of Jason and Sophia (Farwell) Wetherbe, who was born March 25, 1796, and died May 1, 1870. She was a granddaughter of Captain Isaac Farwell, a soldier in the Revolution. Oel Billings was a farmer and merchant in Royalton until 1835 when he removed to Woodstock. He was prominently identified with the social, educational and religious interests of Woodstock, and held the highest offices in the gift of the town, among them being registrar of probate, for Windsor County, and member-







*Frederick Bellamy*

ship in the Legislature of 1825. He was a member of the first board of trustees of the Ottaquechee Savings Bank of Woodstock, which was organized in 1847. He was one of the twenty persons who organized a book club in Woodstock in the spring of 1855, his wife serving as a member of its standing committee. This was one of the first steps that led ultimately to the establishment of a public library in the town.

Oel and Sophia (Wetherbe) Billings were the parents of Frederick Billings, whose biography accompanies this sketch. He married Julia Parmly.

Richard Billings, son of Frederick and Julia (Parmly) Billings, was born in Woodstock, January 31, 1875. He was graduated from Amherst College in 1897 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. It would seem only natural for him to follow in the footsteps of his father as a railroad man; the business is attractive from many angles and none demands a wider range of knowledge or more varied ability. So, after completing his college course, Mr. Billings entered the employ of the Northern Pacific Railroad to learn the business in a practical way. He remained with that road five years. Then in 1903 he became a resident of New York City. He has always been intensely interested in mathematics, in which branch of science he acquired considerable proficiency. He became a director of the Washington Life Insurance Company in 1905 and was the only member of the board who could understand the actuarial statements. But the railroad business had not lost its lure. His summer home was in Woodstock and the run-down condition of the Woodstock Railroad appealed strongly to his constructive instincts. So about 1914 he took it over. The rehabilitation of a small railroad physically presents many interesting problems. The Woodstock road passes through an old country where development has settled down to a very moderate pace; where, in more recent years, keen competition has been set up by motor truck interests for short-haul freight. Notwithstanding all the handicaps that had to be overcome, Mr. Billings has built up the road and provided comfortable cars for passengers and adequate freight equipment and service. President Coolidge's private car was hauled over this road on his last trip to Vermont.

In 1916 Mr. Billings became president of the Connecticut River Railroad Company, which had been leased by the Boston and Maine Railroad. As a result of this connection he became a director of the Boston and Maine Railroad. This was at a time when that road had fallen into bad straits. Mr. Billings contributed largely to the successful rehabilitation of that system. He resigned in 1925.

Mr. Billings is president of the Woodstock Railroad; vice-president of the Woodstock Aqueduct Company; director of the Connecticut and Passumpsic Rivers Railroad. He is a member of the Manhattan Club of New York City; Ardsley Club of Ardsley-on-the-Hudson; Lakota Club of Woodstock; and Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. Mr. Billings is a Democrat but has no political aspirations. He takes a keen interest in all public questions and is contributing his share of time and effort to the welfare of his native State, especially as it concerns Woodstock. In 1927 he was chairman of the building committee that rebuilt the Town Hall, to which project he made generous contribution of money as well as time and effort. A most unattractive building was converted into a beautiful one. In 1923 he was chairman of the committee appointed to buy a fire engine for the town, and they purchased the third standard fire engine in the State. Mr. Billings put this through over a great deal of opposition, and as a result of this installation many other towns in the State installed similar equipment. Mr. Billings is a lay preacher of the Universalist church and finds great pleasure in public speaking.

Richard Billings married in Woodstock, May 25, 1898,

May Merrill, who comes of an old New England family. They have one child, Pauline.

**FREDERICK BILLINGS**—It is safe to say that until Calvin Coolidge went to Washington no other son of Vermont was so widely and favorably known as the late Frederick Billings. And few, if any, have done so much to spread the fair fame of this Green Mountain State. It will be noted from his ancestry, an outline of which appears in the biography accompanying this sketch, that from the middle of the fifteenth century, when this family record begins, each generation in this line of descent has been a constructive factor in the social advance of its time, exemplifying in its practical activities those precepts of good citizenship without which this experiment in Democracy could not have persisted until now. Mr. Billings proved himself a worthy scion of such stock, true to family type and traditions, and he added fresh luster to his family escutcheon. Thus far no history of his native State has carried a worthy sketch of Frederick Billings. What follows has been pieced together from the writings of Bancroft, the Pacific Coast historian, from certain Vermont town histories and from newspapers, especially in Montana where the city of Billings was named in his honor.

Frederick Billings was born in Royalton, September 27, 1823, son of Oel and Sophia (Wetherbe) Billings. In 1835 the family removed to Woodstock. There Frederick attended the grammar school. He made his preparation for college at the famous old Kimball Academy in Meredith, New Hampshire, and then entered the University of Vermont, from which he was graduated in 1844 with the usual degree. Having decided to make the legal profession his vocation, he entered the law office of O. P. Chandler and studied under his preceptorship, as was customary in those days. Meanwhile, he served as secretary to Governor Horace Eaton during his two years in office. Mr. Billings was admitted to the bar in 1848. He had hardly gotten started in practice, however, when news of the discovery of gold in California stirred the country. So, in the spring of 1849, in company with his brother-in-law, he went to San Francisco and immediately upon his arrival opened a law office in Portsmouth Square. It was the first in the settlement. Among his earliest clients was Sutter, the old Swiss pioneer on whose land gold was discovered. Later, Mr. Billings formed a partnership with Archibald C. Peachy under the firm name of Peachy and Billings. They were successful from the very beginning, both in court and as counsellors to business men. In 1854 Captain Henry W. Halleck was taken into partnership. Up to that time he had been military secretary of California; but he left the army for the practice of law. Later he was for a time Commander-in-Chief of the Union forces in the Civil War. The friendship established with Mr. Billings at that time endured for a lifetime. Soon afterward Trenor W. Park was admitted to the firm and for many years Halleck, Peachy, Billings and Park was recognized as the leading law firm in San Francisco. In later years Oscar L. Shaffer also became a member of the partnership. This firm built, at a cost of \$400,000, the Montgomery Block, which was the first and for many years the finest office building in California. Mr. Billings was one of those who did the preliminary work in founding Oakland College, which afterward became the University of California. The work of organizing this institution covered the period from 1849 to 1855. He was a member of the first board of trustees.

In 1860 Mr. Billings stumped the State of California in company with Starr King, and California was saved to the Union largely through their efforts. In the early '60's the law firm was dissolved, Mr. Billings having been selected by General Fremont to accompany him to England and help sell to a British syndicate the Gen-



eral's Mariposa estate. The Civil War broke out almost immediately after their arrival, and they returned to this country without having accomplished their mission. Having married, and suffering somewhat from impaired health, Mr. Billings closed up his affairs in San Francisco about 1865 and with his wife returned to New York City where they resided about a year. In 1866 he removed to Woodstock, his boyhood home, where he had purchased the old Marsh homestead. This later he remodelled into one of the finest residences in the State.

Mr. Billings became most widely known, of course, by reason of his connection with the Northern Pacific Railroad. This began in 1869 when he purchased a half interest from Hiram Walbridge. In 1870 Mr. Billings became a member of the board of directors, which office he held until a year before his death. In 1873 the road fell upon evil days owing to the historic financial panic of that year, which made it impossible for Jay Cooke, the famous Civil War financier, to carry out his plans for obtaining funds for the road. This burden then fell upon Mr. Billings, who proved himself quite equal to the emergency. He borrowed money in sums of only a thousand dollars at a time by pledging the securities of the road to the value of two or three times that amount. By reducing the operating force to the lowest possible minimum and by cutting overhead and all other expenses to the limit, the road was kept going. The road had been built as far west as the Missouri River and now the problem was to bridge it. Stone for this job had to be transported seven hundred and fifty miles. To this day that is considered one of the great engineering accomplishments in early railroad building.

On April 16, 1875, proceedings in bankruptcy were commenced in the United States Circuit Court in New York City, and G. W. Cass, then president of the company, was appointed receiver. A plan of reorganization was adopted by a committee appointed by bondholders in whose interest the entire property was purchased. Thus the bondholders, represented by a committee, among whom was Mr. Billings, themselves became the Northern Pacific Railroad Company. Through the efforts of Mr. Billings and his associates the tide was turned and the road began to prosper at a rapidly increasing pace. At a meeting of the board of directors in 1875, Mr. Billings's accomplishment in reorganizing and refinancing the company was declared to be the most brilliant financial achievement of the age. At that time they honored him by engraving his portrait on the stock certificates of the road, and in 1879 he was elected its president. During the two years he filled that office he secured a general mortgage loan of \$40,000,000 from a syndicate composed of Winslow, Lanier and Company, Drexel, Morgan & Company and A. Belmont and Company.

In 1881, the controlling interest in the road having passed into the hands of Henry Villard, Mr. Billings was only too glad to relinquish the presidency and its burdens and responsibilities; for his health was already impaired as a result of his strenuous labors to save this important artery of traffic and put it on a profitable basis. But, after all, the service he performed for the financial interests involved was probably the least benefit conferred by his keen business acumen and indefatigable labors. A railroad penetrating an unsettled territory as did the Northern Pacific is a vitally important factor in the upbuilding of the country; and Mr. Billings is justly entitled to a high place in the historic annals of this country's empire builders. His interest in his native State and town never abated during all the years of his absence from it, and when he resumed residence in Woodstock his presence made itself felt in its affairs. In 1869 he became president of its bank.

The keen interest in educational matters that Mr. Billings demonstrated upon his arrival in California in the days of '49 continued throughout his life. In 1882 he

purchased the library of George P. Marsh, one time United States Minister to Italy, and presented it to the University of Vermont. A short time later he erected a building to house it suitably. A few months before his death he also gave the university an endowment fund of \$50,000 which bears his name. The income of this fund is to be devoted to the expenses of the institution. He also gave \$50,000 to Amherst College, and another \$50,000 to establish a professorship there in memory of his son Parmly, who graduated from Amherst in 1884. The Moody School at Mount Hermon received a similar amount in memory of his son Ehric. He built a church for the Congregationalists in Billings, Montana. These are only a few of his generous benefactions, the number of which was legion. He was a man of broad interests and catholic tastes. He took a great interest in genealogy, and at considerable expense had the Billings family traced back for many generations. Only two years before his death he became a member of the New England Historic-Genealogical Society and showed a keen interest in its work.

Although Mr. Billings was an effective public speaker and was often urged to become a candidate for public office, he never took an active part in a political campaign after the one in 1860 already referred to. He served as Attorney-General of California in 1861 and 1862. When President Lincoln was making over his cabinet for his second term, the California delegation in Congress urged him to give their State representation in it and unanimously recommended Mr. Billings for that honor. It was said that only two days before President Lincoln's assassination he assured a member of the delegation that the request would be complied with. The Legislature of California later unanimously passed a resolution requesting President Johnson to appoint Mr. Billings as a representative of the Pacific Coast. Always an ardent Republican, he represented his native State as delegate-at-large to the National Conventions of 1880 and 1884. He was candidate for the nomination for Governor of this State, and was beaten by one vote.

On March 31, 1862, Frederick Billings married Julia Parmly, daughter of Dr. Eleazar Parmly of New York City, a famous dentist and one of the leading dentists in New York City. From this union seven children were born: Parmly, who died in 1888; Ehric, who died in 1889; Laura; Frederick, Jr., who died May 5, 1912; Mary; Elizabeth, and Richard, whose biography accompanies this. Frederick Billings died September 30, 1890, worn out before his time in the service of his fellowmen. His passing was mourned by a host of friends from coast to coast.

**LUTHER HENRY BARBER**—The only retail dealer in musical instruments and sheet music in Brattleboro and proprietor of a shop that handles an extensive line of the best makes to be had on the market today, Luther Henry Barber might be said literally to have "begun on a shoestring," for as a boy of twelve he commenced to learn the trade of shoemaker in his father's shop and continued to work at the craft for six years. Habits of industry and perseverance developed thus early in youth made it inevitable, perhaps, that, leaving his last to learn about musical instruments and music, he should attain the success that has been his in the handling of them.

Mr. Barber was born in Whitman, Massachusetts, May 12, 1860. His mother before her marriage was Rebekah Bonney of Whitman, and his father, Hardy F. Barber, born at Wilmington, Vermont, followed his shoemaking trade and also had a retail men's furnishings store in Wilmington. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served as a cornetist in the band with the 16th Vermont Regular Volunteers. He was a member of Wilmington Post, Grand Army of the Republic. The



subject of this sketch attended the public schools of Wilmington and spent six years as a shoemaker. In 1879, when he was almost eighteen years of age, he went to Brattleboro to become associated as reed maker and organ tuner with the Estey Organ Company. He remained with this concern until 1904 when he opened his retail music store in three rooms on High Street with nothing in the way of stock but a musical catalogue. From such humble beginning has grown the pretentious establishment at 30 Main Street where Mr. Barber carries a line of Chickering & Sons, Vose & Sons and other high grade pianos, handles all kinds of reed instruments on order, is sole agent for the Victor Talking Machine Company's products, and also carries a complete line of sheet music. Mr. Barber is a Knight Templar and Scottish Rite Mason, belonging to all the Scottish Rite bodies, including Mt. Sinai Shrine and Bingham Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. He holds membership in Brattleboro Lodge, No. 102, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; William Vinton Council, No. 16, and Connecticut Valley Council, No. 16, Royal and Select Masters; Fort Dummer Chapter and Marsh O. Perkins Royal Arch Chapter, No. 18, Royal Arch Masons; Webster Lodge of Perfection, and Beauseant Commandery, Knights Templar. He is also a member of the Brattleboro Lodge, No. 1499, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Brattleboro Club and of the White Mountains Travelers' Association. Affiliated with the Republican party, Mr. Barber takes an active interest in both local and State politics. With his father's Civil War record before him, Mr. Barber took it as a matter of course that he should offer his military-musical services to his country and for three years prior to the Spanish-American War he was a member of the Estey Guards of Brattleboro. He was later transferred to the First Regular Vermont State Militia Band, where he served eight years. Mr. Barber is an attendant of services at the Congregational church. In time that is left to him after he attends to his business, civic and organization duties, he indulges his love for hunting and fishing and out door life in general.

Mr. Barber married in 1888, Anna Allen of Brattleboro, whose death occurred in 1926. Born to them were a son and a daughter, Scott L. and Lela A., and Mrs. Barber has a son, Robert Stickney, by a former marriage.

**CHARLES A. BOYDEN**—Confining his business activities to finance, Charles A. Boyden, of Brattleboro, has made a notable success and has contributed largely to the commercial progress of the town and district through the enterprises with which he has been associated. He has been active in his civic interests and a promoter of all progressive movements that have been initiated for the betterment of the community, making him a citizen of prominence and of value to the body politic.

Mr. Boyden was born in Brattleboro, Vermont, March 19, 1875, a son of George A., a native of Guilford, Vermont, and a hotel proprietor, and of Alice M. (Chase) Boyden, born in Brattleboro, both now deceased. His education was acquired in the public schools here and when he was graduated from high school he entered the service of the Vermont National Bank, as a clerk. He remained in that institution for twelve years, in 1906 leaving it to organize the Brattleboro Trust Company, of which he became treasurer at the time and which office he has since retained. During the World War he was chairman of the Brattleboro Community Chest campaign and did other important patriotic work. He is a Democrat in politics and attends All Souls Church. He belongs to the American Bankers' Association, Brattleboro Board of Trade, Northern New England Bankers' Association, Vermont State Bankers' Association, Boston Chamber of Commerce, Vermont State Chamber

of Commerce. His clubs are the Brattleboro and the Country. He is fraternally affiliated with Brattleboro Lodge, No. 102, Free and Accepted Masons; Fort Dummer Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Connecticut Valley Council, Royal and Select Masters; Beauseant Commandery, Knights Templar; and Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to Wantastiquet Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a director in the Brattleboro & Whitehall Railroad Company and in the Deerfield Ply Wood Company. His recreations are fishing and golf.

Charles A. Boyden married, in 1901, Ethel Waterman, born in Jamaica, Vermont. Their children are: 1. Alice. 2 and 3. James W. and George A., twins.

**FRANK J. CORBETT**—Leading figure in civic, financial and agrarian activities of Wilmington, Frank J. Corbett was born in this community, March 3, 1853, son of Jonathan Hicks and Louisa (Haskins) Corbett, both of whom are since deceased. His father, who was born in Readsboro, Vermont, engaged at farming until the time of his death. He is recalled as a foremost citizen. Louisa (Haskins) Corbett was a native of Dover, Vermont.

Frank J. Corbett attended the public schools of Wilmington, graduated from high school holding a scholastic record significant of studious inclinations, and for seven years thereafter taught school. But, though he enjoyed this profession, he then turned back to the land, purchasing a fertile acreage near Wilmington upon which he has been located continuously through the years succeeding to the present. His farm of 325 acres lies on the Colebrook Road, and is renowned widely throughout the countryside for the fineness of its dairy cattle. Principally, it is a dairy farm. Under Mr. Corbett's able and careful management it has prospered marvelously.

A Republican, Mr. Corbett has been many times honored with political distinctions. In 1895 he went from Wilmington as representative to the General Assembly. Again he served as representative in 1915. For six years he was selectman for the town of Wilmington; for several years, school director; several years overseer of the poor, Wilmington; eight years auditor, and several times has been a delegate to Republican State conventions. In financial affairs, aside from those of his farming interests, he is active, being a trustee and past president of the Wilmington Savings Bank. He has long been a dominant personality in the bank's undertakings, and is now a member of the institution's board of finance. His advice on matters of finance and general business is sought out frequently, both in his capacity as banker and in that as business man and successful farmer. During the World War Mr. Corbett was instrumental in the raising of funds in several patriotic drives, notably in those of the Liberty Loan. He has taken part in all major movements calculated to be of general and widespread benefit to Wilmington and its people, and is accounted one of the foremost men of the town. He attends the Baptist church.

Mr. Corbett married, in 1879, Lettie Coates, who was a native of Wardsboro, Vermont, and who died in 1927, leaving, besides her husband, four children: Nora Belle, Ernest Floyd, Edith Ina, and Minnie Elva.

**FRANK ADAMS**—As a merchant of Bellows Falls, Frank Adams has attained an enviable reputation, having built up the largest grain business in that community. For more than forty-five years he has been growing into the commercial life of the town and the countryside to which its arteries of trade run, and in that period he has become a citizen of the first rank, belonging to that progressive group who give much of their best thought to the civic advance. He is also an



executive of a well-known industry in the paper business, and is one of the foremost members of the Masonic Order in the State.

Frank Adams was born in Alstead, New Hampshire, February 1, 1857, the son of Horace and Olive (Sartwell) Adams; the former, born in Springfield, Vermont, in early life followed the trade of millwright, and later founded and engaged in the grain business, to which his son succeeded; the mother, a native of Langdon, New Hampshire, is deceased. In the grade schools of his native town and of Keene, New Hampshire, the son, Frank, obtained his preliminary education, and finished his academic course at the Keene High School. Mindful of the duty he owed to his father, he became his associate in the grain business, and so continued until the death of his parent, which occurred in 1883. When that sorrow invaded the family circle, Frank Adams was fully equipped from training and experience to step in the breach and assume the proprietorship and management of the business. The store and plant on Mill Street has become the most important establishment of Bellows Falls, dealing in grain, flour, hay and feeds, this status being almost wholly creditable to Frank Adams' ability as a business builder. He has always given most careful attention to the management of his business affairs, and this has been one of the chief elements conducive to its marked success.

Mr. Adams is a Republican in his politics, but has never held public office. He is, essentially, a business man. As a member of the Bellows Falls Chamber of Commerce and the New England Grain Dealers' Association, he actively promotes the purposes and interests of those bodies. He is president of the Standard Paper Company, of Bellows Falls, a lively industrial asset of the town. Fraternal life is one of the series of activities to which Mr. Adams has given of his best efforts. He is affiliated with King Solomon Temple Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Worshipful Master; Abenague Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Holy Cross Commandery, Knights Templar, of which he is a Past Eminent Commander; Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Vermont, of which he is treasurer; the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Vermont; and for the past thirty years he has been treasurer of King Solomon Temple Lodge of Bellows Falls. He is an ardent fisherman and huntsman and enjoys thoroughly his association with men of sportsmanship in the Abenague Rod and Gun Club. In religious affairs he holds a preference for the Universalist church.

Frank Adams married, in 1889, Stella H. Allis, who was born in Cold Spring, New York, and is now deceased. There are three children: 1. Walter F., who served in the United States Army in the World War, with the rank of captain. He is still in active service and now holds a commission as major. 2. Eugene G., served in the World War as second lieutenant in the United States Army. 3. Doris C.

**FREDERICK BEACOM RICH**—An educator who is prominently known among the younger group of school heads in this State, Frederick Beacom Rich, principal of the Burr and Burton Seminary, at Manchester, is making a fine contribution to the progress of learning. Within his field of service, he is accomplishing one of the most constructive pieces of educational work known to the system of private schools in Vermont. It is significant of his standing as a school head that he was called to the principalship of his *alma mater* within ten years of his graduation, having also served as a member of the faculty and as athletic coach.

Born in Randolph, New York, July 4, 1900, Frederick Beacom Rich is the son of Frederick McCullough and

Ella (Beacom) Rich. After studying at the Westfield (New York) High School for three years he entered the Burr and Burton Seminary at Manchester, where he made an excellent record of scholarship, in preparation for advanced studies, graduating in 1918 to Middlebury College, where he continued to manifest his student powers for his career there from 1921 to 1925, graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Science.

After he left the seminary and previous to his entrance at college, Mr. Rich filled most acceptably two positions as cost accountant: first for the Hale Company, at Arlington, Vermont, from 1918 to 1920, and subsequently for Pratt & Lambert, at Buffalo, New York, from 1920 to 1921. But these were only steppingstones, so to speak, to his college career, and as events have since proved, to his work as an educator. In 1925 he accepted the offer of the governing body of the Burr and Burton Seminary to be a teacher and also fill the position of coach in that institution. Until 1927, he held the dual position of teacher and coach, to the great advantage of the seminary and its student body. His superior work could not fail to attract the favorable notice of the seminary authorities, and in the latter year of his teaching, when it became necessary to fill the position of principal, Mr. Rich was deemed the most desirable man available for the place. By arrangement with the board, he was to continue in the principalship until 1929, when, it was to have been expected, he would, all other things being equal, be invited to remain as his own successor. It assuredly has been a most fortunate turn of events for all the parties at interest that Mr. Rich has consented to continue for this length of time in the position of guidance of the affairs of this well and favorably known school.

Mr. Rich has a student's record for military service in the World War period. In 1918 he was a member of the Students' Army Training Corps at the University of Vermont, having been assigned to Company C. He is affiliated with Phi Beta Kappa, the National Council of English Teachers, Delta Upsilon fraternity, Kappa Phi Kappa (National Teachers' Fraternity), and was president of its Middlebury Chapter; and Delta Tau, Wauwanakee and Phi Pi Epsilon (Middlebury College Honor Societies). His religious connection is with the Congregational church at Manchester.

Frederick Beacom Rich married, June 17, 1925, at Danby, Vermont, Nellie Loomis, daughter of Burdette Henry and Lillian (Brown) Loomis.

**MARVELLE CHRISTOPHER WEBBER**—Engaged in legal practice in Rutland continuously since 1901, Marvelle Christopher Webber not only has become one of the most prominent attorneys in Rutland, but his influence has been felt throughout the State, and his practice has included pleading of cases in the United States Supreme Court and the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals. Throughout the years he has resided in Rutland, Mr. Webber has held offices of public trust, has been honored by appointment to important committees by the Governor of the State, and now is centering his efforts in the conduct of a large corporation and general practice in association with James P. Leamy.

The Webbers have long been prominent in the affairs of New England, and members of this family were in Mansfield, Connecticut, previous to 1755. Among these pioneers were two brothers, Richard and Christopher, both of whom served as soldiers in the French and Indian War. Christopher (1), the ancestor of the subject of this sketch, was born in 1740, and was a captain in Colonel Bellows' New Hampshire regiment in the Revolutionary War, serving at Ticonderoga, the Battle of Bennington and Saratoga, New York, at the surrender of Burgoyne. The line descended through Christopher (2) Webber, born in Walpole, New Hampshire, lived



some years in Rutland, Vermont, removed to Cavendish, Vermont, and died there December 5, 1850. He married Electa Storer and among their children was: Hon. Sumner Allen Webber, born at Rutland, December 19, 1798, died on May 20, 1862, at Rochester, Vermont, where he had successfully practiced law since 1824. He married Phoebe Jefferson Guernsey, and their second child was Christopher Allen Webber, born at Rochester, Vermont, August 8, 1837, died August 15, 1878. He studied law with his father in Rochester and was admitted to practice in 1861. He attained prominence at the bar and for two terms, 1868-69, represented Rochester in the General Assembly. He married, October 16, 1862, Julia Evelyn Cooper, daughter of Phineas Sanger and Harriet (Foster) Cooper. They had three children, among them Marvelle Christopher Webber, who was born January 14, 1868, in Rochester, Vermont.

His preliminary education was in the public schools of Rochester, and he prepared for college at Montpelier (Vermont) Seminary, whence he was graduated in 1886. In the fall of that year he matriculated at Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, but left there at the end of his first term in order to enter Boston University, where he was graduated from the College of Liberal Arts in 1889, with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. He then took a course in the law school of Boston University and was graduated therefrom in 1891, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Through the influence of his uncle, Hon. Marvelle W. Cooper, appraiser of the Port of New York in the administration of President Benjamin Harrison, Mr. Webber entered the law office of Evarts, Choate & Beaman, in the fall of 1891. Here he was a clerk for one year, was admitted to the bar in New York City in December, 1892, and remained with the above mentioned firm until March, 1898, during two years of this time being managing clerk. In 1898, due to ill health, he left New York City and returned to Vermont. Mr. Webber located in Rutland in 1901, where he has since resided. He was associated with Joel C. Baker and Orion M. Barber, two of the foremost legal lights of that section, as counsel for the plaintiff in the memorable suit of Patch Manufacturing Company *versus* Protection Lodge, No. 215, International Association of Machinists, seeking damages on account of a strike. The plaintiff won the verdict in this case which was sustained by the Supreme Court of the State of Vermont. He argued, with the late Maxwell Evarts, Esq., of New York, the case of the State of Vermont *versus* Clement National Bank, before the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Webber was counsel for the bank. He was one of the first commissioners from Vermont to the Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. In 1909, he was a member of a committee appointed by former Governor Prouty, which arranged for the compilation of an important legal work, "Vermont Digest Annotated, a Digest of the Reported Decisions of the Supreme Court of the State of Vermont," published in 1911. Mr. Webber served two years as city attorney of Rutland, and in March, 1912, was elected to membership on the Board of School Commissioners of Rutland. In 1915 he was appointed a member of the State Board of Education. He served about eight years on each board. In 1920 he was president of the Vermont State Bar Association, and for many years he has been a member of the American Bar Association. He was at one time vice-president of the American Bar Association for the State of Vermont, and was several times a member of this organization's standing committees.

Mr. Webber has evidenced deep concern in matters involving the progress and development of his community.

As a reminder of his college days, he retains his membership in Theta Delta Chi fraternity.

Marvelle Christopher Webber married, April 16, 1902, Mary Rex, of Philadelphia, daughter of Oliver P. and Anna Barclay (Stevenson) Rex, both of Philadelphia. Oliver P. Rex was one of the outstanding physicians of his city, and was medical director of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company. Anna B. (Stevenson) Rex was a daughter of John B. Stevenson, who attained prominence as a linseed oil manufacturer, located in Philadelphia. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Webber are: 1. Payson Rex, born March 22, 1903. 2. Christopher Allen, born May 26, 1905. 3. Marvelle Cooper, born September 20, 1906. The Webbers reside at No. 26 South Main Street, Rutland, and Mr. Webber's offices are located in the Marble Savings Bank Building of that city.

**E. O. SQUIRES**—Few men have been more fitted by business and governmental work for the sort of position which E. O. Squires now holds in Bellows Falls, Vermont—that of secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce. During the World War and before he was with the United States Army in different capacities, he worked for government bureaus, while at other periods he held important positions as production manager of companies and was active in the real estate business. In Bellows Falls he has applied his varied experience to his duties with the Chamber of Commerce with advantage to his fellow-citizens, and has taken part extensively in civic organizational work.

Mr. Squires was born in Owensboro, Kentucky, on March 20, 1884, a son of Benjamin M. and Harriet A. Squires. His father was a native of Keenwood, West Virginia, and was engaged as a general contractor until his death; while the mother was born in Grafton, West Virginia, and at the time of writing (1928) is still living.

E. O. Squires received his early education in the public and high schools of Westernport, Maryland, and subsequently was for two years a student at the University of Virginia. After he had completed his education, he entered the United States Army in 1904, and served until 1914 with the 49th Regiment of Heavy Artillery, while in the 74th Regiment of Heavy Artillery he held the rank of sergeant. For three years of this period he was instructor, and in this capacity instructed the National Guard units in New England in military tactics. When he was discharged in 1914, he became associated with the Winchester Arms Company, of New Haven, Connecticut, as production manager of transportation. He remained there until 1917, when he accepted a position with the United States Government as inspector of ammunition plants. He also did organization work for the Government, remaining in this activity until 1919, when he was discharged from the service.

At the end of that period he went to Owensboro, Kentucky, his birthplace, as production manager for the P. J. Ritter Company, with which he continued for a short time. He then came to Bellows Falls, Vermont, as production manager of the Robertson Paper Company. For a year he remained in this city, and then went to Los Angeles, California, where he was engaged for a year in real estate work. Then he went to Miami, Florida, where he continued his real estate business until March, 1928. At that time he returned to Bellows Falls, where he had worked before, this time in the capacity of secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce. In this activity he has been eminently successful from the start, tackling some of the most difficult problems that for years have confronted the chamber and the city and winning by his patient efforts the deserved esteem of his fellowmen.



In addition to his own official duties, Mr. Squires has been consistently active in fraternal and social affairs. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he belongs to King Solomon Lodge, No. 45; and has been admitted to all the Scottish Rite bodies, including the Vermont Consistory. He also holds membership in the Bellows Falls Rotary Club, through which he does much to bring about a harmony of interests among the business men of Bellows Falls and to coordinate the activities of different local organizations. When Mr. Squires is not busy with his many duties, he likes nothing better than to participate in his favorite hobby, which is fishing. Always interested in political affairs, he is identified prominently with the Republican party.

Mr. Squires married, in 1921, Edna L. Orr, born in Attleboro, Massachusetts.

**GEORGE W. STORY**—An important figure in St. Johnsbury life for many years, George W. Story was widely known as an able and progressive business man, but even more, as a public-spirited citizen, a kind and generous friend, and a man of noble strength of character. The work which he accomplished was always of a constructive nature, and much of it has become a part of the very fabric of Vermont life.

Mr. Story was born at Warner, New Hampshire, March 23, 1848, a son of Sewell and Mary Story, of that place. His father, who was a farmer, died when the boy was still young, and so through his early years he worked on the farm with an elder brother and cared for the mother of the family. His education was obtained in the schools of Warner, and was necessarily limited, but he early acquired the habits of industry and thrift, and the love of self-improvement which were always distinguishing traits of his character. He was a constant student of men and affairs, and kept well abreast of all developments in the great field of human knowledge by reading and study.

As a young man, Mr. Story entered the lumber business at Canaan, New Hampshire, in company with H. S. Dow, under the firm name of Story and Dow. By hard work and the application of sound business methods an excellent trade was built up, and the enterprise operated with every success over a period of years. In 1883, however, Mr. Story became purchasing agent for the railroad supplying coal and wood to the Northern, Passumpsic, Boston and Lowell, and White Mountain Railroads. Highly efficient in the discharge of his duties, his services in this capacity were of great value and won him wide reputation. In the year 1890 he first came to St. Johnsbury, which was to be his home until the time of his death. He had accepted a position as superintendent here of the outside interests of the Fairbanks Corporation, having complete charge of their farm, creamery, store, and all other property outside the factory. This office of the greatest confidence and trust proved most congenial, and the association thus formed was continued until Mr. Story's death. The manner in which he guided the affairs of this corporation which were placed in his charge, reflected great credit upon his loyal efforts and made his genuine executive talents obvious to all.

In spite of the demands of his business upon him, Mr. Story maintained a constant interest in all civic affairs and in the advancement of the general welfare of the community. In 1889 he was elected a member of the New Hampshire Legislature from Canaan, in that State, and although he never again held public office, he was known as one who was ever ready in his support of all movements in the public good. Mr. Story was affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, and was very active in higher circles of this great order. He held membership in Social

Lodge, at Enfield, New Hampshire, in the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Caledonia Council of Royal and Select Masters, and Palestine Commandery of the Knights Templar, in which he had taken all degrees and of which he was an officer at the time of his death. As it was written then in the Masonic memorial to him: "He loved Masonry in its entirety. He loved its work. He loved it for its teachings. He loved it for its ties of brotherhood." Mr. Story was also a Patron of Mystic Star Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

In 1876, George W. Story married Hattie P. Story, daughter of Otis J. and Harriet (Clement) Story, the father a merchant and lumber dealer in Tilton, Sutton, and Canaan, New Hampshire. With his wife, Mr. Story worshipped in the Congregational faith, attending the North Church of this denomination at St. Johnsbury, where he was a member and a member of the business committee.

Mr. Story was a lover of his home and of its happy companionships. He was active in his lodges, always interested and continuously engaged in his business. Very genial, considerate of others, benevolent, a good executive and hard worker, he was loved for his personal warmth and charm, and his kindly interest in his friends. His death, which occurred on December 19, 1908, was a great shock to the community which had come to know him so well, and was everywhere regarded as an irreparable loss. To quote again from the Masonic memorial, written at the time of his death, which well expresses the deep affection and esteem which he inspired in all those who knew him:

Although a man of wide experience in worldly affairs, he was modest, making no display of his acquisitions, and for him the meeting of strangers meant the adding of friends. He was a great lover of nature and a firm believer in God. He stored up in his mind many of the rich gems of literature, as in his heart he treasured the commands of God.

He was a knightly knight  
With courage to defend the right,  
Or draw a lance amid a throng  
If needed, to put down a wrong.

**ROYAL R. MacRAE**—Through his activities in fruit raising, Royal R. MacRae, of Castleton Corners, has brought fame to Vermont as owner and operator of the famous MacRae Orchards, one of the largest apple-producing organizations in this State. Mr. MacRae has had a colorful, adventurous career, having lived in various far-away places, while before coming to Vermont, he had considerable experience in fruit growing in the Pacific Coast States and in the Middle West. Purchasing Bonnie Braes farm in 1913, he proceeded to lay out an orchard for apple cultivation which eclipsed all similar projects in this State at that time, and now has eighteen thousand splendid trees producing the finest varieties of apples in the country.

Mr. MacRae was born in Wisconsin, August 16, 1874, but when quite young, accompanied his parents to New Mexico, where the family resided for two years and then moved to San Diego, California. In that city he resided for fifteen years, during eight of which he was connected with the orchard industry, raising oranges and lemons, the principal products of that southern clime. Mr. MacRae next went to Alaska where he prospected for gold and remained there in mining activities for six years. Returning to the States, he was occupied for two years in the wholesale fruit business at Tacoma, Washington, after which he went to Iowa and remained there for eight years during which time he was engaged in banking and commercial activities. Mr. MacRae next turned his attention to orcharding and planted an apple orchard at Barrington, Illinois, not far from Chicago,



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and there had two thousand trees which he cultivated for a few years, selling out the entire tract in 1913, prior to coming here. Mr. MacRae came to Vermont, feeling confident that in this State, which possesses a favorable apple-growing climate, orcharding could be put on a paying basis. Having a thorough knowledge of fruit tree cultivation, he purchased the first unit of his present, remarkable enterprise, and planted 13,000 trees on one hundred and forty-five acres of land, using many novel methods in preparation. The first trees were set out late in April and planting was completed early in May, 1913, the trees being then a year old. Instead of a spade, the planters used dynamite, the blasting process insuring looseness of soil around the roots and tending to conserve moisture. The trees are planted twenty-one feet apart, there being the same distance between the rows. At the present time, Mr. MacRae operates two farms of three hundred and fifty acres each, with a total of eighteen thousand trees, one of the largest projects of its kind in Vermont. In November, 1920, Mr. MacRae first exhibited the products of his orchards at the twenty-fourth annual fruit show of the Vermont State Horticultural Society and won four of the principal prizes bestowed by that organization. The awards received were for the most artistic display, the best general display, the best box of McIntosh Reds and the best box of Northern Spies. In addition, he won first awards on shallow boxes of Wealthy and Northwest Greenings, while his plate exhibits were covered with red and blue ribbons. This marked the initial appearance of his apples in competitive exhibition. In recent years, Mr. MacRae has annually invited the people of this vicinity to picnic at his farm on Blossom Day, which occurs in the latter part of May. Here in the orchards which are a mass of blooms, bordering on the shores of Lake Bomoseen, the public can enjoy a display of fairy-like beauty which has no parallel. Among the many varieties of apples are the McIntosh, Northern Spy, Northwest Greenings, Wealthy, Delicious, Fameuse, Alexander and Duchess. In 1924-25-26-27 this orchard held first place for the size of the crop harvested in this State, and shipped to market. Mr. MacRae keeps the trees pruned to the "modified leader type," which in his opinion, is the ideal way to obtain maximum production, color and size and at the same time, making the strongest type of tree. In 1927 the total shipments amounted to over fifteen thousand barrels, the apples being shipped to one broker in New York City, picking and shipping same day. In putting Vermont to the fore as an apple-producing State, Mr. MacRae has helped to an amazing extent the fruit industry of this State and has provided an incentive towards its reestablishment as an agricultural leader.

Trees are fertilized heavily each year and sprayed six or seven times; quite often "dusting" is substituted for the liquid, a battery of three large power spray machines and three power dusters being necessary to keep insects and disease in check. "Dusting" is done entirely at night when there is but little wind. Mr. MacRae has the largest, exclusive apple sales room in New England, first grades going to New York, second and third grades being sold here, and as many as twenty to thirty autos are found stopping at one time at his sales room, where he sells direct to this trade, showing how his fruit is sought. He has a three-story packing house and storage, lined throughout with Celotex, allowing apples to be kept throughout the winter without freezing and without the need of heat. He also uses a Cutler grader and at the peak of season employs about one hundred and fifty men, packing and shipping three to four cars a day.

**GEORGE MORDAUNT HAWKS**—As an active and progressive citizen always interested in whatever tends for the good of his community, the name of George Mordaunt Hawks is well known through Southern Vermont.

Born in Bennington, March 21, 1878, the youngest son of William E. Hawks and Helen Elizabeth (Brown) Hawks, he received his early education in the public school in his home town from which he graduated in 1896, and after one year at Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, entered his father's employ as secretary, and at once took a keen interest in a variety of business activities in which his father had engaged for a number of years, and in which he continued up to the time of the latter's death July 30, 1911.

While more or less familiar with his father's business enterprises scattered throughout the country, embracing water works, and electric light plants, banking securities and real estate, he began early in life to specialize in real estate in all of its branches and has pursued that line as a vocation. As the possessor of a versatile mind, and an indomitable will, with an uncanny judgment of values and the proper perspective of all factors surrounding any business proposition, this incessant worker has been favored with material success as a reward for his years of service. Some of the best and largest business and suburban properties in Bennington number among his possessions, and hundreds of properties throughout Southern Vermont have passed to new owners through his efforts as a broker.

While having closely applied himself to his vocation and the management of his own business interest, his services, when sought, have been freely given to any local enterprise among which number the Board of Trade of which he was a director, for many years, and then its president, an organizer and director of the Bennington Coöperative Savings and Loan Association, an organizer and director of the Alumni Field, Inc.

Mr. Hawks has never been interested in politics, has never found time nor had the inclination to join clubs or secret societies, as his spare time has been spent in the quiet of his home among his family. In his religious affiliations, he is a Congregationalist. As an extensive reader of history, biography, philosophy, economics and finance, he spends his evenings at home in his library during the winter months, and at other times of the year takes his recreation in out of door life among the trees, shrubbery and flowers which grow in such profusion about his spacious lawns and gardens which surround his home, or else he may be found upon his blooded saddle horse "Roulette," riding through fields and forests for the beauty of which the surrounding country is noted. An occasional hunting or fishing trip in the Green Mountains completes his necessary diversion from business activity.

Representing the fifth generation of lineal descent, from three distinct families of continuous residence in Bennington, his ancestors number among the early inhabitants and land owners before and during the Revolutionary days and soon after, Major Eleazer Hawks, Stephen Pratt, Captain Daniel Hinman, Major Samuel H. Brown, whose ancestors of the same names including Curtis and Stiles families of Connecticut and Massachusetts were among the first of the Puritans to settle in this country.

The subject of this sketch married, October 23, 1907, at Washington, District of Columbia, Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth (Breard) McAdoo, of Monroe, Louisiana, daughter of Daniel Alexander and Sally (Mimms) Breard, and to this union has been blessed one son, Breard Hinman, born in Bennington, November 24, 1910, now a student at Mercersburg Academy. With a step-daughter, Margaret Breard McAdoo, to complete the household, true southern hospitality is graciously dispensed to the guests of Elmwood Terrace, from their old Colonial home overlooking the village from the elevation of Harmon Hill, No. 428 South Street, Bennington, Vermont.



**EDWARD DANA**—Professionally active in the city of Rutland, Vermont, as one of its eminent lawyers for the past forty-eight years, Edward Dana commands an extensive and influential clientele. He was born at Woodstock, Vermont, May 6, 1852, the son of Judah and Marcia (Holmes) Dana. The name of Dana has been associated with the making of history in America since early Colonial days, and Edward Dana is a direct descendant of Richard Dana, the first of the name in this country, who emigrated from England and settled in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1640. John Winchester Dana, a descendant of Richard Dana, married Hannah Putnam, the daughter of Major-General Israel Putnam, thus bringing into the family another illustrious figure.

Mr. Dana prepared for college in the public schools of Windsor and Rutland, Vermont, and was graduated from Middlebury College, in the class of 1876. His work in the profession of law started immediately after his leaving college. He began his study of law in the office of Dunton and Veazey at Rutland, and he was admitted to the Rutland County bar in 1880, and has practiced law ever since in Rutland. He was associated for many years with Hon. Walter C. Dunton and Hon. Wheelock G. Veazey, both of whom became judges of the Supreme Court of Vermont. Edward Dana was reporter of legislative proceedings in the General Assembly from 1878 to 1882, and was assistant clerk of the House of Representatives in 1884 and 1886, and the State's attorney for Rutland County in the years 1888 and 1890. In 1893, he was made trustee of Rutland Savings Bank, and has continued such, representing that bank and other banks as their attorney.

Fraternally he is a member of the Center Lodge, No. 34, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master. He is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Chapter of Middlebury College and member of the Chi Psi Fraternity Chapter of Middlebury College. His religious affiliations are with the Congregational church.

Mr. Dana married, October 19, 1881, in Rutland, Vermont, Harriette Mandana Dutton. Mrs. Dana has the distinction of being a graduate of the third class of Smith College, in the year 1881. Their children are: Marion and Constance. Both daughters have upheld the family tradition in Smith College, Marion having been graduated in the class of 1904, and Constance in the class of 1917. Marion Dana is now the teacher of mathematics in the Revere, Massachusetts, High School, while Constance Dana followed in her father's profession and is now associated with him in his office.

**RUSSELL ROBERTS, D. D. S.**, has, since 1919, engaged in the practice of dentistry in Fair Haven, Vermont. Thoroughly trained in his profession, he took over the established practice of Dr. George Phillips, to which he has since devoted his time and attention most successfully. Dr. Roberts quickly won the confidence of the community, and over a period of years the demands on his services have constantly increased.

Dr. Roberts was born in Fair Haven, on November 25, 1891, a son of Robert Ellis Roberts, who is engaged in the barber business, and of Annie (Williams) Roberts, who died in 1919. Dr. Roberts' grandfather came to Vermont from Wales, for a time was superintendent of the slate quarry at Hydeville, and in later years made his home in Fair Haven.

Russell Roberts attended the public schools of his birthplace, was graduated from the local high school in 1910, and afterwards entered the Dental School of Tufts College, from which he was graduated in 1919 with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. In the same year he began his practice in Fair Haven, where he is now prominent in the life of the community.

During the period of the World War, Dr. Roberts

served as a member of both the Students Army Training Corps, and of the Medical Enlisted Reserve Corps. He is a member of Delta Sigma Delta fraternity, and is also affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the American Legion, and of the American Dental Association, and Vermont State Dental Society. Aside from his professional work, Dr. Roberts is interested in the development of the slate quarries and apple growing industry of Fair Haven, both of which offer remarkable opportunities for investment.

On September 24, 1924, at Whitehall, New York, Russell Roberts married Cora White, daughter of George and Amelia (DeKalb) White of that place. Of this marriage there is one child, George Ellis, born April 2, 1928. Dr. and Mrs. Roberts worship in the faith of the Congregational church. Their home is situated at No. 17 First Avenue, Fair Haven.

**EDWIN M. BROWN, M. D.**—Public-spirited citizen who gives of his time and talents to civic service; successful politician who has many times been elected to important State offices, and financial expert whose opinions are a determining influence in the affairs of a number of significant business institutions, but withal a physician and surgeon whose vital concern is the welfare of his many patients, Dr. Edwin M. Brown has been ministering to the afflicted of Sheldon since 1881, and during the long period of faithful service has come to include the people of the district comprehensively on the roll of his personal friends.

Dr. Brown is the son of Amasa M. Brown, physician of Chittenden, who was born June 22, 1812, and died June 5, 1885, and of Abby (Keith) Brown, who was born June 11, 1817, died June 22, 1912. Dr. Amasa M. Brown and Abby Keith were married at Sheldon, November 21, 1841. Dr. Brown, the subject of this sketch, received his education in the public schools in preparation for entrance to the University of Vermont. From the Medical College of that institution he was graduated with the class of 1879 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Immediately after graduation he began practice with his father at Sheldon, and later took up graduate work at the New York Hospital. He then went to East Berkshire to open an office and establish a practice. Two years later he removed to Sheldon, where he remained permanently. Throughout his life Dr. Brown has been deeply interested in the organized activities of the fellow members of his profession. He holds membership in the American Medical Association, the Vermont State Medical Association, of which he is a former vice-president, and the Franklin County Medical Association, which he has served as president. Among business men, also, Dr. Brown is held in high esteem. He is a director of the Enosburg Falls Savings Bank, and president and chairman of the board of the Sheldon Electric Light Company. Always active in politics, he was elected representative to the State Legislature on the Republican ticket in 1896, and to the State Senate in 1902. He was a delegate to the National Republican Convention in 1898 and in numerous other ways has served his party. From time to time Dr. Brown has received appointments that are indicative of the position of leadership he holds among his fellow-citizens, such as the chairmanship of the Red Cross during the World War, and membership on the Pension Board of the State of Vermont. To all of his numerous official duties he applies his splendid intelligence and unusual ability to handle detail and yet grasp, at the same time, the larger significances of circumstances. With his family, Dr. Brown is a member of the Sheldon Congregational Church.

Dr. Edwin M. Brown married, October 6, 1881, Fannie L. Comings, daughter of William and Mary C.







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(Fletcher) Comings, of East Berkshire. Dr. and Mrs. Brown are the parents of four children: 1. Frederick C., married (first) Lucy Holmes, who died October 10, 1918; he married (second), February 16, 1921, Sarah Nichols. 2. Mary Abby, married, September 20, 1922, O. T. Green, and they reside in Burlington. 3. Elizabeth F. 4. Ruth H., married, August 12, 1925, Dr. Elton W. Lance, and they reside in Rahway, New Jersey.

**MAJOR LEONARD FISH WING**—Active in legal and civic office, and a constructive and experienced promoter of vital military interests of State and city, Major Leonard Fish Wing, veteran of the World War, is a member of the law firm of Fenton, Wing & Morse, at Rutland, and a recognized factor in whatsoever pertains to the progress of his native State. Gifted in matters of organization, and accomplished in his profession, he is esteemed in all circles with which he is associated.

Leonard Fish Wing was born November 12, 1894, at Ira, Vermont, son of David E. Wing, a native of West Rutland, and who is now residing at Rutland, and of Dora A. (Fish) Wing, a native of Ira, and whose death occurred March 9, 1927. Mr. Wing was graduated at Rutland High School in the class of 1914, and the same year he began reading law in the office of Lawrence, Lawrence and Stafford, of Rutland.

Major Wing passed the bar examinations while in the military service, and was admitted to practice in October, 1917. Upon his discharge from the army, he began the practice of law in January, 1919, in the following February, forming partnership with George E. Morse, under the firm name of Wing & Morse. In April, 1924, the firm, as at present, was formed, Fenton, Wing & Morse. Major Wing served as city attorney for two terms, 1919 to 1921, and he was city judge from February, 1921 to 1925. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Vermont Soldiers' Home; a member of the Rutland Chamber of Commerce; and of the Rutland Country Club; Rutland Post, No. 31, American Legion; Vermont Chapter, Military Order of the World War; Vermont Commandery, Military Order of Foreign Wars; Rutland Exchange Club; and the American, State and County Bar associations. Fraternally, he is affiliated with Center Lodge, No. 34, Free and Accepted Masons; and with Vermont Lodge, No. 1, Knights of Pythias.

In May, 1917, Major Wing enlisted in the service for the World War, as a private in the 1st Vermont Infantry, so continuing until January, 1918, when he was transferred to the 3d Officers' Training Camp, at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. Later, he was commissioned second lieutenant, and in June, 1918, was assigned to the 99th Division, at Camp Wheeler, Georgia, and there, in October of that year, he was promoted to first lieutenant. He received his honorable discharge at the close of the war, and returned home. In June, 1919, he was instrumental in the organization of Company A, 1st Vermont Infantry, was placed in command of the company, and commissioned its second lieutenant, this being the first rifle company organized in this State following the war. Subsequently, he was first lieutenant and captain of the company, and in May, 1921, was appointed major of the 172d Infantry, Vermont National Guard. In 1925 he was sent with his command to the home of President Coolidge at the time of the death of the President's father, and he was also in charge of the troops at the reception at Springfield, Vermont, to Colonel Lindberg, when he returned from Paris. Major Wing is a Republican, has been a member of the Republican State Committee since 1919, its treasurer from 1920 to 1925 and chairman since 1925.

Major Leonard Fish Wing married (first), November 9, 1919, Bernice G. Kidder, of Middlebury, Vermont; she died in October, 1923, leaving one son, Leonard F.,

Jr. He married (second), June 28, 1924, Margaret D. Clarke, of Rutland, Vermont, and they have two children: Bruce C. and Patricia M. Major Wing is a member of the First Baptist Church of Rutland.

**HENRY M. WILLIAMS**—Intensive application to the business in which he began work as a bottler at the completion of his high school course has made Henry M. Williams sole proprietor of the largest manufactory of carbonated beverages and dealer in pharmaceutical products in the State of Vermont, C. H. Eddy & Company, located at 21 Frost Street, Brattleboro. The same earnestness and honesty and energy which has been responsible for his business success, he has brought to play in his social relationships, and Mr. Williams enjoys the highest esteem and respect of his fellow-citizens in the town where he has spent his entire life.

Mr. Williams was born in Brattleboro, July 16, 1884. He is the son of Robert M. Williams, who was a native of Lowell, Massachusetts, and engaged in farming until his death. His mother, Sarah Smith (Knapp) Williams, also deceased, was born at Dummerston. Mr. Williams attended the Brattleboro grade and high schools, and upon being graduated from the latter in 1905 began work as a bottler with C. H. Eddy & Company. The Eddy concern has an interesting history for, now a leader in its field, it had its inception in 1883 when the man after whom the company is still named started in a small way the manufacture of spruce beer at his home in Guilford. Mr. Eddy removed the business to Brattleboro in 1888 and continued as its head until 1898, when it was taken over by George Eels. With W. H. Heywood as partner, Mr. Eels continued the business until 1916, when Mr. Williams purchased the business in partnership with W. E. Haskell. This partnership was continued until 1921 when it was dissolved with the purchase, by Mr. Williams, of Mr. Haskell's entire interests and since that time Mr. Williams has been sole proprietor, continuing the policy of expansion and adding new lines until now the concern that originally manufactured a small quantity of spruce beer, today produces, in addition to a complete line of carbonated beverages, household extracts, cough syrups, many other pharmaceutical products and heavy chemicals.

Possessed of the qualities of leadership, Mr. Williams is Chief Patriarch of Oasis Encampment, No. 5, Past Monarch of the Ancient Mystic Order Samaritan, and holds membership in Wantastiquet Lodge, No. 5, Odd Fellows, Palestine Canton, the Associated Industries of the State of Vermont, the American Bottlers of Carbonated Beverages, and the Vermont and New Hampshire Bottlers' Association. Mr. Williams attends the Congregational church. He has a wide circle of friends won through his participation in all types of sports, his favorite being bowling. He is politically Republican.

Mr. Williams married in 1915, Rose Marie Doyle, a native of St. Albans, Vermont.

**HERBERT E. MOORE**—One of the outstanding business men of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, in the period of his life was Herbert E. Moore, proprietor of the hostelry known as the St. Johnsbury House, one of the leading hotels in this part of New England. In hotel circles he was widely and favorably known for the work that he did and for the character of hotel that he kept, while among the people here he gained a host of warm personal friends, who learned to recognize his excellent qualities—his spirit of kindness toward others that governed all his actions, his thorough integrity, and his great civic usefulness. His death, it is hardly necessary to point out, caused widespread sorrow and regret in St. Johnsbury and wherever he was known.



Mr. Moore was born in this town, the oldest son of James and Emily (Morgan) Moore, and spent his early boyhood in Lyndon, where he was educated at Lyndon Academy. Returning to St. Johnsbury after finishing his school days at Lyndon, Mr. Moore was employed by Sir Thaddeus Fairbanks until Mr. Fairbanks' death. Then he became engaged in the livery business, and in the fall of 1906 took over the management of the St. Johnsbury House. From the very outset he took a satisfying pride in the hotel, which, with the aid of Mrs. Moore, he brought to be recognized as one of the best houses in Northern New England. An ideal hotel man, he was keen but unobtrusive, modest, kindly, genial, able to meet and handle difficulties. Possessing the faculty of inspiring loyalty and affection from his help, from kitchen to office, he endeared himself to his employees and gained their heartiest cooperation. In St. Johnsbury he acquired a host of friends, while his acquaintance numbered citizens of all parts of the United States and people from all the world, who happened to stop at St. Johnsbury and who found in Mr. Moore's hotel the ideal stopping place.

In addition to his business interests, Mr. Moore was active in social and fraternal affairs, having been a member of the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic order he belonged to the Blue Lodge, the Knights Templar, Mt. Sinai Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and the Shriners' Club. He also was a member of the Hotel Men's Association of Vermont, in which organization he served as a director.

Herbert E. Moore married, June 24, 1908, Bertha A. Douglass, who worked with him constantly, doing her full share of the work of building up the St. Johnsbury House from the time when it was taken over by the St. Johnsbury Hotel Company, of which Elmer Darling was president and Mr. Moore a director. From then Mr. Moore's position became more and more important until, at the time of his death, which occurred on April 28, 1924, he was esteemed as one of the foremost hotel owners and proprietors in his State and in New England. A considerate employer and a loyal friend, he was quick to think of others in everything that he did, and ready to act when trouble came to those around him. Especially fond of children, he and Mrs. Moore took into their home many young people who needed care and attention. In the minds and hearts of the people of St. Johnsbury and those of all parts of the world who had met and known Mr. Moore, his memory will long remain enshrined as a gracious and inspiring influence upon those whom he left behind in the land of the living.

**JOHN C. McALLISTER**—Prominent citizen of South Londonderry, long active in its advancement through business and social connections, John C. McAllister was born in this community, February 3, 1879, and is a son of Edgar S. and Axsah (Thompson) McAllister. His father, native of Enosburg, Vermont, engaged in agricultural pursuits to the time of his death, and was one of the foremost men of the South Londonderry area. His mother, native of South Londonderry, is also deceased.

Mr. McAllister studied in the public schools of South Londonderry, securing a sound academic instruction in graded and high schools. After he had completed this phase of his education he went to work at farming, at which he continued until 1907, when he bought a half interest in the gristmill at South Londonderry. Until 1914 he was identified with the business of this mill as a partner, and was largely instrumental in its success as a business enterprise. In 1914 he reengaged at farming, and went into the lumbering trade, continuing thus occupied

until 1916, when he went to work for E. Crosby and Company, at Brattleboro, in the grain business. In 1921 he returned to lumbering and farming, and in 1923, becoming associated with the Green Mountain Farmers' Exchange of South Londonderry as member and manager, found himself once more in the grain business. As manager of the exchange he has caused the Green Mountain organization to prosper roundly.

Fraternally Mr. McAllister is affiliated with Anchor Lodge, No. 99, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master; and with Victorian Chapter, Order of Eastern Star. Politically he adheres to the principles of the Republican party, which he supports consistently, influentially. Since 1918 he has been a justice of the peace. He attends the Baptist church, contributes to all worthy causes of charity and town improvement, and makes a hobby of camping, hunting and fishing.

Mr. McAllister married, in 1907, Lizzie Hulett, who was born at Pawlet, Vermont.

**HERBERT M. WOOD**—The H. M. Wood Sporting Goods Store was started as a somewhat different type of business enterprise some time previous to the period of the American Civil War, having then had the name of Lockhart Barrett, gunsmith and locksmith. Mr. Barrett continued the business for several years, at the end of which time it was purchased by Abner White. Later it was taken over by Charles Howe, who continued it until 1885, when Herbert M. Wood, its present proprietor, assumed control. First Mr. Wood conducted it as a gunsmith and locksmith shop; but about 1890 he gradually changed it into a sporting goods business, which it has since remained. As a result of his constant labors the store is today one of the finest and most thoroughly equipped sporting goods establishments in the State of Vermont, carrying all available supplies for sportsmen and campers. He also does a large business in photographic developing and printing. Not only is his store one of the oldest institutions of its kind in Vermont, but it also has won a well-deserved reputation for the quality of its products, as is indicated by the fact that Mr. Wood outfits many baseball, football and basketball clubs with full equipment.

Herbert M. Wood, whose untiring efforts are responsible for building up this store which plays so vital a part in the recreational and athletic life of Brattleboro and nearby communities of Vermont, was born in West Brattleboro, Vermont, on July 5, 1856. He is a son of Israel and Laura (Pratt) Wood. His father, born in West Brattleboro, was engaged as a farmer until his death. The mother, who also is deceased, was born in Wilmington, Vermont. Herbert M. Wood, of whom this is a record, received his early education in the public schools in Brattleboro, but at the age of seventeen years, after he had finished his formal education, he became associated with the Estey Organ Company, with whom he remained for ten years. In 1885 he started the H. M. Wood Sporting Goods Store, of which he has since been the sole proprietor.

Although his time has been constantly taken up with his work in connection with this store, Mr. Wood has nevertheless taken a prominent part in the affairs of his community and State. Especially is he active in a fraternal way, being a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he is affiliated with the Brattleboro Lodge, No. 1499, and is the only chaplain that this lodge has ever had. He is a member of the Brattleboro Outing Club. His political affiliation is with the Republican party, whose candidates and principles he consistently supports. He has rendered military service to the United States, having served from 1885 to 1890 as a member of the Estey Guards of Brattleboro. When



he is not busy with his many duties in connection with the business which he heads, he enjoys his favorite diversions, which are hunting and fishing and outdoor life. Mr. Wood is an attendant at All Souls Church.

In 1878 Herbert M. Wood married Cora E. Wilder, a native of Putney, Vermont, who is now deceased. They were the parents of two children: Herbert A. and Carroll A.

**MYRON E. LYMAN**—Prominent business man of Wilmington, widely known throughout the State of Vermont. Myron E. Lyman was born in Manchester, Vermont, May 3, 1860, son of Jackson F. and Betsy T. (Hall) Lyman. His father, native of Dover, Vermont, engaged in farming until the time of his death, in 1900. His mother, deceased, also was a native of Dover.

After he had completed his education Mr. Lyman worked for eight years at farming and lumbering. This experience done, he went into the general store business in Dover, Vermont, which he conducted with marked success for three years, eventually going into the lumber business for himself. In the latter enterprise his fortune was even more marked than it had been in the store, and he continued engaged in the business for twenty years, leaving it in 1915 to take a position as foreman in the employ of the Deerfield River Corporation. His duties included the securing of pulp in Dover and its transportation downstream to Wilmington. In 1920 Mr. Lyman left the Deerfield company to take a more advantageous position with the New England Power Company, and in the following year became identified with this company's Right of Way Department, in charge of purchasing rights of way in this part of the State. He has been in that department in charge of right-of-way purchasing through the years that have followed.

A Democrat, Mr. Lyman served one year as lister for the town of Wilmington, and also a year as road commissioner for the town. He is a director of the Wilmington Savings Bank, has an interest in several developments of financial nature, and takes a part in all movements designed for the general welfare of village, town and county. During the World War he was of assistance in the campaigns of patriotic appeal. His hobbies are hunting and fishing.

On August 13, 1874, Mr. Lyman was united in marriage with Dorcas D. Upton, who was born in Whitingham, Vermont. They have a daughter, Mabel Edith.

**EMERY A. MELENDY**—Among the men who have accomplished works of enduring benefit to the village of South Londonderry, Windham County, none is of greater prominence than Emery A. Melendy. His career, which has been of variety, has concentrated itself in this community, of which his forebears were members, useful and influential citizens. In financial activities he is a leader, and takes an outstanding interest in matters of civic enterprise.

Mr. Melendy was born in South Londonderry, June 7, 1874, son of J. Washburn and Caroline (Arnold) Melendy. His father, a native of Londonderry, was long a dominant personality in the undertakings of village and town. He engaged as farmer and deputy sheriff, was at the fore in politics, served the town of Londonderry as representative, held office in the State Senate, and was a member of the Town Board of Selectmen. His death occurred in 1915. Caroline (Arnold) Melendy was also a native of Londonderry, daughter of David Arnold; and her death came in 1919. She was a kind and loving wife and mother.

After he had completed his elementary education in the public schools of South Londonderry, Mr. Melendy studied at Leland and Gray Seminary, and transferred

thence to Vermont Academy. Having done with regulated study—though he has never ceased to apply himself to study, in later years reading good books—he entered forthwith upon his career, first securing a place with the Central Vermont Railroad Company, as station agent, South Londonderry. He made himself invaluable in this capacity, and remained with the road as agent some twenty-three years, 1893 until 1916. Meanwhile, his responsibility as man of affairs had accumulated, and in 1916, upon leaving the road, he was enabled to open a branch bank in South Londonderry for the Brattleboro Trust Company, of Brattleboro. As manager and director of this branch he has continued through the years succeeding, and is today a well-known financial figure through county and State.

Politically an adherent to the principles of the Republican party, Mr. Melendy has been active in politics since the year of his majority. For nine years he served the town as a selectman; in 1915 was elected to the State House of Representatives, wherein he served as secretary of the Appropriations Committee; and in 1923 and 1925 was a member of the State Senate, in this House having acted as chairman of the Special Administration Committee, member of the Appropriations Committee, and in 1925 as chairman of the Highway and Bridge Committee. Throughout his tenures of office in the State Legislature his record proved his value to the town of Londonderry, and State of Vermont. Several times he has been a delegate to Republican State conventions. In 1925, by Governor Billings, he was named to membership on the State Highway Board, and retains this membership at the present time (1928).

Fraternally, Mr. Melendy is affiliated with two major orders, the Free and Accepted Masons and Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the former belonging to Anchor Lodge, No. 99, of which he is Past Master; Fort Dummer Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Beauseant Commandery, Knights Templar; and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In religious preference he is a Baptist, which church he supports wholeheartedly. During the World War, Mr. Melendy was of valued assistance in the several campaigns of patriotic appeal, and was chairman of all Liberty Loan drives in the town. His favorite relaxations are sports of all kinds, and reading.

Mr. Melendy married, in 1898, Annie Hannam, a native of Weston, Vermont.

**HORTON D. WALKER**—Operating the largest and oldest electrical contracting business in Brattleboro, which he established in 1905, Horton D. Walker has built up a prosperous enterprise and raised himself to a point of high reputation in the local commercial world. Mr. Walker has had quite a notable career, aside from his business activities, having a record in two wars and in responsible public office to which he has been appointed and which he administered with credit to himself and benefit to the community. His civic enterprise is as lively as his interest in his business and he is ever among those who stand for progress and development of trade, education and the general welfare.

He was born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, June 19, 1869, and acquired his education in the public schools of that State, graduating from the high school at Hinsdale, when he went to Boston and obtained employment in an electrical establishment, where he began to learn the trade. His father was Henry C. Walker, a native of Portsmouth, where he was engaged as a manufacturer until his death. His mother, also deceased, was Martha D. (Fisk) Walker, born in Chesterfield, New Hampshire. For ten years the young man remained in Boston, all the while making a close study of his trade, and in 1905 came to Brattleboro, where he estab-



lished himself as an electrical contractor and dealer in all sorts of electrical appliances. He is a member of the Republican party and was appointed by Governor Weeks a member of the State Committee on Conservation and Development. During the Spanish-American War he served as a steward in the United States Army Medical Corps and during the participation of the United States in the World War was Food Administrator for Windham County, Vermont, chairman of the finance committee of the Windham County Chapter of the American Red Cross, chairman of the third Liberty Loan campaign and one of the effective four-minute speakers for the loan. He is affiliated with the Brattleboro Blue Lodge, No. 102, Free and Accepted Masons; Fort Dummer Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Council, Illustrious Master; Beauseant Commandery, Knights Templar; Vermont Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, and Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Unity Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Oasis Encampment. He served as president of the Brattleboro Board of Trade from 1915 to 1917 and is now a member of the Brattleboro and Brattleboro Outing clubs. He is a lover of outdoors and finds his best recreation in long walks.

Horton D. Walker married, in 1902, Lena M. Henkel, of Brattleboro, Vermont, daughter of Charles and Annie (Lillis) Henkel, both deceased.

**GEORGE C. WHITEHILL**—Taking an active part in all civic affairs, George C. Whitehill, of Bellows Falls, has risen to a position of prominence in his community since coming here in 1924 to engage in the undertaking business, which he conducts at his headquarters located at No. 47 Rockingham Street. Mr. Whitehill has made himself a popular figure by his constructive ideas and active participation in promoting the progress of this city, while as an ardent sportsman, he has always given his support to the preservation of the wild life and natural resources of this great commonwealth.

Mr. Whitehill was born at Marshfield, June 25, 1884, son of George E. and Elizabeth (Miller) Whitehill. His father, a native of Ryegate, was engaged in farming until his death; his mother was born at Ryegate and is still living.

George C. Whitehill was educated in the public schools of Boston and at Peacham Academy, in addition to which he studied at the Massachusetts College of Embalming. Upon the completion of his education, he was employed for ten years at the barber trade, giving that up to enter the undertaking business independently in 1912 at Groton. For twelve years, he was occupied at his profession in that city, building up a splendid reputation for service of the highest type, at all times considerate as well as efficient. In 1924, Mr. Whitehill came to Bellows Falls and opened his undertaking establishment, acquiring the confidence and esteem of the entire community by his beautiful and expert manner of handling all the details of his profession. He is a prominent member of the Vermont State Funeral Directors' Association and of the Tri-State Funeral Directors' Association. In public activities, he is an enthusiastic member of the Rotary Club; the Chamber of Commerce; Bellows Falls Outing Club, and the Forest and Stream Club. His fraternal affiliations are with Pulaski Lodge, No. 58, Free and Accepted Masons; Mount Lebanon Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Knights of Pythias, and Modern Woodmen of America. In his political adherence, he is a member of the Republican party, and while a resident of Groton, served ten years as health officer, two years as license commissioner and

nine years as selectman of the town. He attends the Methodist church of Bellows Falls and holds the responsible office of steward in that body. His hobby is fishing.

George C. Whitehill married, in 1904, Kate M. Scott, who was born in Groton, and they have one son: Kermit C.

**ARTHUR C. WALKER, M. D.**—Health officer for the towns of Londonderry, Weston, Peru, Winhall and Windham, Dr. Arthur C. Walker, is among the foremost physicians and surgeons of Windham County, and is of prominence in professional circles of the State. His career, one of brilliance, has been widely varied. It is of interest to acquaintances and strangers alike. His is a worthy record, and South Londonderry is considered fortunate in his practice here, as in his citizenship.

Dr. Walker was born at West Rutland, Vermont, January 15, 1892, and is a son of Norris V. and Anna (Cochrane) Walker. His father was a native of Vermont, and actively engaged in the marble business up until the time of his death. His mother, also deceased, was a native of Canada.

In the public schools of West Rutland, Dr. Walker secured his earliest academic instruction, then attended Vermont Academy at Saxtons River for his secondary training. Meanwhile, his taste for the profession of medicine as a suitable career had sharpened, and accordingly he now entered Emory University, from which he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1915, at the age of twenty-three years. For nine months, thereafter, Dr. Walker practiced as interne at the Grady Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia, then took further experience, for eleven months, at the Fifth General Hospital, of Portsmouth, England. Then, returning to the United States, he took up general practice of medicine and surgery at Atlanta, and remained there until 1918, when he went to France.

The United States entered the World War in April of 1917, and at that time Dr. Walker had just succeeded in launching out into a successful practice of his profession. But he went into the service as soon as he could arrange his affairs, and in July, 1917, was commissioned a first lieutenant, United States Army Medical Corps. He went to France, as noted, with the American Expeditionary Forces, in 1918, and was promoted to the rank of captain in February of 1919. With that rank he was discharged, after having served twenty-two months overseas. Then he resumed the course of his career, not, however, returning to Atlanta. His fondness for his native State of Vermont here interceded.

Dr. Walker took up his practice in Danby, Vermont, in 1919, remained there with good professional following until 1921, and in that year came to South Londonderry, where he has maintained offices continuously through the years that have followed. His clientele is large, his reputation in proportion thereto, and his confreres in the profession are hearty in their regard for him.

Active in diversified affairs, Dr. Walker is a member of the American Medical Association, the Vermont State Medical Association, the Windham County Medical Society, and is on the associate staff of Brattleboro Memorial Hospital. He belongs to the Phi Chi medical fraternity, West River Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Marble Lodge, No. 76, of the Free and Accepted Masons; Victoria Chapter, No. 9, of the Order of Eastern Star; Shephardson Post of the American Legion; and attends the Congregational church, activities of which he supports with generosity. He is a Republican, influential in political matters of



village and town, and is fond of travel, which he regards as a hobby.

Dr. Walker married, in 1923, Minerva L. Brown, native of Danby, Vermont; and they have a daughter, Lucille Anna.

**WILLIAM HOWARD VINTON**—The paper mill of which William Howard Vinton is now the active head has played for considerably more than a century an important part in the industrial development of Brattleboro. Mr. Vinton, of the present generation, was born in Brattleboro, Vermont, on March 31, 1900, a son of William B. and Lillie E. (Brown) Vinton, of Brattleboro. He received his early education in the public schools and the high school of this city, and then took further work at the Pratt Institute, in Brooklyn, New York. Upon completing his education, he became associated with William H. Vinton and Son, paper manufacturers of Brattleboro, a firm which received its name from his grandfather. Since 1918 this business has continued as a partnership in which Lillie E., Beatrice E. and William Howard Vinton are associated, he being the active manager.

For a better understanding of Mr. Vinton and the work that his family has done in Brattleboro, it is necessary to give a record of the development of the paper manufacturing business from its beginning to the present day. The first paper mill was built in Brattleboro in 1811 by Joseph Clark, Samuel Dickinson, Francis Goodhue, Joseph Fessenden, Joseph Fessenden, Jr., William Fessenden and Caleb Leland, Jr. In 1813 Joseph Clark, Samuel Dickinson and Francis Goodhue sold out to William Fessenden. In 1816 the mill was burned. About this time John Holbrook became owner. The business was carried on under the firm name of Holbrook and Fessenden for a number of years, passing from father to son until 1836, when a company under the name of The Typographic Company bought out the then owners, Frederick Holbrook and Franklin Fessenden. Printing of books had been carried on by the old firm along with the manufacture of paper. The Typographic Company increased the business until it became embarrassed. They then sold out to E. N. Thomas and William C. Cutting, who carried on the business until 1847. Nathan Woodcock and Timothy Vinton took it over at this time on a lease and ran it for five years, then buying it of N. B. Williston, into whose hands it came by mortgage in 1857. It burned out about this time, but was soon rebuilt and run by Woodcock and Vinton until the death of N. Woodcock. Timothy Vinton then bought out Woodcock's share and continued to run it until his death in 1890. William H. Vinton, son of Timothy and the man from whom the firm derived its present name, then bought the mill and formed a partnership with his son, William B. Vinton, under the firm name of William H. Vinton and Son. After the death of William H. Vinton on October 22, 1915, William B. carried on the business until his death on September 30, 1918.

In all the time in which this company has existed, it went through the changes which the science of printing and paper manufacturing brought upon it and in itself reflects a great deal of the history of the paper industry. After the old Typographic Company failed, Joseph Stern and N. B. Williston bought the plates and continued business for a few years, and then sold the plates and stopped printing. When the mill was first built, all the paper was made by hand until about 1820, when a small cylinder machine was put into the mill, but without any dryers. Several years later a large machine was installed with some dryers to dry the paper. When Woodcock and Vinton bought the mill, they put in a larger machine and four dryers;

and when they rebuilt after the fire, they put in a Fourdrinier machine with dryers and calenders. When the mill was first built, the capacity was 150 to 200 pounds of paper per day. Until 1887 or 1888 newspaper stock was made for many years exclusively, but after 1890 no newspaper or any other kind of paper was manufactured up to 1927, except matrix paper. The matrix paper is used to take impressions of type either set by hand or by linotype machines, and serves as a mould for type metal from which the printed page is produced. In 1927 some colored blotting was made.

The following are the major events occurring at the mill since 1918. On February 17, 1918 a fire started in the rag-room, doing considerable damage therein, but it was rebuilt at once. In January, 1920, the bank of the pond was forced out, which necessitated shutting the entire mill. Much damage resulted from frozen pipes, etc. A substantial dyke was built the following spring by Pellett & Skinner. In the summer of 1922 the beater and rag-room at the mill were enlarged and new machinery installed. In 1925 the boiler-room, paper storehouse, machine and finishing rooms were enlarged and rebuilt. The paper machine was overhauled and new machinery installed at that time.

In 1927 the matrix business dropped off to a severe extent, with the result that the mill was shut down more than half the time. This situation was brought about by the stereotypers shifting to the dry mat, which saved labor and time in printing. In 1927, therefore, William H. Vinton and Son spent a great deal of time and money on experiments to find a suitable as well as profitable paper to fill the machine and take the place of matrix paper. The mill is now equipped to make greeting card stock, artificial leather base, and other specialties in addition to matrix paper. At the present time the company's mill has a capacity of seven tons in twenty-four hours.

Much of the credit for building up the company goes to Mr. Vinton's father, William B. Vinton, now deceased, who was associated with it from 1882 onward. A native of Brattleboro, where he was born December 25, 1862, he was educated in the public and high schools here, and then worked a short time for A. C. Davenport in a grocery store in Brattleboro. In 1882 he took a position in the mill of Woodcock and Vinton, and in 1891 became a partner in the firm, whereupon the name of it was changed to William H. Vinton and Son. For several years prior to his death in 1918, he was its sole proprietor. Widely known in fraternal circles, he was a member of the Brattleboro Lodge, No. 102, of the Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was Past Master; Past Grand Junior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Vermont; Past High Priest of Fort Dummer Chapter of Royal Arch Masons; three times Illustrious Master of the Connecticut Valley Council of Royal and Select Masters; and a trustee of Masonic Bodies in Brattleboro. He was a director in the Vermont Peoples National Bank, a corporator of the Vermont Saving Bank and a corporator of the Brattleboro Savings Bank; and was a member of the Congregational parish. On May 19, 1891, he married Lillie E. Brown, of Brattleboro, where she now resides.

Their son, William Howard Vinton, who now heads the company, has, in addition to his business interests, extensive fraternal and social connections in Brattleboro. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which his affiliation is with Brattleboro Lodge, No. 102; Fort Dummer Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and Beauseant Commandery of Knights Templar. He also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he is identified with Brattleboro Lodge, No. 1499. He holds memberships in the Brattleboro Country Club, the Brattleboro Outing Club and the As-



sociated Industries of the State of Vermont. His political views are not such as to identify him with either of the existing major parties, but he prefers to follow an independent course in politics, voting for the candidates of his choice rather than for those of a given party. Mr. Vinton, along with his other activities, is a trustee of the Vermont Savings Bank.

In 1926 William Howard Vinton married Mary Linn Cooper, a native of New Brunswick, New Jersey.

**GEORGE A. TRACY**, in the civic life of Bellows Falls, holds a place of responsibility and trust in his position as Chief of Police of this city, in which office he has served since 1922, to the complete satisfaction of the entire community which has attested its thorough appreciation of his splendid efforts by the steadfast coöperation given all his activities. Chief Tracy has had considerable experience in the field of law enforcement and protection of the public good, and before coming to head the police department of this city served as high sheriff of Orange County with many splendid achievements to his credit. The people of this community are indeed fortunate to have him in charge of the protection of the law-abiding public, as his name is a caution to wrong-doers and law-breakers, and so avoid the vicinity over which he has jurisdiction.

Chief Tracy was born in Chelsea, April 5, 1870, son of Joseph P. and Mary Cunningham (Hassett) Tracy, both of whom are now deceased, his father a native of Washington, Vermont, and his mother born in Scotland. Joseph P. Tracy was prominently identified with the hardware and tinsmith business until his death, which occurred in 1885.

George A. Tracy was educated in the public schools of Chelsea, and after high school, entered Norwich University, with the class of 1891. Upon completing his formal education, he accepted a position with the Erie Railroad Company and remained with that great public carrier for a year, after which he went to Lowell, Massachusetts, where he was engaged as assistant engineer with the Appleton Company for seven years. Returning to his hometown of Chelsea, he decided to engage in business independently, and opened a grocery business, which he operated successfully for three years. He was next appointed deputy sheriff of Orange County and served in that official capacity for several years, being later elected high sheriff of Orange County which post he held successfully for three years. During these years of public service, Chief Tracy attracted favorable attention throughout the commonwealth by his vigorous attention to law-enforcement as well as by his fearlessness and courage in bringing criminals to the bar of justice. In 1922, he accepted his present post at Bellows Falls, and as the representative of law and order has given the residents of this community a new sense of security and a feeling of utmost confidence in his ability. He has received and merited the commendation of all for his efficient direction of all public functions and for his coolness and efficient manner in caring for all emergencies. A stalwart arm of the law, he is ever seeking to promote the welfare and general good of the people whom he serves, being first and last, a true, public-spirited official. Mr. Tracy is prominent in all local affairs, and is a valued member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Abenague Rod and Gun Club. He is a member of the New England Police Chiefs' Association, and the Vermont Sheriffs' Association, in which he is past president. His fraternal affiliations are with George Washington Lodge, No. 5, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Whitney Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Mt. Zion Commandery, Knights Templar. In politics, he is an ardent supporter of the Republican party; and

he attends the Congregational church. His hobbies are fishing and gunning and the breeding of pointer dogs.

George A. Tracy married, in 1903, Ethel Sanger, who was born in Plattsburg, New York.

**WILLIAM K. SPARKS**—Through twenty-three years of steady and intelligent application to management of the Brattleboro Steam Laundry, William K. Sparks has built up, in it, a business that ranks among the foremost of its kind in Brattleboro, handling both family and custom laundry. Mr. Sparks is a man with extensive lodge and club connections and is widely known and highly esteemed in the town that he has made his home since 1905.

Born in Newfane, Vermont, January 8, 1881, Mr. Sparks is the son of Herbert C., born in Dover, Vermont, and Emma (Lamb) Sparks, a native of Newfane. A farmer in early life, the father is now a carpenter. The son received his education in the public schools and at Goddard Seminary, Barre, Vermont. At the close of his school years he obtained a position as clerk in a grocery store, continuing in that work for three years. In 1905 he purchased the Brattleboro Steam Laundry of which he has been the sole proprietor ever since. In the conduct of the business Mr. Sparks has used excellent judgment and has not spared himself effort, with the result that the laundry is now a thriving concern employing about twenty people. The Brattleboro Steam Laundry has been in operation since 1890 when it was started by a Mr. Fales, who after several years, sold the business to C. A. Huntley whose entire interests were bought by Mr. Sparks in 1905. Mr. Sparks is a member of Wantastiquet Lodge, No. 5, and Oasis Encampment, No. 5, Odd Fellows; Brattleboro Lodge, No. 102, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Connecticut Valley Council, Royal and Select Masters; Fort Dummer Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Brattleboro Lodge, No. 1499, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is now Leading Knight. Mr. Sparks also is an active member of the Brattleboro Club and the Brattleboro Country Club, outdoor sports providing him with his chief recreations, and he holds membership in the National Laundrymen's Association. He is Protestant in his religious beliefs and is affiliated with the Republican political party.

In 1909 Mr. Sparks married Alice Holden, of Wardsboro, Vermont, whose death occurred five years later. They had one daughter, Helene M. Sparks. Mr. Sparks married (second) Violet Johnston, of Brattleboro, in 1917.

**GEORGE M. TUTTLE** was born in Manchester, Vermont, August 22, 1858. He is a son of Emmett E. and Mary A. (Hatfield) Tuttle. His father was a native of Manchester, Vermont, and engaged there as a merchant until the time of his death, having contributed materially to the advancement, economically, civically and socially, of the community. His mother was a native of Hudson, New York, and also is since deceased.

Educated in the graded and high schools of Dorset, Vermont, Mr. Tuttle engaged at once in farming, and has made a career of it, consistently being thus engaged through the years that have followed to the present time (1928). He now owns a farm lying off the main road between Londonderry and Peru. It comprises five hundred fertile acres, most of which tract is devoted to pasturage. Here Mr. Tuttle maintains his dairy farm, and is a breeder of Holstein cattle, of which he owns sixty head of the finest.

Politically, Mr. Tuttle supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party. He is a communicant of the Community Church, of South Londonderry, and makes his chief pleasures of travel and attendance







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at fairs, where prize cattle and crops are on exhibition. He himself has exhibited frequently.

Mr. Tuttle married, in 1879, Minnie L. Brown, of Manchester, Vermont; and their children are: 1. Elias T. 2. Anna. 3. Emmett E., named after his paternal grandfather. 4. Alfred L. 5. John J. 6. Mary E. 7. Foster G. 8. Philip. 9. Roy B. 10. Minnie L., named after her mother.

**CALVIN N. SHAW**—Having had many years of experience in the drug business, Calvin N. Shaw, of Bellows Falls, is well known as a partner in the Hogdon and Shaw Drug Store, one of the leading pharmacies in this city, with a reputation for reputable and dependable products and pharmaceutical supplies of the highest grade. Mr. Shaw has been identified with this line of activity since 1884 when he first became associated with the drug business, and since that time he has progressed steadily by his love of industry and competent ability to his present position as one of this city's foremost business men. He maintains a deep interest in the welfare of his community, and is a valued member of all organizations which have as their purpose the promotion of civic prosperity and public good.

Mr. Shaw was born in Kingsey Falls, Province of Quebec, Canada, March 25, 1863, son of Edgar S. and Seraph G. (Wilcox) Shaw, his father having been born in Shipton, Province of Quebec, Canada, and his mother a native of Quebec, both being now deceased. Edgar S. Shaw was engaged in the agricultural industry all his life.

Calvin N. Shaw was educated in the public schools of Dauville, Province of Quebec, Canada, and after high school was employed for a year in farming pursuits. In 1884, he entered the employ of a druggist in St. Johnsbury and was engaged there until 1892, laying the foundations for his subsequent successful career in this work. Coming to Bellows Falls, he accepted a position with the Andrews Drug Store as manager, in which capacity he was occupied until 1912, when, with Herbert W. Hogdon, he purchased the Andrews Drug Store and the name was changed to its present title of Hogdon and Shaw, and operated on a partnership basis since that time. Mr. Shaw has ever been a thorough believer in the axiom that a satisfied customer is the best advertisement any establishment can have and, accordingly, he has bent all his efforts toward providing the people of his community with the most dependable supplies and products of general excellence that the market affords. Customers are assured of the greatest care in the compounding of prescriptions as well as the use of drugs of the highest quality and efficacy. The organization has ever received the fullest commendation of all the physicians of this city, who realize the value to the community of such a store in which everyone can rely with utmost confidence. Mr. Shaw is an active member of the Vermont State Pharmaceutical Association, in which organization he has served as president, and he also holds membership in the American Pharmaceutical Association and the National Association of Retail Druggists. A valuable member of the Chamber of Commerce, he is an earnest advocate of all movements calculated to advance the interests of this city. In his fraternal allegiance, he is a member of the Bellows Falls Lodge, No. 23, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His political principles are those of the Republican party, and his religious adherence is given to the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is steward and trustee. His hobby is photography.

Calvin N. Shaw married, in 1888, Laura P. Dudley, who was born in St. Johnsbury, and they are the parents of seven children: 1. Ethel. 2. Everett, who dur-

ing the World War was engaged in ammunition manufacture. 3. Gladys. 4. Laura. 5. Wendell. 6. Thelma. 7. Lawrence.

**FRED DARLING GILMAN**—A figure of the greatest importance in St. Johnsbury life for many years, Fred D. Gilman was known throughout the State and was everywhere considered one of Vermont's biggest business men. His many real estate transactions not only brought him personal prominence but also contributed in considerable degree to the upbuilding of the State and the advancement of its prosperity. Numerous enterprises of commercial or financial nature owe much to his able direction of affairs and sympathetic interest, and yet it is the vivid memory of his rare spirit, his personal warmth and charm which will remain most surely in the hearts of all those who knew him—a living monument to his fame.

Mr. Gilman was born in Lyndon, March 27, 1866, a son of Nathan and Mary Jane (Darling) Gilman of that place. About five years of his boyhood were spent in Lyndon, after which his family removed to Barnet. There he received his education, and there he lived for about twenty years. With his brother, Daniel T. Gilman (q. v.), Mr. Gilman always maintained the closest relationships, both business and personal, and together they made their first big venture when they purchased the old Bryant stables in Railroad Street, St. Johnsbury, about the year 1890. Since that time it has been Gilman Brothers' stable, and with the initial success of this enterprise Mr. Gilman always made his home in St. Johnsbury until his death. A few years after his arrival a large house was acquired, also on Railroad Street, and this became the residence of both brothers, with their families. Sons of each have been connected with the firm in recent years.

A large horse and cattle business was soon under way at the stables, and soon alterations and additions became necessary. Mr. Gilman was a man of remarkably sound judgment in the matter of business trends and property values, and while his brother devoted himself largely to the horse and cattle interests, Mr. Gilman took up real estate, managing affairs in this sphere of activity in their joint interests. He soon became known for the boldness of his transactions, and purchases which may have seemed foolish at first were invariably proved sound with the passing years. One of the large real estate transactions handled by him, involved the sale of the Whipple farms at New Boston, New Hampshire, in 1919, where the purchase price ran well above a hundred thousand dollars. Another notable deal which he was instrumental in completing involved the sale of a large tract of land at Lyndon Center left to the State by the late Theodore N. Vail to be used for agricultural experiments. The State rejected the bequest, and according to the terms of Mr. Vail's will, it was then to go to Lyndon Institute. When Lyndon Institute wished to turn the land into money, Mr. Gilman made the purchase. His advice on matters of importance was frequently consulted by the largest interests, and always highly regarded. In addition to his connection with Gilman Brothers, he was also vice-president of the Citizens Savings Bank and Trust Company in St. Johnsbury, a director of the Vermont Mutual Life Insurance Company, and president of the Essex Storage Company of Turners Falls, Massachusetts, a concern interested in a dam project at Victory. Through his wide-spread and varied interests, Mr. Gilman was known in practically every community in the St. Johnsbury section of Vermont, as well as in many other towns and cities at greater distance.

Mr. Gilman was affiliated fraternally with the St. Johnsbury Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order



of Elks, and was very active in the affairs of this great order. He was a member of several local clubs and associations, including the St. Johnsbury Rotary Club. Mr. Gilman always took a prominent part in civic affairs, and was everywhere considered a man of great public spirit. For four years, from 1905 to 1908, he served as town selectman at St. Johnsbury, while in 1915 he represented this district in the State Legislature. He was generous in his contributions to all those in need, and made many donations to worthy benevolent causes.

In 1895, Fred D. Gilman married Sallie D. Roberts, of North Danville, a daughter of Henry M. Roberts, well known resident there, a farmer and a veteran of the Civil War. Mr. and Mrs. Gilman became the parents of one son, Paul, who later became associated with him in the business of Gilman Brothers.

At Mr. Gilman's death, which occurred September 19, 1926, deep sorrow fell upon the whole community, and thousands in every walk of life paid heart-felt tribute to his worth and sterling character. As a local paper wrote at the time:

Those who have had business connections with Mr. Gilman say with plain force that "his word was as good as his bond." He gave and insisted upon receiving the strictest honesty in the smallest and biggest business transactions. And yet in personal contacts he was always considerate and possessed the deepest sympathy for others.

Although of very reticent nature, he could not prevent his many works of quietly conducted charity becoming known. None of the favors he bestowed on friends in need were ever revealed through any utterance of his, but those who mourn him today remember many. Often he gave financial aid to those in distress through illness or business misfortune.

Many St. Johnsbury business men pay striking tribute to Mr. Gilman. They praise his business integrity, his large capacity for making friends, and his kindly attitude toward all his fellowmen. They recall his many friends among children. As he drove his car about the streets of St. Johnsbury, and even in many of the surrounding towns, he was greeted by dozens of children. Many of them knew him as "Uncle Fred," and he derived great enjoyment from this familiarity.

An unusual cheeriness marked Mr. Gilman's pursuance of the business routine of each day. This was never lacking even during the last few months when he suffered often from the illness which caused his death. Although he never made complaint of ill health, it is known that he suffered almost constantly. He rejected with a smile all suggestions that he temporarily retire from active business in order to regain his health.

Few communities have suffered more through the loss of a notable citizen than St. Johnsbury in the death of Mr. Gilman. His friends are legion, and his wide-reaching business interests have made him prominently known and loved through all Northern New England.

**ROBERT EARL SUSENA**—In legal circles of Vermont, Robert Earl Susena, of Bellows Falls, holds an honored place as one of the most successful and progressive of the younger members of this profession. Mr. Susena came to this city in November, 1927, and opened his present office at 14 Square for the practice of law, and since that time he has built up a steadily increasing clientele, while for himself he has achieved a reputation for exceptional accomplishments in both civil and criminal court work. His thorough technical knowledge and keen ability to analyze the most involved of legal questions have brought him the commendation and utmost confidence of all his clients, with the result that he is one of the most popular lawyers in this vicinity.

Mr. Susena was born in Baveno, Italy, September 28, 1894, son of Eugene G. and Louise Susena, the former a native of Baveno, Italy, and the latter of Switzerland, both of whom now reside at Montpelier. Eugene G. Susena was a well-known manufacturer of granite work

in Montpelier for many years prior to his retirement from active business cares.

Robert Earl Susena was educated in the public schools of Barre, and in preparatory school in Switzerland. Returning to the United States, he read law in the office of Theriault and Hunt in Montpelier and applied himself assiduously to his work with the result that he was admitted to the bar of the State of Vermont in 1920. From that time until February 21, 1927, he practiced his profession in Montpelier with pronounced success. Accepting a post with the legal firm of Palmer, Emery and Pine at No. 26 Broadway, New York City, Mr. Susena spent six months in that city, returning to Vermont in November, 1927, when he opened his present office in Bellows Falls. He is a popular member of the Vermont State Bar Association and of the Windham County Bar Association. In the municipal affairs of this city, he takes an interested part and lends his aid and influence to every movement which has for its ultimate purpose the advancement of the people's welfare. He is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Pierce Lawton Post, American Legion. His fraternal connection is with the Montpelier Lodge, No. 924, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In politics, he follows the principles of the Republican party, and his religious attendance is at the Congregational Church. Fishing and shooting are his chief hobbies, and these sports he finds the necessary recreation to offset his busy professional life. During the recent World War, Mr. Susena enlisted, May 27, 1917, in the Quartermaster Corps of the regular army, and reported at Concord, New Hampshire, for active duty at the arsenal there in August, 1917. He was later sent to Camp Jackson, South Carolina, where he was stationed until January 13, 1919, when he was discharged with the rank of corporal.

Robert Earl Susena married, November 16, 1927, Mary Lyon, who was born in Brookline, Massachusetts.

**ARTHUR L. BILLINGS**—Operating in granite construction stone for the first twenty years of his business life, Arthur L. Billings, of Brattleboro, suddenly diverged from this beaten track and engaged in the hotel business. Success attended him from the beginning and today he has advanced to a position where he is one of the best known and most reputable public hosts in the State of Vermont. He has been graciously endowed by Nature for the work in which he is engaged, being possessed of a pleasing personality and the ability to make friends readily and to hold them tenaciously. He believes in fraternal organizations and is affiliated with many, is an ardent advocate of sound government and deeply interested in the civic advancement of the community, a valuable and pleasant citizen, with a wide acquaintance and many close personal friends.

He is a native of Maine, having been born in Vinal Haven, October 29, 1874, a son of George Edward, of Bucksport, and Adelia H. (Lee) Billings, of Vinal Haven, both deceased, his father having been engaged as a blacksmith during his life. Educated in the public schools of Skowhegan, Maine, he began work in the granite quarries in 1892 and remained at that occupation until 1912, when he purchased the Hoadley Apartment, opposite the Union Station, changed the name to Hotel Billings and has since conducted it as sole owner and proprietor. This house was opened in 1903 under the name of the Armory Apartments and was so continued until 1907, when it became known as the Hoadley. Mr. Billings has remodelled it entirely, put in twenty private baths and a total of ninety rooms, with a restaurant and grill to take care of the transient trade arriving by train and motor, its location being



on the main highway to Boston and New York. Mr. Billings belongs to the Vermont State Hotel Association, the Brattleboro Country and Outing clubs and is a member of the Congregational church. His political party is the Republican. He is affiliated with the Columbian Lodge, No. 36, Order of Free and Accepted Masons; of which he is Past Master; Fort Dummer Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Connecticut Valley Council, Royal and Select Masters; Beauseant Commandery, Knights Templar; Brattleboro Lodge, No. 1499, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and Bingham Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Arthur L. Billings married, in 1897, Elizabeth Smith Bowie, a native of Scotland. Their children are: Robert Lee and Leslie Edward, both now (1928) in college, one in Dartmouth and the other in the New York Military Academy.

**PRESTON M. SWEET**—A foremost citizen of Bellows Falls, president of the Wyndham Press, Incorporated, printers of books and magazines, and binders, Preston M. Sweet has contributed materially to the progress and prosperity of this community.

Mr. Sweet was born at Williamstown, Ontario, Canada, April 13, 1888, a son of the Rev. Henry P. and Mary Rebecca (Niles) Sweet. His father and mother both are living as this is written (1928); he, a native of Messina, New York, long served as a Methodist minister; Mary Rebecca (Niles) Sweet is a native of Alburg, Vermont.

Preston M. Sweet secured his elementary and secondary academic instruction in the public schools of Swanton, Vermont, and hence, from childhood, has been a resident of this State. Following receipt of his high school diploma, he went to work for the printing firm of C. W. Buckley, at St. Albans, Vermont, and continued there for two years, serving a rounded apprenticeship at the type cases and presses. Later, he formed a connection with the P. H. Gobie Press, of Bellows Falls, and for eleven years was an employee here, his term as such having commenced in 1907. In 1921 he was made a partner; in 1924, president and manager of the firm; and in 1928 its name style was changed to that retained at present—the Wyndham Press, Incorporated, with charter under the State's laws to engage as printers and binders, etc. The company specializes in book and magazine printing of superior quality, and in bindery work, also doing an extensive commercial line of printing for firms and individuals widely spread throughout New England. It ranks among the outstanding printing and binding houses of the State, employs forty workers steadily, and has plant and offices at Nos. 81-83 Rockingham Street. Mr. Sweet's part in the firm's development has been considerable. As manager and president he holds its future in his hands; and from evidences of past performance, future growth is expected to be great.

While Mr. Sweet is thus busily occupied with affairs of his career proper, none the less does he interest himself in general matters of event. A Republican, he supports the party's principles and candidates with influence. During the World War he served with the rank of sergeant in Company M, Vermont State Militia, and was of valued assistance in the several Liberty loans. Fraternally, he is prominent in the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he belongs to King Solomon Temple Lodge; Abenague Chapter, Royal Arch Masons (Past High Priest); Holy Cross Commandery, Knights Templar (Past Commander); and is affiliated with Bellows Falls Lodge No. 23, of which he is Past Grand, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Golden Rule Encampment, and Canton Skitchawang, No. 11. He is a member of the Westminster Club, secretary

of the Bellows Falls Country Club, belongs to the Bellows Falls Outing, Abenague Rod and Gun and Rotary clubs, and is chairman of the Publicity Committee of the Bellows Falls Chamber of Commerce. He is a communicant of the Methodist church, and his chief out-of-door pleasure is golf.

Mr. Sweet married (first), in 1908, Edith B. Damon, a native of Bellows Falls, who died in 1919. He married (second), in 1921, Florence M. Ray, native of Bellows Falls, who survives. Of the first union were born: 1. Kelton Damon. 2. Bruce Damon. And of the second was born a son: 3. Ray Douglas.

**HERMAN V. BROOKS**—In the foremost ranks of the automobile business in Brattleboro, Herman V. Brooks takes his place among the business men of significance and weight in the city. The lovely Green Mountain country has been the mecca for tourists since the great influx of motorists first began to pour into the picturesque New England States, and it has naturally given a stimulus to the automobile trade at all points, no less so in this central and prosperous city. Mr. Brooks has taken keen advantage of this and has throughout recognized the full potentialities of the motor car as one of the leading commercial factors of the age.

Herman V. Brooks was born at Dunham Flats, Canada, July 2, 1894, the son of Benjamin E. T. Brooks, born in England, and Delina (Goodhue) Brooks, who was born in the Province of Quebec, Canada. The elder Brooks was a man of wide education, a graduate of both Oxford and Cambridge and, at the time of his death, was an accountant of remarkable aptitude. Mr. Brooks, the younger, was brought up in the public schools of Burlington where the family had settled, and later entered the business institution of Clawson and Hamilton at Brattleboro, where he received a thorough business training. After completing his education he became secretary to Mr. John F. Ryan of the Liberty Paper Company at Bellows Falls and after three years in that position took one as assistant manager of the Pure Bred Livestock Sales Company at Brattleboro. Always advancing in responsibility, he next took the post of eastern representative of the Orange-Judd publications, working on sales promotion plans for himself during that time, plans which eventuated in the establishing of the automobile agency that was the nucleus of his present live and growing business. The Brooks Motor Company, Incorporated, of which he is president and treasurer is one of important businesses of the district, for its activities are widely spread and, as special agent for the Chevrolet, this company controls Windham County, part of Cheshire County, New Hampshire, and Bennington County. In addition to their large sales activities, they also maintain a complete service department. Like that of all young men of the day, his business career was interrupted by the World War and he enlisted in the United States Army, May, 1918, and was assigned to the 44th Company, 151st Brigade Infantry. He was honorably discharged in December, 1919, with rank of sergeant. Mr. Brooks is a live civic asset and full of enthusiastic zeal towards the community at large. He belongs to the Brattleboro Post of the American Legion, of which he is Past Commander and he has also served as member of the Vermont State executive committee and twice been delegate to the American Legion National Convention. Mr. Brooks has been on the board of governors of the Brattleboro Outing Club since its organization and is also a member of the Brattleboro Club. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Brattleboro Lodge, No. 1499, counts him upon their roster of members; and he is a Past Grand Knight, and the young-



est Grand Knight, when in office, of the Knights of Columbus. In politics, Mr. Brooks calls himself an independent and he has taken a loyal part in the civic political activities, particularly as they affected the youths of the community. For a year he acted as chairman of the Playground Committee and was on the board of directors of the Community Service during its existence. For three years he acted as chairman of the American Legion Labor Day celebration. Mr. Brooks attends St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church.

Herman V. Brooks was married in 1920 to Mary E. Austin, who was born in Brattleboro, and they have two small children: Mary Jeanette and Philip Austin.

**DANIEL P. THOMPSON**—Variegated though the career of Daniel P. Thompson, of Bellows Falls, has been, it has been punctuated with steps of progress and service of a very high order, the latter to his town, county, State and government. He has been a deputy sheriff, a civil engineer, a prohibition agent, a non-commissioned officer in the State's military establishment, and is a veteran naval warrant officer of the World War, with a fine record for service in foreign waters and on the soil of France. His most recent enterprise is that of pharmacist in association with a partner in a well-known Bellows Falls firm. He is one of the most progressive and useful of the citizens of his native town of Bellows Falls. Daniel P. Thompson was born January 26, 1883, son of Arthur H. and Mary S. (Cunningham) Thompson. His father, who was a native of Keene, New Hampshire, was an iron moulder in his earlier years. Later, he was appointed Chief of Police of Bellows Falls, and served with distinction for twenty years. Subsequently, he was elected high sheriff of Windham County and achieved a remarkable record in that office during his tenure of ten years; he died in 1910. Mr. Thompson's mother was born in County Waterford, Ireland, and she passed away in 1913.

The son, Daniel P., attended the grade and high schools of Bellows Falls and entered Norwich University, from which he was graduated in the class of 1905. He next studied law for a time in the office of Haskins & Swenk, of Brattleboro. In 1908, he was appointed deputy sheriff of Windham County and served in that capacity until 1914. For three years, thereafter, he followed the profession of surveyor and civil engineer. Then came his period of splendid service in the naval forces of the United States during the World War. On his discharge, he was appointed a Prohibition agent for the State of Vermont and held that commission until 1925, in which year he became a partner of Elmer S. Sanborn in the Bellows Falls Drug Company, and through that medium he has ever since helped to minister to the patrons of the firm who are drawn from among the most desirable people of the town and its vicinity. Mr. Thompson is so widely known in Windham County, that his acquaintance proves a big asset to his company, adding as it does to the volume of good will which it enjoys.

More extended mention of Mr. Thompson's military record ought to be made here. In his early young manhood he enlisted in Company 1, Vermont National Guard, of Brattleboro. Subsequently, he was transferred to Company E., of Bellows Falls, and was promoted to regimental quartermaster sergeant, his term of enlistment lasting four years. In April, 1917, after the United States became a participating Nation in the World War, he was accepted as a gunner's mate, third class, on his enlistment in the United States Naval Reserve Corps. He trained at Bumkin Island, near Boston, and was assigned to the United States Minesweeper, "Hubbard," in which he went to the Bay of

Biscay. During his service afloat he was promoted to gunner's mate, second class, and then to gunner's mate, first class. Then he was ordered ashore and appointed warden of the Naval Prison at Lorient, France. He held the rank of gunner's mate, first class, on his honorable discharge in January, 1919.

Republican political successes in various election districts have been aided by Mr. Thompson's long, faithful and enthusiastic adherence to and service in that party's organization. Offices other than those above mentioned which he has held as a public servant include those of tax collector, for two years; constable, for two years; and lister, for one year, of the town of Bellows Falls. He has served as Commander of Pierce Lawton Post, American Legion, of Bellows Falls, and on the State Executive Committee of the Legion. His fraternities are Alpha Theta Chi; and Claremont Lodge, No. 879, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His social organizations are the Westminster Club, and the Bellows Falls Country Club. He is an attendant of St. Charles' Roman Catholic Church at Bellows Falls. His interest in the major sports has never abated since his earlier years in which he played professional basketball, and he is an enthusiast over football and baseball, often seen as one of the most ardent fans at local and more important games.

Daniel P. Thompson married, in 1921, Ruth E. Lackey, who was born in Montpelier. They are the parents of two daughters: Mary E. and Elizabeth A. Thompson.

**LEWIS R. BROWN**—Among the younger business men who are advancing the commercial interests of Brattleboro, Lewis R. Brown stands out prominently for his progressive attitude and ability to adapt the modern methods of merchandising to the growing needs of this community. Mr. Brown heads the thriving organization located at No. 129 Main Street, where he conducts a large business in wholesale and retail stationery, picture framing and a photographic department which is one of the largest of its kind in this vicinity.

Mr. Brown was born in West Chesterfield, New Hampshire, May 29, 1899, son of William M. and Carrie Lillian (Barrett) Brown, his father, who is deceased, having been a native of Marlboro, and his mother, who is living, having been born in Chesterfield, New Hampshire. William M. Brown was occupied in agricultural pursuits most of his life.

Lewis R. Brown was educated in the public schools of Brattleboro and after high school accepted a position in the shoe store of Dunham Brothers and was associated with this concern in the retail department for approximately eleven years. In 1927, he decided to branch out independently and accordingly purchased the business of Clapp and Jones Company, dealers in stationery and office supplies, who also maintained a large jobbing trade. Since that time, Mr. Brown has added a photographic department with the result that his enterprise is the largest of its kind in Brattleboro and vicinity, with the reputation of producing the finest commercial photographic work in this vicinity. His picture-framing department is the only store in this city where work of this character can be done and, in the distribution of wholesale stationery, he covers the entire State of Vermont. Mr. Brown has continued the splendid business policies of the original founders, Clapp and Jones, who organized their stationery store, the first in Brattleboro, in 1880, and its constant growth and expansion is the outcome of his thorough attention to the needs of his customers and the dependability of his products. In civic affairs, he takes an active part and is a popular member of the Brattleboro Club. His fraternal allegiance is given to Wantas-







*Edwin F. Livingston*

tiquet Lodge, No. 5, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Brattleboro Post, American Legion. His political adherence is given to the Republican party and he attends All Souls' Church. His hobbies are photography and swimming. During the recent World War, he enlisted in the United States Army, October, 1918, and was stationed at Hanover, New Hampshire, being discharged in December, 1918, with the rank of private.

Lewis R. Brown married, in 1923, Beatrice J. Yearly, who was born at South Londonderry.

**GEORGE C. DIXON**—Perhaps no man has it within his ability to perform more of benefit to a community than has the editor and publisher of that community's newspaper. George C. Dixon, as editor and publisher of "The Deerfield Valley Times" for more than twenty years (this is written in 1928), has accomplished much of lasting benefit to the village of Wilmington, to the town in which it lies, and to the surrounding regions of Windham County. His service to Wilmington, however, exceeds a score of years, as he came here in 1900, at the close of the old century and commencement of the new. Changes in the village's physical appearance since then have been many indeed, a reflection of modernity in methods employed for general business; and in these, as private citizen as well as proprietor of a unit in the Fourth Estate, he has assisted valuably toward favorable civic evolution and social welfare.

Mr. Dixon was born in Kittery, Maine, August 20, 1865. He received his elementary and secondary academic instruction in the Kittery schools, graduating from high school in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. After having completed this part of his education he became associated with "The Portsmouth Daily Times," with which publication he continued in service for seven years. He had now a very good experience in certain phases of newspaper enterprise, and removed to Boston, Massachusetts, where during the next twelve years he worked in a book and job printing business. Subsequently he engaged as printer in New York City, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Baltimore, Maryland, then, as aforementioned, came to Wilmington, in the employ of "The Deerfield Valley Times." This excellent publication, then as now of weekly issue, was a leader in the Deerfield Valley field, and Mr. Dixon, as foreman of the composing and mechanical sides of its production, contributed invaluable assistance to its prestige. Under his foremanship the paper's mechanical appearance took on a brightness not theretofore offered to its readers, and mechanical aspects were expedited so that mails were "made" without delay. As foreman Mr. Dixon worked seven years, in 1907 purchasing the paper and plant, which he has continued to operate with constantly mounting fortune.

A Republican, Mr. Dixon has been active in affairs of politics. In 1912 he served as member of the Progressive Town Committee. He has served also as game warden, and in 1926 was inspector for the Vermont State Vehicle Department. He has seen our country in two wars. In 1898—May 3—he enlisted in the United States Army for service in the war against Spain, with the 2d Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. He took part in the following historic battles: El Caney, San Juan Hill and the Siege of Santiago. Enlisted as a private, he held that rank throughout his service, fought with valor, and returned to the United States for honorable discharge, afterward resuming the course of his career as outlined. He is fond of hunting and fishing.

Mr. Dixon married, January 30, 1906, Flora E. Pike, native of Whitingham, Vermont; and their children are: 1. Grace M. 2. Alice F. 3. George A. 4. Howard L. 5. Loretta E. 6. Margie H.

**FRANCIS MAVOR MALCOLM**—Educational circles in Vermont are enriched by the membership of Francis Mavor Malcolm, superintendent of the public schools of Bellows Falls, who occupies that important position by virtue of his practical eligibility and extended scholastic preparation. He is as well a citizen of value in other lines, taking his full interest in all matters that appertain to the promotion of the public welfare, appreciating the importance of coöperation in order to effect progress of any nature. Cultured, genial and sociable, he possesses many friends, and is esteemed and admired by the community as one of its best examples of citizenship.

Francis Mavor Malcolm is a son of George and Jean (Thompson) Malcolm, his father being a farmer and business man. He acquired his education at the Ricker Classical Institute, from which he was graduated; at the Aroostock State Normal School; and at Cornell University, from which he was graduated and received the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1923. His first work was as a teacher, after which he was promoted to be principal of high school, then advancing to the position of supervising principal of the elementary and high schools and again to be superintendent of all. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Bellows Falls, and a thirty-second degree member of the Order of Free and Accepted Masons.

**EDWIN F. LIVINGSTON**—Achievement in the face of difficulties and ultimate success to an outstanding degree, have been the characteristics of the business and professional career of Edwin F. Livingston. He was born in Proton, Canada, December 10, 1870, son of George A. and Addie W. (Abbott) Livingston, the latter born at Troy, Orleans County. The elder Mr. Livingston was born also in Canada and was the son of Farrand Livingston, who migrated from Connecticut into the Canadian wilderness when a young man and settled in that country, neither his son nor his grandson, however, ever forfeiting their American citizenship.

Edwin F. Livingston has shown indomitable energy and unswerving ambition throughout his career and that it has been crowned with success is but fit and proper. He began to work as a small boy and as a lad had little chance for schooling, but as he grew older and began to earn a sufficient sum to enable him to, he went wholeheartedly to work to acquire the education that he was determined to have and that his potential intellectual powers and native brain demanded. He worked day and night at various jobs and studied nights. He graduated from the Eastman National Business College in the spring of 1892 and then entered the employ of the West End Street Railway Company, now the Boston Elevated Railway, Boston, Massachusetts, serving first as conductor, then as starter in charge of a car-house with three hundred and fifty men, and in other capacities in the operating department. In 1903 he entered the claim and legal department of this company where he remained for twenty-three years. He studied law at night at the Northeastern University, from which he was graduated in 1920, and was then admitted to the bar of Massachusetts. He was in charge of the litigated claims department from 1915 until he was placed on the retired list of the company in 1926, which completed a continuous service of thirty-four years. He was associated with the law office of Fletcher Ranney, a distinguished jurist of the Massachusetts bar, and in 1926 he returned to his old home North Troy, Vermont. He was admitted to the practice of law in Vermont and since then has been in the law and insurance business representing twenty-two companies. His activities outside of his actual business are wide, and interest in public welfare has always been a motive power in his life. He is president of the North Troy division of the Orleans



Chapter of the Red Cross and Secretary-Treasurer of the Jay Peak Chamber of Commerce. When he lived in Massachusetts, he acted as a trustee of the Thomas Crane Public Library at Quincy and was on the executive board of the Vermont Association of Boston. He is Republican by political affiliation, a Mason, a Knight of Pythias and a member of the University Club of Boston, and of the Green Mountain Club. He also finds time to serve as a director of the Valley Savings Bank and Trust Company.

Mr. Livingston married Kittie A. Hunt, daughter of J. R. B. and Emeline (Porter) Hunt, born in North Troy. Their one child, Hazel, is a graduate of Wellesley College and now the wife of Walter R. Sears of Quincy, Massachusetts, and has a son Walter Edwin.

**HENRY STOCKWELL ROOT**—The oldest merchant in point of service in the city of Newport, Vermont, Henry Stockwell Root has been in business here since 1865, maintaining throughout all this period the reputation always associated with the Root name for the highest standard in the quality of his goods and the excellence of his service. In many local enterprises he has played a prominent part, while for his achievements and high sense of civic duty, he is widely honored and esteemed by the entire community.

Mr. Root was born at Coventry, Vermont, May 21, 1839, a son of Horace W. and Lucy (Stockwell) Root, both born at Rochester, Vermont. His father was first an old-time shoemaker, but later in life he engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Henry Stockwell Root attended the Vermont district schools, the academy at Brownington, Vermont, and the select school at Conventry. With the completion of his educational work, he went West to Illinois where he remained for a period of three years, and then returned to his native State. In Illinois he had engaged in various pursuits, but upon his return to Vermont, he taught school in the winter, while serving as a carpenter and builder in summer. He specialized for some time in the construction of bridges, building many of them throughout this section, at a time when the railroad was first coming to Newport. In 1865, however, following plans which he had been forming for some time, Mr. Root established himself in business here, dealing in furniture, floor coverings, hardware, and paints. Possessing genuine executive ability and sound business judgment, he soon passed the critical early period and guided his venture along the pathway of success. The community was quick to avail itself of the excellent merchandise which Mr. Root offered, and throughout a period of years his volume of trade constantly increased by healthy expansion. In the more than sixty years that have passed since that time, he has given his attention continually to this work, building a wide reputation as a progressive business man, and a trade of flattering proportions throughout this section. Today the store at No. 15 Main Street is one of the most famous in Newport, while Mr. Root at an advanced age is still the able executive, completely master of all the details of his business and ever on the alert for new opportunities. In addition to his own enterprise, he served for some time as president of the National Bank of Newport, of which he was one of the first stockholders, and for more than thirty years a director.

In politics Mr. Root is a member of the Democratic party, but he always considers for himself the qualifications of a candidate for office, or the merits of a proposal submitted to the electorate, rather than blindly following party dictates. He has been very active in all civic affairs, while for forty-seven consecutive years he was town clerk and treasurer of Newport, finally declining

to occupy office any longer at the time when Newport became a city. For fifty years he was also local justice of the peace. Mr. Root was agent for the American Express Company for twenty years, while he is a member and for some years was president of the Newport Board of Trade. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, and is prominent in higher Masonic circles. In this great order he is a member of all bodies of the York and Scottish Rites, including the Thirty-third Degree of the latter. He has held all chairs in the local branches, while he is also Past High Priest of the Grand Chapter, and Past Potentate of Mt. Sinai Temple, at Montpelier, of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. With his family he has always been an active member of the Newport Congregational Church.

Henry Stockwell Root married Abbie W. Carpenter, who was born at Lyndon, Vermont, a daughter of Ephraim and Betsey (Smith) Carpenter. Mrs. Root died on April 29, 1918. Of this marriage there is one son, George F., who is now associated with his father in the conduct of his business, and of whom a short biography follows.

**GEORGE F. ROOT**—An important figure in the business life of Newport, Vermont, George F. Root is a member of the firm of H. S. Root and Son, dealers in furniture, floor coverings, hardware, and paints. In the conduct of this business, which was established by his father more than sixty years ago, Mr. Root's services and ability have proved repeatedly of the greatest value, while he is also one of the prominent insurance men of this city, specializing in the handling of fire insurance, in which capacity he enjoys much success.

Mr. Root was born at Newport on July 17, 1872, a son of Henry Stockwell and Abbie W. (Carpenter) Root. A short biography of the father, Henry S. Root precedes this review.

George F. Root was educated in the public schools of Newport and St. Johnsbury Academy. Later he undertook a course of study in French's Business College, at Boston, and upon the completion of this work, he returned to Newport and became associated with his father in the operation of his mercantile enterprise which has brought the highest type of service to the community through so many years. In addition to this work, Mr. Root became associated, in 1906, with E. C. Blanchard, establishing an insurance business and specializing in handling fire insurance policies. In the course of a few years, the demands for this service had reached large proportions, and upon Mr. Blanchard's death, Mr. Root took over the sole management and has since carried on the business alone in a very successful way. He is past president of the State Association.

The same ability which he has displayed in his own affairs, Mr. Root has given unselfishly to the public service, in official position and in civic work. For more than twenty years he was assistant town clerk, discharging all the duties of this post with great efficiency, while during the period of the World War he served as a member of the Vermont Safety Committee of Fifty-seven, under appointment by Governor Graham. He was a member of the City Council for four years and served as president for two years. He is an active member and past president of the local Chamber of Commerce; vice-president of the State Chamber of Commerce; also vice-president for some time of the Newport Rotary Club; and past president of Northern Vermont Fish and Game Club. In politics Mr. Root supports the principles and candidates of the Democratic party, and has frequently been honored by that party in his nomination for high office, including the positions of lieutenant-governor, secretary of state, and member of Congress. He is af-



filiated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, and like his father has taken a prominent part in the affairs of this order. He is a member of the local Blue Lodge, the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Council of Royal and Select Masters, and the Commandery of the Knights Templar at Newport, having occupied the chairs of all these branches, while he is also a member of all bodies of the Scottish Rite, including the Consistory at Burlington, and a member of Mt. Sinai Temple, at Montpelier, of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Root is Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Vermont; Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter; Past Grand Master of the Grand Council; and Past Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star. He has been honored in his election to the thirty-third degree of the Scottish Rite. He is also vice-president of the Newport Masonic Temple Association, while he holds membership in several local clubs, including the Memphremagog Yacht Club, of which he is past commodore; the Newport Country Club, and Sons of the American Revolution.

George F. Root married Ella Mabel Baldwin, who was born at Boston, Massachusetts, a daughter of T. H. and Kate (Klauss) Baldwin of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Root are the parents of one son, Howard Stockwell, who was graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1928, with the Mechanical Engineering degree. He is now beginning a special course of training in automobile engineering, which will be the field of his life's work. With his family, Mr. Root worships in the faith of the Congregational church.

**DOMINICK C. PAUL**—In the city of Rutland, Dominick C. Paul is active in commercial circles as the owner and proprietor of the well-known tailoring establishment and haberdashery which bears his name. Mr. Paul has been identified with the mercantile business of this city since 1912 when he opened a tailor shop here, moving a year later to his present location, where his organization has steadily grown into one of the outstanding stores of its kind in this section of Vermont.

Mr. Paul was born in the Province of Benevento, Italy, in 1882. He was educated in the public schools of his native land and came to the United States at the age of sixteen, becoming associated with his brother, the late Felix Paul, in the latter's merchant tailoring business. In 1912, Mr. Paul began his own independent venture, being located first in Howley's block at No. 38½ Center Street, and one year later moved to his present address at No. 54 Center Street. His efforts have met with continued success due in particular to his evident capacity for efficient management coupled with a sincere desire to satisfy his customers at all times by courteous treatment and with quality goods. At the present time, his tailoring department turns out clothes of the highest class, while in his men's furnishings section, he handles the finest grades of clothing and accessories. His patronage has increased steadily as the community recognized and appreciated the estimable qualities of his organization. In the civic life of this city, Mr. Paul takes an interested part and is always to be found in the vanguard of every movement for municipal advancement or public welfare. He is a member of the Rutland Chamber of Commerce and his fraternal affiliations are with the Knights of Columbus; the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Lodge No. 1001, in which he is a chair member, also being a chair member of the Loyal Order of Moose. Mr. Paul was the organizer of the local Lodge Christopher Colombo, No. 414, Sons of Italy, which he founded in 1914. In politics, he is a staunch Republican, and his religious adherence is given to the

Catholic church and he is a member of St. Peter's parish.

Dominick C. Paul married, in New York City, Anna Mecca, and they are the parents of four children: 1. Joseph, born in November, 1911. 2. Olympia, born in November, 1913. 3. Albert, born in 1915. 4. Dominick, born in 1923.

**JUDGE GEORGE H. THOMPSON**—One of the successful lawyers of Bellows Falls and a man whose part in the public life of this place has been most prominent and useful is George H. Thompson, who has lived throughout the greater part of his life in Vermont.

George H. Thompson was born on April 28, 1880, in Ludlow, Vermont, a son of William Parker and Mary (Humphrey) Thompson. His father, a native of Cavenish, Vermont, is engaged at Springfield, Vermont, in the meat and provisions business, while the mother, Mary (Humphrey) Thompson, is a native of Ludlow, Vermont.

George H. Thompson, of whom this is a record, received his early education in the public schools of Cavenish, and subsequently studied at Vermont Academy, from which he was graduated in the class of 1897. He then taught school for two years, at the end of which period he was admitted into the law office of Waterman and Martin, of Brattleboro, with whom he read law until 1905, acquiring a thorough knowledge of the profession which he had chosen for his own. In the same year, 1905, he was admitted to the bar in Vermont; while in 1906 he removed to Bellows Falls, where since that time he has practiced his profession. His offices are situated at No. 39 Square.

In addition to his own legal practice, which has assumed large and noteworthy proportions, Mr. Thompson has served as judge. From 1910 to 1913 he was municipal judge of Bellows Falls Municipal Court. In 1920, he formed a partnership with Almon I. Bolles, which existed until 1923, when he was appointed judge of probate, which position he has held since that time. Connected with many fraternities and organizations, Mr. Thompson is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which his affiliation is with King Solomon Temple Lodge, of which he is Past Master; Abenague Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is Past High Priest; Bellows Falls Council, Royal and Select Masters; and Holy Cross Commandery, Knights Templar. He also holds memberships in the Westminster Club, of which he is a past president; the Bellows Falls Country Club, of which he is a director; the Rotary Club, of which he is also a director; the Chamber of Commerce, in which he holds a directorship; the Abenague Rod and Gun Club; the Bellows Falls Outing Club; the Vermont State Bar Association, in which he has served as vice-president; the Windham County Bar Association; and the American Legion. His political connection is with the Republican party, which he serves as a member of the Republican State Committee, and on whose ticket he was chosen to the office of town moderator; he also served several times as delegate to Republican State conventions. For about twelve years he served his country as a member of Company I of the Vermont National Guard, of Brattleboro, having enlisted with this company and later having transferred his membership to Company E, of Bellows Falls. This company he organized and commanded, and later he was adjutant of the 1st Regiment of Infantry of the Vermont National Guard; that was in 1913. He was retired from service in June, 1917, with the rank of captain. Then, in June, 1917, he was inducted into the Federal service as captain, and for three months did administrative work in Washington, District of Columbia, until he was finally transferred to the personnel division of the General Staff of the United States



Army, on duty with the construction division of the army, whose headquarters were at Washington, District of Columbia. He was discharged from the service in October, 1919, with the rank of major.

Mr. Thompson is one of Bellows Falls' busiest men, but nevertheless he takes time for considerable business activity in addition to his regular professional duties. He is a director and counsel for several local corporations. He organized, in 1921, the Bellows Falls Coöperative Creamery, and subsequently served it as clerk and corporation counsel. Mr. Thompson's favorite hobbies are golf, shooting and fishing.

In 1913 Judge Thompson married Marian Williams, a native of Bellows Falls. They have the following children: 1. Susan. 2. Norman W. 3. Marian. The religious affiliation of the family is with the Protestant Episcopal church.

**RALPH G. MERRITT**—The people of Middlebury and the countryside within its zone of influence are fortunate in having in the managing editor's chair in the office of the "Middlebury Register" a forceful and resourceful occupant in the person of Ralph G. Merritt. His hand on the helm of the purveyor of news and moulder of public opinion gives assurance that the local representative of the Fourth Estate will be guided safely through home waters and over uncharted seas of journalistic enterprise. Editor Merritt is in territory whose inhabitants are fully qualified to classify his utterances, and this situation he welcomes as a means of whetting his desire to give to his paper's public the best of which he is capable—and that is of goodly quality and in generous measure. He is also prominent in civic affairs, business circles and political activities of the Republican party.

Ralph G. Merritt was born in Quincy, Massachusetts, March 6, 1889, the son of Arthur C. and Annie (Penniman) Merritt. He passed through the public schools of his native city, graduating from Quincy High School, class of 1906. His academic training was followed by a course in the Chandler Normal Shorthand School, after leaving which he was employed as a typist in Boston, Massachusetts, for a time. But he was on his way to more important connections when he took the civil service examination and was accepted, on January 1, 1910, for the position of clerk at the United States Morgan Horse Farm, Weybridge, Addison County, Vermont. He was a valued employee there for more than fifteen years.

By a happy turn of events Mr. Merritt, in June, 1925, cast in his lot with the inhabitants of Middlebury, when he joined the staff of A. J. Blackmer, proprietor of an automobile garage and sales agency, also of an undertaking establishment. He assisted Mr. Blackmer in still further cementing and adding to the good-will of his combined businesses, until January, 1928, when he was invited to be the managing editor of the "Middlebury Register." He moved from the garage business, and its allied enterprises, into the editorial sanctum, where, general opinion prevailing in Middlebury has it, he has become a fixture.

Mr. Merritt's broadly active relations with Middlebury and county affairs have brought him a variety of responsibilities in the way of offices. He is secretary of the Middlebury Chamber of Commerce and secretary of the advisory council of the Otter Valley Chamber of Commerce. The Republicans of his district elected him as delegate to their State Convention. He is highly stationed in fraternal orders; a member and Past Noble Grand of Lake Dunmore Lodge, No. 11, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; a Past District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 3, of that organization, and is Past Chief Patriarch of Addison Encampment, No. 27, of the same order; affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 1,

Free and Accepted Masons; a charter member of Middlebury Camp, Modern Woodmen of America; a member of the Order of Eastern Star; and the Daughters of Rebekah, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His religious fellowship is with the Congregational church.

Ralph G. Merritt married, December 25, 1911, Ethel Bingham, of Middlebury. She is actively engaged in the work of the Order of Eastern Star, Union Chapter; and Arrowwanna Lodge, No. 15, Daughters of Rebekah, of which she is a Past Noble Grand, and in other women's organizations. Mr. and Mrs. Merritt are the parents of three children: Hubert B., Helen R., and Carol W.

**WILLIAM HENRY WILLS**—In any community there must be leaders. One such man in the town of Bennington, Vermont, is William Henry Wills, who is one of the largest and most influential real estate and insurance operators in the State and who takes part in practically every worthy enterprise of public significance in his town, county and State. So prominent a figure is he in the affairs of the Republican party that, in 1928, he was a member of Vermont's delegation to the Republican National Convention in Kansas City. It is hardly necessary to point out that, in the course of an unusually busy and useful career, Mr. Wills has acquired a large number of friends and supporters, and has come to be regarded with the greatest of esteem and respect in Bennington.

Mr. Wills was born in Chicago, Illinois, on October 26, 1882, a son of James Henry and Alzina (Foster) Wills. His father, who for many years was associated with Lyon and Healy, music dealers, in Chicago, was born in Vergennes, Vermont, in 1849, and died on February 21, 1892. He is buried in Graceland Cemetery, Chicago. The mother, Alzina (Foster) Wills, also deceased, was born in Pantton, Vermont, on October 9, 1846, and died in 1911. She is interred in Pantton, her native town.

William Henry Wills came from Chicago, Illinois, to Vergennes, Vermont, to live when he was only nine years old, and in Vergennes attended the public schools. His first work was in the general store of N. J. McCuen, in Vergennes, where he remained for seven years. Then he came to Bennington, where he was employed in the store of E. E. Hart, grocer, for nine months. At the end of that period he took a position in the dry goods store of A. Drysdale and Son, with which organization he continued to work for fourteen years until he reached the office of buyer for one of the departments of the store. Then, in 1915, he entered the real estate and insurance business on his own account, and in the years that followed built up one of the largest enterprises of this kind in the entire State. This business today is recognized as one of the foremost of its kind in Vermont, and he as one of the leading insurance brokers and real estate dealers in this region.

In addition to his own business activities, Mr. Wills has always taken a broad outlook upon all matters with which he has been connected, and has associated himself with others in an effort to provide mutual assistance through the interchange of business experience and information. He is a member of the Vermont State Association of Insurance Agents, and in this body is both an ex-secretary and an ex-president. Also active in the business life of his community, he is a member of the board of directors of the Vermont Acceptance Corporation, as well as that of the Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance Company; and he is, in addition, a director of the County National Bank. He is president of the Bennington Chamber of Commerce, and an ex-member of the board of trustees of the village of Bennington; also he is secretary of the Bennington Chapter of the American Red Cross. It is an indication of his popularity in the







*Geo. J. Bernware*

State that he was named a member of the commission which has as its duty the investigation of Red Cross claims in connection with flood problems brought to the fore by Vermont's flood of 1928, and the submission to the Governor of a report of the Red Cross work.

Always prominent in the ranks of the Republican party in this State, it was only natural that he should have been chosen as a delegate to the Kansas City National Convention which nominated Herbert C. Hoover for the Presidency in 1928. In addition to his other activities, Mr. Wills was a member of the executive committee in charge of arrangements for the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition celebrating the Battle of Bennington, fought in 1777. Keenly interested and active in public affairs, he has been called upon on many occasions to render needed aid to men high in public office and to help them in the solution of their problems; and his sound judgment and opinion, the result of his ability to study all matters brought before him with the greatest attention to all phases and details and to arrive at constructive plans, have not infrequently been of great assistance to his fellowmen. In all his work, Mr. Wills has, as his friends often good-naturedly point out, lived up to the slogan of his grandfather, who manufactured horse-shoe nails in Vergennes and Burlington and removed to Chicago in 1872: "Where there's a Wills there's a way."

William H. Wills, in his fraternal connections, is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Free and Accepted Masons. In the Masonic order he is identified with Mount Anthony Lodge, No. 13, Free and Accepted Masons; and the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, as well as a member of the Bennington Club, in which he is an ex-president and ex-director.

In Bennington, Vermont, on August 19, 1914, William Henry Wills married Hazel McLeod, a native of Goldsborough, North Carolina, a daughter of Henry and Fannie (Kimball) McLeod. Her father, a native of Poultney, Vermont, died in 1899; and her mother was born in Bennington, Vermont. William H. and Hazel (McLeod) Wills have become the parents of one child, Anne Kimball, born February 1, 1922.

**GEORGE J. BENWARE**—One of the prominent business men of Newport, Vermont, George J. Benware is vice-president of the firm of True and Blanchard, wholesale dealers in general hardware, radio and electrical supplies, and a director of the Newport Motor Company. He has engaged in various business activities in a very successful way through many years, and in coming to Newport in 1924, he quickly won a place for himself in the commercial world by his obvious ability and energetic efforts. He is highly esteemed throughout this section as a progressive and public-spirited citizen.

Mr. Benware was born at Westfield, Vermont, April 21, 1886, a son of Julian Benware, a native of Vermont, and of Elizabeth (Jacques) Benware, who was also born in this State. The father, who was a carriage maker and painter, died in 1919, while the mother is still living at Westfield. George J. Benware attended the public schools of his birthplace, and at the age of twelve years began work as a clerk in the general store of Mr. H. B. Hitchcock, at Westfield, while he also continued his studies. Later he entered Derby Academy and upon his graduation, returned to the Hitchcock store at Westfield, where he worked in all for a total of eleven years. For some time he considered an independent venture, and finally, in 1909, he was able to put these plans into effective execution, in the purchase of a general store at Coventry. Here he remained for fourteen years, conducting his business on sound principles of operation, and gradually building up an extensive trade

throughout the section. In 1923 he disposed of his interests, and for one year thereafter occupied himself in real estate operations in California. At the end of this time he returned to Vermont, and purchased a hardware store at Brattleboro, which he sold after only a few months at a good profit. Finally Mr. Benware came to Newport, and quickly perceiving the advantages offered in this city, he purchased an interest in the firm of True and Blanchard, wholesale dealers in hardware and allied products, of which Mr. Benware is now vice-president; Mr. True, president; and Mr. Charles G. Taylor, treasurer. Mr. Benware's sound business judgment and executive ability have proved repeatedly of the greatest value to the enterprise with which he is now connected.

Politically a firm supporter of Republican principles and candidates, Mr. Benware served as town clerk and treasurer during the period in which he made his home in Coventry. He has always maintained an interest in the problems of government and the promotion of civic progress, contributing liberally to worthy movements toward these ends. He is an active member and now president of the Newport Chamber of Commerce, and chairman of the executive board of Orleans County Memorial Hospital, aside from his other business connection as a director of the Newport Motor Company. Fraternally Mr. Benware is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order he is a member of the Blue Lodge, the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Council of Royal and Select Masters, the Commandery of the Knights Templar, and a member of Mt. Sinai Temple, at Montpelier, of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. With his family he worships in the Baptist faith, and of the local church of this denomination at Newport, he is an active member and a trustee.

George J. Benware married (first) Lena Taylor, who died in 1920, leaving three children: 1. Dorothy 2. Lillian. 3. Robert. Mr. Benware married (second) Henrietta Inglis. They are the parents of one son, George.

**ALMON I. BOLLES**—One of the citizens of Bellows Falls who has been successful in the practice of law is Almon I. Bolles, who first read law with his father and then entered the profession, being a partner with his father for twelve years, and upon the death of his father began practice on his own account. He takes a prominent part in political, civic and social affairs in Bellows Falls, where he is affiliated with a number of organizations which are most important to the life and development of his community and State.

Almon I. Bolles was born in Bellows Falls, Vermont, on March 15, 1871, a son of Francis A. and Augusta R. (Carleton) Bolles. His father, a native of Rockingham, Vermont, was engaged all his life as a lawyer, and died in 1909. The mother, Augusta R. (Carleton) Bolles, was born in Woodstock, Vermont, and is now (1928) living.

Almon I. Bolles attended in his boyhood the public schools of Bellows Falls, including the local high school, and after reading law for four years in his father's offices, he then studied for a year at the University of Virginia, taking a special law course. After he came back to Bellows Falls from the university, he again read law in the office of his father, Francis A. Bolles, of this city, and then, in 1898, was admitted to the bar in Vermont. Since that time he has practiced his chosen profession in Bellows Falls, his birthplace, his headquarters here being at No. 39 Square. Since he first became engaged in the practice of law, Mr. Bolles has handled increasingly important cases and has always carefully guarded and protected the interests of his clients, with



the result that he has gained the trust and confidence of a large number of his fellow-citizens.

In addition to his own practice, Mr. Bolles keeps in constant touch with the newest developments of his profession through his associations with his colleagues. He is a member of the Windham County Bar Association, the Vermont State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. Also active in fraternal affairs, he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is affiliated with the King Solomon Temple Lodge; the Abenague Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is Past High Priest; the Bellows Falls Council, Royal and Select Masters; and Holy Cross Commandery, Knights Templar. He is also one of the leading members of the local Chamber of Commerce. His religious affiliation is with the Universalist church of Bellows Falls. When he is not too busily engaged in his business and professional activities, he likes nothing better than to enjoy his favorite hobby of idle moments, which is fishing, and in fact all outdoor sports.

In his political views, Mr. Bolles is identified with the Republican party. He was elected to serve two terms as lister of the town of Rockingham. For nine years he was a member of the board of school directors for the town, while during three years of this time he was its chairman. During the World War, he rendered valuable service to the United States through his work in connection with the fourth and fifth Liberty Loan drives. He has many business interests of importance, being vice-president and a trustee of the Bellows Falls Savings Bank, vice-president of the Windham Corporation, and a director of the Rockingham Hospital Association.

In 1897, Almon I. Bolles married Mary C. Nims, a native of Walpole, New Hampshire. By this marriage there have been the following children: 1. Margaret C., a graduate of Skidmore College in the class of 1922, now a teacher of advanced English. 2. Gertrude N., a graduate of Skidmore College, class of 1924, now dietitian at the New York Orthopedic Hospital, being employed at its White Plains branch. 3. Albert T., who is a member of the class of 1929 of the Albany Law School; he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve Corps, and in July, 1928, was commissioned first lieutenant. 4. Francis A., who entered the University of Vermont in its class of 1931.

**GEORGE H. SHINVILLE**—As treasurer of the Fair Haven Marble and Marbleized Slate Company, George H. Shinville, of Fair Haven, is one of the business leaders of this vicinity. One of Vermont's most active industrial organizations, the Fair Haven Marble and Marbleized Slate Company was organized in 1859 and incorporated in 1866, being one of the oldest enterprises in this State. A subsidiary of this concern, the Vermont Structural Slate Company was founded in 1909 to care for the structural requirements of their products, and Mr. Shinville also acts as treasurer of this division.

The company operates six quarries, three at Poultney, two at Fair Haven and one at Castleton, and from these is produced every colored slate with the exception of red, that being found only in New York State. The commoner colors of the slate found in the Vermont quarries are black, gray, purple, various shades of green, and mottled green and purple. The principal slate products manufactured by this concern are roofing slate, flagging, interior structural and sanitary work, switch and panel boards and bases, billiard table tops, laundry tubs, kitchen sinks, table tops and lamp bases. During the past several years, large quantities of floor slate have been sold, due to the great development in that line.

Ranking second in the list of States producing slate, Vermont has greatly widened her scope of trade in this commodity during recent years and has received many demands from the markets all over the country, so that

Vermont slate is now being shipped to every State in the Union. For example, California has used more slate from Vermont within the past eight months (1928) than in the preceding twenty years. At the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, the new dining-room for the cadets is using 26,000 feet of Vermont slate which is being obtained through the Vermont Structural Slate Company. This material will be used in floor construction only. The old passenger station of the New York Central Railroad Company in Rochester, New York, had a slate floor in the main waiting-room during its thirty-five years of existence, and at the end of that period, the floor showed no appreciable wear. The slate industry is one of the greatest factors in Vermont's prosperity and should be for many years to come. The slate deposits, in most cases, are extremely close to the surface of the earth, and this advantage combined with the fact that the supply is almost inexhaustible, should prove of great value to the wealth of the State. In many instances, large deposits of slate have been located but it will be unnecessary to operate them for many years. Mr. Shinville is of the opinion that the slate industry needs more coördination of effort, that were the various mining and manufacturing organizations to combine in making known to the world the wonderful quality, the adaptability and usefulness of Vermont slate, this branch of trade would receive a tremendous impetus. He believes that the formation of a holding company for all the Vermont slate companies would be a decided benefit as would also be a coöperative plan for marketing and advertising properly this product.

**FREMONT HAMILTON, M. D.**—A practicing physician at Brattleboro, Vermont, for fully thirty-five years, Dr. Fremont Hamilton was a figure of the utmost importance in the community during all this period. The fine spirit of service to humanity, manifested in his choice of a career, was constantly the guiding principle of his life and its observance he considered the high duty of his calling. Personal convenience or safety were as nothing to him when opposed to his professional obligations, and in his constant attendance upon the sick and injured he brought not only healing and alleviation from suffering, but also a renewed spirit of hope and enthusiasm, and a touch of his own noble faith. The people of Brattleboro honored and loved him as much for his personal character and worth as for the many successes which he achieved in his profession.

The Hamilton family is one of the oldest and most distinguished in Scotland and England, closely related to royalty in both countries. Before 1300 it was established in Scotland, and in the early years of Colonial history its members came to America. David Hamilton, the immigrant ancestor of this branch of the family, lived in the township of Hamilton, near Glasgow, Scotland, and in the performance of patriotic and civic duties, was taken prisoner with many others by Cromwell at the battle of Worcester, on September 3, 1651. He was held a prisoner of war and later sold into slavery, sailing aboard the ship "John and Sarah" from Gravesend, near London, on November 8, 1652, for Charlestown, Massachusetts, where he arrived in the April following. From five to ten years, he was forced to work for his liberty, and finally, when he could call his life his own, he journeyed to Dover, New Hampshire, and settled in what is now the town of Wallingford on the west bank of the Salmon Falls River, at a place called Newichawannok, which he bought in 1669. Here he made his home until he was killed by the Indians on September 26, 1691. He married, at Saco, Maine, on July 14, 1662, Anna Jackson, daughter of Richard Jackson, who came to this country on the same ship and who was also a prisoner.

They were the parents of several children, and of these, Gabriel was born in 1679, and lived in Berwick,



Maine, when he had grown to manhood. Here he owned much property as well as further lands in New London, Connecticut. Gabriel Hamilton was married (first) to Mary Hearl, daughter of William, Sr., and Elizabeth Hearl, by whom he had seven children and who died before August 9, 1718. He married (second) Judith (Lord) Meeds, daughter of Nathan and Martha (Toxer) Lord, and widow of Benjamin Meeds. Four children were born of this second marriage.

Gabriel Hamilton, son of Gabriel and Mary (Hearl) Hamilton, was born about 1705, and baptized on September 6, 1713, at Berwick. He had several wives, and among his many children was Jonathan, born at Berwick in 1752, who also married and had a son Jonathan, of whom further.

Jonathan Hamilton, in the fifth generation of descent from the American progenitor, David Hamilton, was born in Cambridge, Maine, in 1807 and died at Bertha, Todd County, Minnesota, in 1885. He was a farmer and cabinetmaker, living for the greater part of his life in Cambridge, and only in his closing years moving West to make his home with his children. He married Sarah Clark, born in Cambridge in 1807, died at Bertha in 1883, a daughter of Captain Clark who took part in the famous Boston Tea Party. They were the parents of several children: 1. Elijah, a farmer at Exeter, New Hampshire. 2. Dr. Lewis, a physician of Brooklyn, New York, until his death. 3. Henry Warren, of whom further. 4. Sarah, who married Captain Knowles, who enlisted in a Maine regiment in the Civil War, serving until the close of hostilities, and then taking up agricultural pursuits in Maine until his death. 5. Dr. Marsh F., a physician near Portland, Maine. 6. Dr. Jonathan, also a physician, and an inventor of farming implements such as hay loaders, corn shuckers, etc. 7. Samuel, a farmer at Bertha, Minnesota.

Dr. Henry Warren Hamilton, father of Dr. Fremont Hamilton, and son of Jonathan Hamilton, was born in Cambridge, Somerset County, Maine, in 1827, and died at Brattleboro, Vermont, on November 9, 1895. He early decided upon a medical career, and after completing preliminary educational work in the public schools of his native town, entered the medical school of the University of Pennsylvania, then the finest in the country, from which he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1858. Dr. Hamilton returned to Vermont and began the practice of his profession almost immediately, at first at Rochester, then at Brandon, and later at Springfield, Massachusetts. A practitioner of the homeopathic school of medicine, he was the third of this school to settle in Vermont, and played an important part in the development of its work in the State. He returned from Massachusetts in 1861, going directly to Farmington, Maine, where a violent epidemic of diphtheria was raging, and here was able to vindicate with singular success the precepts of his school and his own great skill. While he lost no cases as far as can be learned, nearly all others in the section proved fatal, a remarkable record which did not fail to attract the attention which it deserved. In the fall of 1863 Dr. Hamilton went to Bath, Maine, where he practiced for some years, retiring finally from this field in favor of Dr. O. W. True. The next quarter of a century found him at Brandon, carrying on his work quietly and successfully as always, and then he located in Springfield, Massachusetts, whence, after some twelve years, he moved to Brattleboro, where his last years were spent. He was an active and honored member of the Vermont Homeopathic Society, serving for a time as its president, and aside from the work of his profession, was associated fraternally with the Patrons of Husbandry and the Free and Accepted Masons.

Dr. Henry Warren Hamilton married Eliza Graves, born at Hatfield, Massachusetts, and died at Brattleboro, in 1910, and they became the parents of three children:

1. Dr. Warren Henry, born at Rochester, Vermont, died at Brandon, Vermont, on June 18, 1879. He was graduated from Middlebury College in 1875, from the New York Homeopathic Medical College in 1878, and practiced at Brandon until his death in 1879. He married Mary T. Terrell, daughter of Dr. Henry Terrell, and they had one son, Samuel Warren. 2. Eliza Ellen, who was graduated from the University of Vermont in 1875, married Frank E. Woodruff, professor of Greek, at Bowdoin College, and they were the parents of three children, Dr. John Hamilton, of Barre, Vermont; Robert, a lawyer, of New York City, and Edith. 3. Dr. Fremont, of this record.

Of such distinguished ancestry and parentage came Fremont Hamilton, who was born at Hartland, Maine, on October 10, 1857. He attended the public schools of Brandon, Vermont, and following graduation from the local high school, undertook the course of study at Middlebury College, from which he was graduated in 1878 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. With the inspiration and the notable record of his father's career before him, he then entered upon the study of medicine at first in the University of Vermont, but later at the New York Homeopathic Medical College, where he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1882, and completed his training with a post-graduate course. He first began practice at Rutland, Vermont, removing from that place to Springfield, Massachusetts, where he was associated with his father, and finally coming to Brattleboro in 1893, to remain in this city until the time of his death. Successful from the first, he grew in stature with the years, and soon became one of the most famous physicians in his part of the State, noted especially for his skillful diagnoses and painstaking care in the treatment of those who came to consult him. He never spared himself in his practice. A call from the sick was to him the call of duty, and no man was ever more fully the beloved physician to his patients.

In many other phases of the community life, aside from his professional work, he was equally active, giving his hearty support to all worthy movements for advance and progress and contributing liberally to many benevolent enterprises. In politics he was an independent voter, while fraternally he was affiliated with Columbian Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons at Brattleboro, and in this great order was also a member of Davenport Chapter, at Rutland, of the Royal Arch Masons, Beauseant Commandery of the Knights Templar, and Cairo Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, as well as the Order of the Eastern Star. Like his father he held membership in the Patrons of Husbandry. Among the associations of the men of his profession, Dr. Hamilton was active in the work of the Vermont Medical Homeopathic Society, of which he was president for some time, while he was a member of the Vermont State Medical Society and the American Institute of Homeopathy. From 1916 he served as president of the local Pension Board, at Brattleboro, until his death, and was interested in numerous business enterprises at Brattleboro.

On February 27, 1884, at Middlebury, Fremont Hamilton married Carrie L. Buttolph, daughter of John L. and Carolina (Rich) Buttolph. The father was a retired hardware merchant and farmer at Middlebury. Mrs. Hamilton is a woman of exceptional executive ability, having always had a large part in the affairs of the town and State, both in charitable and fraternal work. She is a member of Bingham Chapter, No. 30, Order of the Eastern Star, a Past Matron of the Chapter, and member of the board of trustees and treasurer of the Vermont Eastern Star Home, at Randolph; president of the Past Matrons and Patrons Association of Bingham Chapter, No. 3, of the Eastern Star, and a prominent member in the Grange, being Past Master and First



Master of the Ladies' Degree Team. Mrs. Hamilton is also past president and a leading member of the Ladies' Association of Center Congregational Church, and is now chairman of the Parish Committee, while for the past nine years she has been overseer of the poor and active in all charitable work of the town. As executive head of the Crystal Springs Ice Company, which was recently sold to Henry E. Whitney, she demonstrated remarkable business ability, guiding this enterprise with sure hand along the pathway of success and building it up until it became one of the largest of its kind in the State.

Dr. and Mrs. Hamilton were the parents of one son, John Warren, who was born at Middlebury, on January 16, 1892. He was graduated from Brattleboro High School, spent two years each at Middlebury College and Bowdoin College, and now lives at home, caring for the many family interests, including large holdings in local real estate, and the management of his large farm in Vernon, Vermont.

Dr. Hamilton's death occurred on February 23, 1928, bringing to a close a career of simple and devoted service to humanity which is rarely equalled. Throughout life he gave his allegiance to the highest and noblest ideals and from these he never departed, no matter what the contingency which confronted him. By the character of his life and work he has won for himself a secure place in the lasting affections of the people of Vermont, a place of cherished and grateful remembrance which will endure so long as the State survives.

**ALEX COLODNY**—Owner and proprietor of a prosperous retail store establishment in Burlington, Alex Colodny has launched himself upon a business career which, apparently, is destined to be large. He is accounted among the foremost business men of his generation by colleagues of retail trade, and interests himself widely in affairs of the city. He is a native of Burlington.

Lewis Colodny, father of Alex Colodny, was born in Russia, there married Rebecca Warshofski, and with her came to the United States in 1890. It was in 1892 that he established residence in Burlington, and from that time down to the present has been a respected member of the community, engaged in merchandising. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, H. Adam Foley Society; is a director of the Hebrew Free School, connected with the Mary Fletcher and De Goesbriand hospitals, the Hebrew Free Loan Association, and other bodies. For more than three decades the name of Colodny has stood for all that is honorable and representative of good citizenship in Burlington.

Alex Colodny, son of Lewis and Rebecca (Warshofski) Colodny, was born January 5, 1897, and received his academic instruction in the public schools of Burlington, and business college. For ten years he was identified with his father, as grocer and distributor of meats at retail. This gave him an invaluable experience which, subsequently, was to prove advantageous in the conduct of his own enterprise of commerce.

In April of 1917, Alex Colodny had before he was twenty years of age, entered the World War. Mr. Colodny enlisted in the 33d Coast Artillery Corps, and as supply clerk in Battery C. He received his discharge from military service December 18, 1918, while stationed at Camp Upton, then resumed the course of his career, resuming the before mentioned work with his father.

It was in 1921 that Alex Colodny founded a business of his own, as an independent figure in the retail trade. He prospered through its direction, and in May, 1928, was enabled to purchase the old Saiger department store, located at Nos. 87-95 North Avenue, Burlington. This he took over, remodeled, improved, and conducts with prosperity to the present time, dealing at retail in gro-

ceries, dry goods, boots, shoes and a general line of merchandise.

As has been the case with his father, Mr. Colodny is identified widely with general affairs. He is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, is a member of the Honor Society of the American Legion, the American Legion, H. Adams Synagogue, H. Adams Holy Society, a director of the Hebrew Free School, member of the Hebrew Free Loan Association, Mary Fletcher and De Goesbriand hospitals, Theological College, New York City, and other organizations.

Mr. Colodny married, in 1920, Eva Malatsky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Malatsky, of Glens Falls, New York; and their children are Constance Dorothy, and Arnold.

**REV. JAMES P. RAND**—Born in Burlington, Vermont, April 8, 1873, the Rev. James P. Rand, pastor of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Brattleboro, is the son of George B. and Margaret (Fox) Rand, the latter of whom is since deceased. His mother was a native of Ireland; his father, of the town of Morrisville, Vermont. For many years George B. Rand engaged professionally as mortician. He was a citizen of considerable influence in Burlington, highly esteemed by the citizenry. A veteran of the Civil War, he followed the colors of the Vermont Volunteers into battle, fought with valor, then, with the victorious forces of the north, returned to the peacetime occupations which gave to New England and Vermont new strength. Established in Burlington, the father was enabled to afford his son all the advantages of a good home training.

Father Rand attended the parochial schools of Burlington, completed the course therein with honors, and matriculated in St. Joseph's College. Afterward he continued his ecclesiastical studies in Montreal Seminary College, and in St. Mary's Seminary, of Baltimore, Maryland. He was ordained a priest in 1896, at the age of twenty-three years, then returned to Burlington as curate of the cathedral there. As curate he served a year, in 1897 proceeding to Hyde Park, Vermont, as pastor of St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church, which charge he retained three years. In 1900 he went to St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church at Winooski, Vermont, and remained there as pastor fifteen years, coming to Brattleboro, thence, in 1915, to take over the pastorate of St. Michael's. Here he has been in charge through the years that have followed.

In affairs of the town of Brattleboro Father Rand has proved himself a valuable constructive influence, a supporter of all major movements for the greater community's advantage. He is beloved of the people generally, though particularly to those of his parish, as a wise and good man. Fraternally he is affiliated, as chaplain, with Leo Council, Knights of Columbus, and belongs to the Catholic Order of Foresters. Politically independent, he gives his vote to those candidates best suiting his principles. He is fond of out-door life, and especially of camping.

**WILLIAM J. WRIGHT**—Engaged in conducting a general store at Montgomery Center, Vermont, William J. Wright has one of the largest business enterprises of its kind that is not situated directly within immediate railway communication with outlying hamlets and country districts of Vermont. He also has held the local postmastership ever since he was appointed to that position during the administration of the late President William McKinley.

Mr. Wright was born on January 14, 1875, at Montgomery Center, Vermont, son of George W. and Mary (Williams) Wright, the father a native of Enosburg, Vermont, now deceased; and the mother, of Ohio, also deceased. His father was a farmer by occupation, and



was one of the earlier settlers of Montgomery, a stalwart New England Yankee. William J. Wright's grandfather operated a gristmill in Enosburg at the time of the War of 1812, and ground wheat with flour for the American soldiers at that time. He has one brother, Eugene S. Wright, who is a prominent real estate dealer in Burlington.

William J. Wright received his early academic training in the public schools in this region of Vermont, and later studied at Vermont Academy, at Saxtons River. After some preliminary business training, he became engaged in business for himself in 1897, opening his general store at Montgomery Center. Since that time he has continued this store, which has become an almost indispensable institution in the community which it serves. Mr. Wright has made a careful study of the needs of the people here, and has exerted himself in every way to satisfy these needs in as much as it lies within the province and possibilities of his store to meet them. He is regarded by his fellow citizens as an astute business man and one of unusual capabilities.

Here he has also rendered important public service in the capacity of postmaster, having been appointed to this post by President McKinley in 1897, and having held it continuously since that time. He also is a member of the firm of Haile and Wright, hardware dealers; president of the Eden Stores Corporation at Eden, Vermont, and the North Craftsbury Store Corporation, at North Craftsbury, Vermont; and a director of the Richford Savings and Trust Company at Richford. Politically, he is a Republican, and at different times he has held town offices, and as a result of his widely varied activities is really a public figure of considerable usefulness to his fellowmen. Active in fraternal affairs, he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he belongs to Missequoi Lodge, and the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. His religious faith is that of the Baptist Church, in which he is represented on the board of trustees. In short, there is almost no phase of the life of Montgomery Center in which Mr. Wright does not participate, and he may be said justly to be an outstanding citizen of the town.

In 1908, William J. Wright married Alice L. Orton, of Fairfax, Vermont, a direct descendant of Ira Allen of Revolutionary War and the Green Mountain Boys fame. She is active in various matters in town, and has been a member of the board of school directors for several years. By this union there have been the following children: Beatrice O., Mary A., Alice E., George G., and Naomi F.

**MARVIN J. HOWARD**—Those citizens are of the most value to their community who perform, consistently, the greatest public service; and as this degree of service varies, so does the value of any particular citizen related thereto. Useful work is the first requisite of good citizenship. South Londonderry, Windham County, has become the prosperous center of current time solely through the services of its citizens, and one who has served the community well, indeed, is Marvin J. Howard. Mr. Howard has concentrated his career in South Londonderry, having come here upon completion of his academic education. He is today one of the town's outstanding men.

Marvin J. Howard was born at Bouckville, New York, January 23, 1879, son of Henry D. and Mary Viola (Smith) Howard. His father, native of Bouckville, engaged in the work of stone mason up to the time of his demise, and was a prominent factor in the advancement of his community through many years, an upright, conscientious man of sterling qualities much appreciated by associates. Mary Viola (Smith) Howard was born at Chittenango, New York, and survives her husband.

Marvin J. Howard's residence in the State of Vermont has been considerable, inasmuch as, when he had

completed his elementary studies at Madison, New York, he came to this State and attended high school at Bristol. From Bristol High School he graduated well toward the head of his class, and entered upon life's work forthwith, coming to South Londonderry without delay to enter into the employ of L. T. Landman, who conducted a general store. With Mr. Landman he continued through the following nineteen years, meanwhile learning much of retail trade, making himself invaluable as store assistant. His popularity mounted with the years. From the very first of his residence here he had friends, and these today are numerous indeed. Upon leaving Mr. Landman's employ he went into the business and profession of mortician, in South Londonderry, and has been thus engaged during the period succeeding to the present time (1928). His funeral parlors are among the most efficiently conducted in towns of the State at large.

Such has been the course of one side of Mr. Howard's career; but his career has been many-sided. He is now connected with the Town Highway Board, and, a Republican, since 1920 has been selectman of South Londonderry. Since 1917 he has served as overseer of the town's poor; in 1910 served in State Legislature; was County Warden in 1911, 1912 and 1913; has acted as fish and game warden, and several times has served as delegate to Republican State conventions. Fraternally, he is unusually active, being a member of Anchor Lodge, No. 99, Free and Accepted Masons; Victorian Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Order of Eastern Star; West River Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Rebekahs, and Modern Woodmen of America. He is a communicant of the Methodist church, of which he is a trustee and supporter of great generosity. Mr. Howard assists in all worthily conceived movements designed for the widest benefit of village, town, county and State, and during the World War helped materially in patriotic works. Of a genial disposition, he has always attracted persons to him in friendship.

Marvin J. Howard married, January 11, 1902, Mabel M. Landman, native of Jamaica, Vermont. As is Mr. Howard, she is popular in those circles of society which she frequents.

Mr. Howard is fond of hunting, fishing and camping, and indulges in these health-giving out-of-door pastimes whenever occasion offers. Also, he is fond of reading good books, and has made himself a well educated man through continuous reading and reflection. As a conversationalist, he is gifted. His contributions to the advancement of South Londonderry are of lasting benefit.

**CHARLES D. HIGGINS**—The patronymic Higgins, long well known in the business life of Bellows Falls, is old in the history of Vermont. Daniel Patrick Higgins, father of Charles D. Higgins, was a native of this community, and here built up his career as business man and citizen. He was a founder of the Blake and Higgins Paper Company, concerning which organization more particulars are given hereunder, and died in 1912. Daniel Patrick Higgins married Cordelia Frances Keane, native of Troy, New York, who survives him to the present time (1928).

Charles D. Higgins, son of Daniel Patrick and Cordelia Frances (Keane) Higgins, was born in Bellows Falls, October 11, 1890, and here received his academic instruction in the public schools, elementary and secondary. Meanwhile, in 1901, the Blake and Higgins Company had been formed, his father having gone into partnership with C. M. Blake; and when Charles D. Higgins finished with high school he joined the firm's staff. In 1912, Mr. Higgins the elder died, and was succeeded in that year by Charles D. Higgins, the firm name continuing as theretofore. In 1923, Mr. Blake died, and Mr. Higgins filed articles of incorporation for the company, obtaining a charter under the laws of Ver-



mont to do business as a corporation, with himself as treasurer and manager. F. H. Berold is president. The company manufactures manila wrapping paper, and ranks among the foremost of paper manufacturing concerns in the Bellows Falls area. It employs thirty persons, and has a daily capacity of fifteen tons. Plant and offices are on Granger Street. As manager and treasurer of the organization, Mr. Higgins has furthered the inherent principles of the business as conceived by his father and Mr. Blake, also having progressed along lines never thought of by the two founders.

In general affairs active, Mr. Higgins is a member of St. Charles Council, Knights of Columbus; the Westminster Club, Bellows Falls Country Club, and other societies. He is a communicant of St. Charles' Roman Catholic Church; and an independent in politics; and is a director of the Bellows Falls Trust Company. He takes pleasure in golf.

Mr. Higgins married, in 1920, Jean Dascomb, of Atkinson, Kansas; and their children are: 1. Jean. 2. Daniel Patrick.

**GEORGE O. BURTON**—For many years George O. Burton has been one of the leading citizens of Derby, where he has worked from boyhood, having been left an orphan when he was five years of age and compelled to look out for himself as soon as he obtained a limited education in the public schools. He is a representative of the old colonial stock of Vermont, a sturdy race of men whose industry and indomitable courage has been passed on to their descendants. Ambitious and energetic, he displayed a determination to succeed in life and obtained at great sacrifice an academic education, supplementary to that of the lower graded institutions. He had a code of moral and business ethics that have been of great value to him in winning the esteem of his fellow-citizens, who have called him to office repeatedly and have had the satisfaction of watching his administration of public trust to a degree of perfection that justified their selection. Mr. Burton is one of the self-made business men of Vermont of whom the people of the State thoroughly approve, while a legion of friends feel for him a sincere affection.

He was born in Derby Center, Vermont, December 26, 1860, a son of Orville T. and Julia A. (Fairchild) Burton, his father having been a native of Norwich and his mother of Holland, Vermont. His father was a tailor, who died August 15, 1865. His son managed to go through the district schools and later attend Derby Academy, in the meantime working at what occupations he could find. Eventually, however, due to his vision and industrious habits, he became a clerk in the general store of Elisha Lane, for whom he worked for about fourteen years, when he became associated with W. M. Taylor and the two purchased the Lane enterprise. Under the firm name of Taylor & Burton they conducted it for eight years, when Mr. Burton disposed of his interest to his partner and purchased the insurance business of W. S. Robbins, which he has since conducted. During his career here he has served continuously since 1915 as clerk for the town of Derby and since 1918 as its treasurer. He also represented his town in State Legislature in 1921 and was elected to the Senate November 6, 1928. He is also a trustee of public money and cemetery commissioner and is a director in the National Bank of Derby Line. In politics he has always been a staunch Republican. He is a member of the order of Free and Accepted Masons, Modern Woodmen of America, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. He is also a member of the Derby Chamber of Commerce.

George O. Burton married Gertrude S. Carpenter, a native of Derby Center, daughter of Charles K. and

Alice (Lonto) Carpenter. They both attend the Federated church.

**JOHN RAYMOND TEMPLE**—Active in the industrial life of Vermont, John Raymond Temple, of Rutland, occupies a prominent place in commercial affairs as president of the Temple Brothers, Incorporated, manufacturers of marble monuments. Mr. Temple has been connected with his present business for the entire length of his career and is thoroughly acquainted with the various details of the marble trade. He is active in all civic affairs and takes a deep interest in fraternal activities, particularly those of the Masonic order, in which he has been the recipient of many high honors.

Mr. Temple was born in Rutland, May 9, 1885, son of John C. and Mary L. (Packard) Temple. John C. Temple was one of this city's most distinguished citizens. He and his brother, David W. Temple, were the founders of the firm of the Temple Brothers, one of Vermont's oldest and most important concerns and leaders in the wholesale and retail marble monument trade. John C. Temple died in 1924 and his brother, David W., died in 1920.

John Raymond Temple was educated in the public schools of Rutland, and after his graduation from high school with the class of 1904, he entered the establishment founded by his father and uncle in 1866 and incorporated in 1896. Branches of their organization are located at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and in Johnstown, New York, while they also maintain a retail business within a radius of one hundred and fifty miles of Rutland. Mr. Temple began his active connection with the plant on July 5, 1904, and started by learning the first details of manufacture. He worked his way up through every department of the concern, gaining a valuable knowledge of every process of operation. He soon became a vital factor in the life of the firm and upon the death of his father, became president of the company and has ever continued to direct its affairs with constantly successful results. His thorough understanding of all phases of the marble trade and the production of monuments in connection with his modern business methods has made him one of the outstanding men in this industry today. Mr. Temple is a popular member of the Rutland Country Club and in his fraternal affiliations is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, of Rutland; he was Potentate of Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, in 1926, of Rutland, and also Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, of the State of Vermont. He and his family attend the Congregational church.

John R. Temple married in Rutland, June 20, 1911, Alice McClure, daughter of M. R. and Elizabeth (Day) McClure, and their children are: 1. John Packard, born June 24, 1914, now a student at Rutland High School. 2. Samuel Day, born October 6, 1922, now attends the Rutland public school. The family residence is located at No. 2 East Washington Street, Rutland.

**WAYNE NEWTON TEMPLE**—In every State in the Union may be found memorial monuments and cemetery memorials of other kinds handled by the old and well-known firm of the Temple Brothers, Incorporated, of Rutland, Vermont. Since 1866, just after the close of the Civil War, this establishment has been in operation, and the founders, John C. and David W. Temple, continued to enjoy the fruits of their well directed labors until 1920 and 1922, respectively. At the present time (1928) Wayne Newton Temple is treasurer of the firm, which, in addition to its very large wholesale business, also does a retail business within a radius of one hundred and fifty miles of Rutland.

Wayne Newton Temple was born in Shelburne Falls,



*W. O. Quotson*





Massachusetts, August 8, 1888, son of David W. and Mary I. (Warner) Temple. His father was an able and energetic man who was interested in political affairs, as well as in his thriving business, and who for four years served as mayor of Rutland. He, the father, with his brother, John C. Temple, founded the business which still bears their name back in 1866, in Rutland, and thirty years later, in 1896, they incorporated, under the original name of The Temple Brothers, wholesale monumental dealers. The founders devoted their attention to the development and extension of their business so effectually that eventually they were doing business in every State in the Union. David W. Temple died in 1920, and his brother two years later, leaving the business in the hands of younger men who are carrying forward the work so well begun.

Wayne Newton Temple attended the public schools of Rutland, graduating from Rutland High School with the class of June, 1907, and then entered the employ of his father and his uncle, with whom he remained until he became a partner in the business. From a very modest position he rose steadily, making himself familiar with each successive department of the wholesale and retail monumental business, and as treasurer he is now devoting his abilities to the further development of the enterprise which his father and uncle carried so far along the road to country-wide operation. It is a matter of record that the firm of The Temple Brothers is now (1928) doing business in every section of the country, and in this section of Vermont it is well known that their retail business is one of the best covering the territory surrounding Rutland. Long experience, sound principles, and absolute dependability have made for this old firm a name which it counts among its most valuable possessions, and the younger men who are building upon the foundations laid by the original founders are adhering to the high principles and the sound methods which placed the business among the leading concerns of its kind in the country.

Mr. Temple is a member of the Masonic order, being identified with the Blue Lodge, Commandery, Shrine, and Grotto, of Rutland; and he is past president of the Exchange Club, of Rutland. He is also a member of the Rutland Country Club, and a member of the board of governors of the Rutland Chamber of Commerce. His religious membership is with the Congregational Church of Rutland.

Wayne Newton Temple married, in Rutland, Vermont, June 15, 1913, Mildred C. Bell, of Hardwick, Vermont, daughter of Dana J. and Mae E. (Trow) Bell. Mr. and Mrs. Temple have four children: David W., Katrine M., Phyllis A., and Martha J. All are attending school in Rutland. The family home is located at No. 82 North Main Street, in Rutland. The business is located at No. 360 West Street.

**LYLE W. HUNT**—With each generation in the life of a community come new leaders, and South Londonderry, Windham County, has been fortunate in the leadership of its progressive men, who have made the village one of the most prosperous through a broad section of Vermont. The family of which Lyle W. Hunt is a member has long been identified, and progressively so, with South Londonderry. He is of the third generation to have constructive contact with the community's affairs.

Charles G. Hunt, grandfather of Lyle W. Hunt, was a native of Vermont, and spent a number of his years in South Londonderry. He engaged in farming, with success, in trucking, with similar fortune, and was active in business until the time of his demise. He was a veteran of the Civil War, in which he fought under the colors of the 9th Regiment of Vermont Volunteers. His valor on the field of battle was great indeed; he led his

men into several hot engagements, rallying them around bravely to the charge; and was wounded in action. Charles G. Hunt, following the culmination of the internecine conflict, returned to South Londonderry and here securely placed himself for the remainder of his days. He was a member of South Londonderry Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and is recalled to the present day by the people of the town, who bring him back to memory with deep affection.

Walter L. Hunt, father of Lyle W. Hunt, was born at Saxtons River, Vermont. He secured his education in the public schools, and early went to work, assisting his father on the home farm. He has continued interested in agriculture throughout his years, though more recently he has been engaged profitably in the hotel business, at South Londonderry, Vermont. There he is a foremost citizen, influential in the town's affairs. Walter L. Hunt married Abbie J. Walker, native of Peru, since deceased; and of this union were born children, three sons: 1. Lyle W., of whom follows. 2. Norman L., a biography of whom follows. 3. Davey N., of Brattleboro, Vermont.

Lyle W. Hunt was born at Peru, Vermont, March 13, 1895, son, as noted, of Walter L. and Abbie J. (Walker) Hunt. He received his academic instruction in the public schools of Peru, standing well up in his class upon graduation from high school, and went to work for the Central Vermont Railroad Company as a telegrapher thereafter. Becoming skilled at the key, he rendered good service to the road for two and a half years, and in 1916 took a more advantageous position with the American Railway Express Company, as agent, in South Londonderry. He remained with the express company two years, leaving the agency in 1918 to become the town's rural free delivery mail carrier, and in this work has continued through the years succeeding to the present time (1928). In 1927 he became associated with his younger brother, Norman L. Hunt, in the automotive industry, conducting a garage, which, as cited, carries the name style of Hunt Brothers Garage. They purchased this garage from George L. Smith, local sales and service representative for the Chevrolet; and together the brothers have conducted the garage as partners, with round good fortune. Mr. Hunt, who is widely acquainted with the people of the town through his long experience as mail carrier, has been able to turn a great deal of business to the garage. Gifted with talent for business, he has been of invaluable assistance to the partnership in this direction also. His brother is the more mechanically inclined of the two, and supervises that aspect of the organization. Hunt Brothers Garage has become widely known for its efficient conduct.

Owning a career of many sides, active in several directions, Mr. Hunt is prominent fraternally as member of Anchor Lodge, No. 99, Free and Accepted Masons; West River Lodge, No. 24, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is Past Grand Master; of Farmers' Grange, No. 137, of which he is Past Master and Past District Deputy; and of George P. Foster Camp, Sons of Veterans. He is an adherent to the principles of the Republican party, and supports the party's candidates with influence. He is a communicant of the Baptist church, which denomination he supports with personal effort and financial assistance. He makes a hobby of sports, and particularly of baseball, now being manager of the South Londonderry Baseball Team.

Lyle W. Hunt married, September 12, 1920, Ruth Phelps, native of Vergennes, Vermont; and they have a daughter, Norma Jean.

**NORMAN L. HUNT**—With the turn of the century came two remarkable scientific advances, one in the field of aviation and the other in radio. As yet, and perhaps for several years to come (as this is written in 1928),



neither of these great advances has become so commercialized as the automobile, though the radio perhaps runs the automotive industry a close second. However, as a commercial possibility, radio in comparison with the automobile is a fad, depending on the public's fancy. It is by no means the necessary thing that the automobile has come to be, nor does it represent a like stable profit to the dealer. The automotive industry, as we have it today, is in reality a development of the twentieth century also; and the men who have become its leaders in the thousands of villages, cities and counties of the nation are figures of progress, valued members of their respected communities and commonwealths, performing definite service. In time this may be true of the aircraft industry, but never, for obvious reasons, of the radio.

Hence, the automotive industry has attracted a certain intelligent type of manhood for its representation. Go into any city, or any village, and its representatives are among the community's most progressive men, true builders. In South Londonderry, Windham County, the Hunt brothers, Norman L. and Lyle W. (see preceding biography), have realized the possibilities underlying the industry, and have brought to it their best. Norman L. Hunt, of whom we write in this narrative, is counted prominent among the business figures of his generation, a valued member of the South Londonderry Community.

Norman L. Hunt was born at Peru, Vermont, August 12, 1896, son of Walter L. and Abbie J. (Walker) Hunt. He came to South Londonderry as a youth, and here secured his elementary and secondary academic instruction, graduating from high school with scholastic markings significant of excellence at study. Then, for two years, he worked for the Crosby Grain Company, securing in this connection his real first experience in business affairs. Meanwhile, however, his liking for machinery was not satisfied at the employment wherein he found himself, and in 1916 he left it to become a locomotive engineer for the Central Vermont Railroad Company, with which organization he continued twelve years, until 1928, becoming one of the road's reliable engineers of major responsibility. In 1928 he entered the automotive field, his brother, aforementioned, having been interested in garage enterprise for about a year preceding; and from that time to the present has engaged with good fortune as partner in the Hunt Brothers Garage, which serves South Londonderry in efficient fashion. Mr. Hunt had considered entering the business for some time prior to his actual entrance, and had been associated with his brother in planning various measures in connection with the garage business; and when he actually did become a partner in fact he was enabled to give the whole of his energy to the welfare of the business. It is today a highly paying enterprise, and Mr. Hunt's broad knowledge of mechanics, together with his astuteness at business, has formed a powerful agent in the securing of this success.

Such, however, has been only one aspect of a career singularly varied. Mr. Hunt has wide fraternal affiliations. He is a member of Anchor Lodge, No. 99, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master; West River Lodge, No. 24, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Kent Lodge, No. 59, of the Rebekahs; George Foster Camp, Sons of Veterans, of which he is Past Commander; the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers; and the Farmers' Grange. The diversity of his interests is reflected in the scope of these orders, and Mr. Hunt is active in each and every one, retaining his contact even with the railroad brotherhood with which he was identified so many years in dominant rôle.

When the United States entered the World War, Mr. Hunt enlisted for service in the army. Enlisted as of August 15, 1918, he was posted with the Coast Artillery Corps, stationed at Fortress Monroe, Virginia, as an instructor in the automobile school there. His mechanical

talent was there put to good use in the interests of his country, and led to the perfection of that talent under the rigid necessities of army affairs. He was discharged from the service in February, 1919, with the rank of private, then resumed the course of his career as above outlined.

A Republican, Mr. Hunt has supported the principles and candidates of this party with consistency. He attends the Federated Church; and is fond of hunting. His friends, in South Londonderry and elsewhere throughout Vermont, are numerous, devotedly attached.

Mr. Hunt married, in 1924, Hazel Landman, native of South Londonderry, daughter of one of this community's leading citizens.

**GEORGE F. KENT**—Prominent in the financial circles of Bellows Falls, treasurer and manager of the Standard Paper Company, George F. Kent is counted conspicuous among the foremost men of this community, consistently devoted to the welfare and prosperity of town, county and State. His record, in brief, is given here.

Mr. Kent was born at Fitchburg, Massachusetts, March 17, 1882, son of James F. and Julia (Cosgrove) Kent. His father, native of Springfield, Vermont, was engaged in railroading until the time of his demise. Julia (Cosgrove) Kent, deceased also, was a native of Charleston, South Carolina.

In the public schools of Fitchburg, Mr. Kent received a sound elementary and secondary academic instruction, to which he has added roundly from experience, observations on current events, reading and reflection through later years, today being a man exceptionally well informed. He worked for six years in a pharmacy, after graduation from high school, then, for twelve years, was connected with the Boston and Maine Railroad's passenger service. At the termination of the twelve years he engaged in business for himself, coming to Bellows Falls in order to open a retail shoe store. This prospered, and is continued to the present time, with Mr. Kent as its directing head. It has the name style of Kent's Shoe Store, and is situated advantageously on the Square. Mr. Kent is sole proprietor of the shoe store, but has had a diversity of financial affiliations. In 1920 he became a partner in the Standard Paper Company, of which he has been treasurer and manager since 1923. This firm's success has been remarkable. It was founded in 1915 by George R. Wales and Rowe Wales, and they continued the business until 1920, when Frank Adams, James H. Williams, Charles F. Wright and Mr. Kent acquired the total resources. Mr. Williams has since been a director, as has Mr. Wright; and the president is Mr. Adams. The company manufactures a line of paper sealing tape, employs fifty workers the entire year, and has a daily capacity of twenty-two thousand pounds of the tape product. All of its stock is owned by Bellows Falls business men. Plant and offices are located on Granger Street, and all products are manufactured and sold under the trade name, "Saftee," which mark has become well known during the last eight years (1928). Mr. Kent's share in the company's prosperity and growth has been large. Through him, and his associates, the paper company has come to be one of the city's dominant industries.

Mr. Kent is active in general affairs. Fraternally, he is identified with Aurora Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Abenague Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Holy Cross Commandery, Knights Templar. He is treasurer of the Bellows Falls Chamber of Commerce, in whose activities he is a talented leader. A Republican, he served two years as village trustee, and has been a consistent force of value to the party's workings in this small city and environs. Aside from the business interests already cited, which are his major affairs, he is a director of the Na-



tional Bank of Bellows Falls, owns considerable property, and pays taxes in proportion. He attends the Universalist church, and makes a hobby of gardening.

Mr. Kent married, in 1905, Florence Huntoon, of Bellows Falls, and they have a son, Kenneth H., a graduate of Dartmouth College, class of 1928, degree of Bachelor of Arts.

**CARL W. JILLSON**—This surname is well known in Whitingham, where members of the family have lived through many decades, Carl W. Jillson being of the third generation here to reside. All have contributed materially to the town's progress, in varying capacities, Mr. Jillson being of the second generation to do so as a merchant. He is counted among the foremost figures of the village.

Carl W. Jillson was born in Whitingham, September 19, 1898, son of Frank W. Jillson, also native of Whitingham, now senior member of the general store firm operated under the style of F. W. Jillson and Son, and Clara L. (Reed) Jillson, native of this community. In the public schools of Whitingham and Brattleboro he secured a sound elementary and secondary instruction, graduating from Brattleboro High School with scholastic markings of excellence, and afterward becoming associated with his father in the conduct of the general store. As a partner, he has continued his identity with the mercantile enterprise, and has been largely responsible for its favorable development. In 1918 he was appointed by President Woodrow Wilson as postmaster of Whitingham. This office he has retained through the two succeeding administrations (Presidents Harding and Coolidge). Politically affiliated with the Republican party, he has proved himself an influential factor in its successes, locally. Fraternally he is identified with Unity Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master; with Fort Dummer Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Beauseant Commandery, Knights Templar. He is a member of the Green Mountain Club, attends the Whitingham Community Church (being a member of the church finance committee), and makes a hobby of automobiling.

In 1918 Mr. Jillson was united in marriage with Flora Mabel Kent, native of Williamstown, Massachusetts. Their children are: Carl W., Jr., and Frank R.

**LEROY EUGENE KNIGHT, D. M. D.**—Fully equipped with the valued training and the material advantages that the dental profession possesses today, Dr. Knight is one of the leaders in his calling at Bellows Falls, and has the confidence and esteem of his clientele, as well as the good-will of all with whom he is associated. A veteran of the World War, Dr. Knight has had a long military experience both with the National Guard and with his contingent overseas.

Dr. Leroy Eugene Knight was born September 10, 1886, at Marlow, New Hampshire, a son of Eugene William Knight, D. M. D., who died in 1914, and Alberta Sarah (Lovell) Knight, who was born at Rockingham, Vermont, and survives her husband. Dr. Eugene William Knight, who was born at Marlow, New Hampshire, practiced dentistry for thirty years.

Dr. Leroy Eugene Knight attended the Bellows Falls public schools, and after two years at the Bellows Falls High School, matriculated at Norwich University, where he was graduated in 1907, with the degree of Bachelor of Science; he then took the course at the Harvard University Dental School in the class of 1910, receiving the degree of Doctor of Dental Medicine, and from that time onward he has practiced dentistry and dental surgery in Bellows Falls, with his office located at No. 18 Square.

From 1904 to 1914, Dr. Knight served with the National Guard, and he received his commission as first lieutenant in the 1st Regular Infantry of the Vermont

State National Guard. As a first lieutenant in the United States Army Dental Corps, he was assigned to the Sanitary Train of the 42d (Rainbow) Division, 166th Field Hospital, and, going overseas in October, 1917, he served for twenty-two months with the American Expeditionary Forces, he later was transferred to the 15th United States Engineers, and still later held the office of attending dental surgeon at Headquarters Advance Section, S. O. S. Thereafter, he had service in the 79th Base Hospital, at Bazuille, France, receiving his discharge July 31, 1919, with the rank of captain.

In political matters, Dr. Knight casts his vote with the Independent Republicans. Besides his affiliation with the Vermont State Dental Society, he is a member of the Theta Chi and Delta Sigma Delta College fraternities; of King Solomon Temple Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Abenague Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and with Holy Cross Commandery, Knights Templar. He is a Past Commander of Pierce Lawton Post, American Legion, and has been a member of the State Executive Committee of the Legion; the Chamber of Commerce; the Abenague Rod and Gun Club; the Bellows Falls Outing Club; and his recreations are hunting and fishing. He attends the Universalist church.

Dr. Leroy Eugene Knight married, in 1911, Anna Christine Magee, who was born in Bangor, Maine, and they have one son, Leroy Eugene, Jr.

**LINDLEY STURGES SQUIRES**—The State of Vermont is a State with a future before it, and many of her most intelligent citizens are alive to the fact that the future prosperity of the State is to be found in the development of her natural resources. Her citizens have long been proud of certain men of the various professions who have achieved name and fame, and the general character of the "Vermonters" is well known. As time passes those traits of character which have come to be well recognized as "of Vermont" have produced their own fine fruits of achievement and of service, carrying out into the world a genuine interest and no small amount of admiration. Aside from the character of her people, the State of Vermont possesses one natural resource which commends itself at a glance. Here the natural scenery is spread out in magnificent piles and ranges, where even he who runs in an automobile may feel his soul thrill to the majesty of mountain, forest, and stream. Professional men, as well as others, are giving every support to the movement for good roads in Vermont in order that more people may find more of the State accessible when they come here for recreation and change. Among those men of the legal profession who are deeply interested in this phase of the development of Vermont's possibilities is Lindley Sturges Squires, of Rutland, who has been engaged in general practice here since October, 1917. Mr. Squires has his offices at No. 25½ Center Street, where he is taking care of a large practice, and he is also interested in local public affairs.

Lindley Sturges Squires was born in Rutland, Vermont, April 22, 1890, son of Frank D. and Jennie A. (Preston) Squires. The Squires family originally came to this country from England, but as early as the War of 1812 the paternal grandfather of Lindley Sturges Squires was a private in the American Army. Vigorous stock, able, independent, resourceful, and aspiring, has produced many men of note bearing this name, and in business, professional, civic, and social life men and women of the family have been prominent. Mr. Squires attended the public schools of Rutland, graduating from Rutland High School in 1910, and then entered Middlebury College, at Middlebury, Vermont, where he continued his studies during the years 1910-11 and 1911-12. From 1914 to 1917 he studied law under the direction of Charles L. Howe, of Rutland, and on October 4, 1917,



he was admitted to the bar of the State of Vermont. Since that time he has been engaged in general law practice in Rutland, but the greater part of his time is devoted to criminal cases. Mr. Squires is a firm believer in the future of the State of Vermont, and a vigorous advocate of the proper advertising of Vermont throughout the country. He believes that Vermont's scenic beauty is her greatest asset, and that effective advertising would easily make this State a playground during the summer for thousands who at present are uninformed concerning the advantages to be found here. He considers that good roads will be the highway to prosperity here, and earnestly boosts for the building of more and yet more roads in Vermont. He believes that Vermont should capitalize her natural resources rather than seek to develop interests for which she is not naturally fitted, and is eloquent in support of his belief, which is shared by many of the most thoughtful and well informed residents of the State.

Along with his professional activities, Mr. Squires has found time for local public service, both officially and as a private citizen. In 1922-23 he served as city prosecutor for Rutland, having been elected to that office, and in 1917 he was doorkeeper in the Senate of the State Legislature. During the period of the participation of the United States in the World War he was traveling secretary for the Young Men's Christian Association, with headquarters at Camp Devens, Ayer, Massachusetts. Fraternally, Mr. Squires is identified with Center Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Rutland; and with the Rutland Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and his religious affiliation is with the Baptist Church of Rutland.

Lindley Sturges Squires was married, June 24, 1920, at Rutland, Vermont, to Harriet S. Ward, of Poultney, Vermont, daughter of Arthur B. and Hattie (Frisbee) Squires. Mr. and Mrs. Squires have two daughters: 1. Shirley Jennie, born September 8, 1921. 2. Harriet Louise, born December 26, 1922. The family home is located at No. 29 Woodstock Avenue, in Rutland.

**GEORGE A. WELLMAN**—Mounting steadily up the ladder of success by his consistent application to business and thorough study of his trade, George A. Wellman is one of Brattleboro's foremost merchants and president of the well-known firm of H. P. Wellman Company, which he conducts in partnership with his brother, Howard S. Wellman, who is secretary and treasurer of the organization. Mr. Wellman has been connected with the clothing business ever since finishing school and has had valuable experience in this line in various parts of New England. The present firm was founded by Henry P. Wellman in 1878 and was conducted under the name of Starkey & Wellman until 1890 when Mr. Wellman purchased Mr. Starkey's interest and the name changed to H. P. Wellman & Company. Upon his death in 1920, the business was incorporated and operated by his sons, the present owners. From a small beginning, this organization has grown steadily until it is now the oldest and one of the largest men's clothing stores in Brattleboro, receiving the continued patronage and confidence of the public as the result of their superior business methods and absolute dependability.

Mr. Wellman was born in Brattleboro, February 22, 1876, son of Henry P. and Addie (Starkey) Wellman, his father, who is deceased, a native of Hinsdale, New Hampshire, and his mother, who is still living, a native of Townsend. Henry P. Wellman was active in the clothing business during his entire career and was the genial proprietor of the H. P. Wellman Company until his death in 1920.

George A. Wellman was educated in the public and high schools of Brattleboro, and upon the completion of

his formal education, went to Providence, Rhode Island, where he was connected for seven years with Besse-Middlebrooke Company in the clothing business. He next went to Thomaston, Connecticut, where he was engaged as manager of the Temple Clothing Company four years after which he served two years as manager for the Temple Clothing Company at Torrington, Connecticut. Returning to his home town, he became connected with his father's organization in which he has ever since remained. In the civic and social life of this city, Mr. Wellman is well known as a progressive public-spirited citizen, and he is active in fraternal affairs as a member of Brattleboro Lodge, No. 1499, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Wantastiquet Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics, he is a staunch adherent of the Republican party. He attends the Baptist church. His hobby is motoring.

Howard S. Wellman was born in Brattleboro, July 31, 1881, son of Henry P. and Addie (Starkey) Wellman. He was educated in the public and high schools of Brattleboro after which he was occupied for a year as reporter on the Brattleboro "Reformer." He next became connected with the Estey Organ Company with which concern he remained for eighteen years in the office of credit manager. Upon the incorporation of H. P. Wellman Company, Mr. Wellman became secretary and treasurer of the new organization and has ever since been a prominent factor in the development and progress of this old-established company. In fraternal circles, he is a valued member of Columbian Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and of the Wantastiquet Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; he is a member of the Board of Governors of the Brattleboro Club and is active in the Brattleboro Country Club and the Brattleboro Outing Club, in which latter he has served on the board of governors. In politics, he is an independent. Prominent in financial circles, Mr. Wellman serves as a director of the Brattleboro Savings Bank. His hobbies are golf and fishing. His religious adherence is given to the Baptist church.

Howard S. Wellman married in 1908, Meta Stolte, who was born in Brattleboro, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Marguerite S., a member of the class of 1931 at Middlebury College. 2. Henry D.

**HENRY WILSON DEMICK**—One of the leading business men of Derby Line, Vermont, Henry Wilson Demick is president of H. W. Demick, Inc., which was incorporated on July 1, 1928, although it was in business for many years before that time, having been founded by Mr. Demick himself in 1920. The company was, before its incorporation, a flour, feed and grist-mill; but, as now organized, is starting in business and constantly gaining headway as dealers in gasoline and oil, with a station at Newport, Vermont, which handles "Colonial" and "Ethol" gasoline. Of this company the officers are: H. W. Demick, president; Mrs. H. W. Demick, vice-president; Stewart Taylor, treasurer; and Harold Demick, secretary.

The proprietor and head of this constantly growing organization, Henry Wilson Demick, was born at Stanstead, Province of Quebec, in October, 1870, son of Benjamin Franklin and Mary Jane (Forbes) Demick. His father is now deceased, but the mother is living at Holland, Vermont. Henry W. Demick received his early education in the common schools of the communities in which he lived in both the United States and Canada; and throughout a portion of his early boyhood had to walk four miles daily to get to school. His first work was as a farmer. He was engaged for several years in both agricultural and teaming work, and then was mail carrier from Island Pond to Derby Line. He resigned, and went to Boston, where he was engaged for four years in the waffle baker business. He then returned



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to Holland, Vermont, where he had a general store and sawmill for about ten years. At the end of that period he sold his business, and established the enterprise which now occupies his attention, and which is rapidly becoming one of the most flourishing organizations in its vicinity. His mills are situated at Derby Line, Rock Island, P. Q., and Derby Center and he has sales rooms at Morgan Corner and one at West Charleston and another at East Charleston.

In addition to his business activities, Mr. Demick takes an active interest in the affairs of his community. He is identified with the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he regularly supports; and also represented the town of Holland in the State Legislature during 1917 and 1918 and he was Justice of the Peace in Holland for a number of years.

Mr. Demick married Bella Sillars, a native of the Province of Quebec. He and Mrs. Demick are attendants at the Advent church.

**RALPH MORTIMER KNIGHT, D. M. D.**—One of Bellows Falls best known professional men, Dr. Knight is one of this city's most popular dental experts, having practiced dentistry here since 1910. Dr. Knight came to Bellows Falls immediately upon completing his college career and opened his offices at No. 9 Westminster Street, proceeding to build up a clientele which has increased steadily during the succeeding years. His great success has been due in great measure to his engaging personality. During his lengthy practice, he has ever received the confidence and dependence of the people of this city, and his reputation has spread throughout the surrounding vicinity as well as being firmly established here.

Dr. Knight was born in Marlow, New Hampshire, July 26, 1888, son of Eugene William Knight, D. M. D., who died in 1914, and Alberta Sarah (Lovell) Knight, who was born at Rockingham and is still living. Dr. Eugene William Knight, who was a native of Marlow, New Hampshire, was one of the foremost dentists in this section, practicing continuously for thirty years.

Ralph Mortimer Knight was educated in the public schools of Bellows Falls, and after high school, attended Vermont Academy for one year and also spent a year at Phillips-Exeter Academy. Matriculating at Harvard University, he studied at the dental college there and was graduated with the class of 1910, receiving the degree of Doctor of Dental Medicine. He is a member of the American Dental Association and the Vermont State Dental Society. In his fraternal affiliations, he holds membership in Delta Sigma Delta fraternity; King Solomon Temple Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Bellows Falls Lodge, No. 23, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Claremont (New Hampshire) Lodge, No. 879, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In social activities he has always taken an interested part, and is a popular member of the Abenague Rod and Gun Club, and the Bellows Falls Outing Club, while he is also active in the Chamber of Commerce, and the Pierce Lawton Post of the American Legion. In political preference, he is a member of the Republican party, and he attends the Episcopal church.

Dr. Knight enlisted in the Vermont National Guard in 1904, holding the rank of private in Company E. In 1911, he was commissioned first lieutenant of this company, and in 1912 was promoted to the rank of captain, retaining this honor until 1913 when he retired from service. In 1917, at the time the United States entered the World War, he was commissioned first lieutenant in the United States Dental Corps and assigned to the 42nd (Rainbow) Division. In December, 1918, Dr. Knight was elevated to the rank of captain in the Dental Corps. In February, 1918, he was transferred to the

Aviation Corps, and in November, 1918, transferred to the headquarters department of S. O. S. In May, 1919, he was appointed to the Base Hospital, No. 79, at Neuf Chateau, France, and in July, 1919, discharged from the service, retaining the rank of captain. Dr. Knight's hobbies are farming, hunting and fishing.

Dr. Ralph Mortimer Knight married, in 1913, FredERICA F. Cole, who was born in Bellows Falls, and they have two children: Ralph M., Jr., and Eugene William.

**JOSEPH A. WIGGIN**—Down through the centuries the field of education has called to the men most capable of teaching, and to those most ably suited to capable direction of teaching. Pages of history in every land are liberally filled with the names of teachers, together with their acts, and judgments thereof pronounced by succeeding generations and centuries. America has been rich in her teachers. The nation of today, foremost among all nations as we believe, with reason aside from patriotism, is largely the result of good instruction, which has so shaped the lives of our men and women that they have been enabled to perform their separate functions in the civic and social whole to the uttermost of inherent talent. He who chooses the field of teacher as a life work chooses perhaps the highest of callings. Behind him are the noblest of traditions; ahead of him are the possibilities of future civilization, ready to his hand and mind.

Joseph A. Wiggin has given nearly a score of years to the profession here dealt with, always in an administrative capacity, as a director of teachers, and himself as a teacher of the first quality. Product of New England, he has spent the whole of this period in the region of his nativity, but has expended it in several communities. At the present time (this is written in 1928) he is principal of the high school in Brattleboro, and although his tenure of office here has been brief, as compared with the entirety of his experience, his works have been attended with richest fruit in the minds of the youth of the town. The citizenry hold him in highest estimation for his endeavors so successfully effected through the school system, and regard him, rightly, as one of the town's dominant factors in advancement. His record, curtailed barely to an outline, is therefore presented in this contemporary history.

Born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, June 24, 1888, Professor Wiggin is the son of Horace M. and Emily A. (Whitten) Wiggin. His father, who was born in Exeter, New Hampshire, survives to the present. His mother, deceased, was a native of Mobile, Alabama. In the public schools of Portsmouth, Mr. Wiggin secured his elementary and secondary academic instruction. Upon graduation from high school he took his diploma with markings of scholastic excellence significant of a mind owning unusual gifts, then matriculated in Bates College, whence he graduated in 1909, at the age of twenty-one years, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. His feeling for the profession of teacher had mounted apace; and thus it followed that he had trained himself the better to carry forward that coveted work. It followed also, in the year of his graduation, that he secured appointment as principal over the high school in Standish, Maine. There he continued in the principalship two years, in 1911 removing to Hopkinton, New Hampshire, where he served with like office over the local high school five years, until 1916. In the fall of that year he accepted the post of principal over the high school in Newport, New Hampshire. This was the most important directorial position he had thus far held, and he made for himself an admirable record within it, retaining it until 1927, or through a period of some eleven years. It was in 1927 that he accepted the position of principal in



Brattleboro. Brattleboro has benefited through his decision.

Mr. Wiggin is a member of the National Education Association, the Vermont State Teachers' Association, Windham County Teachers' Association, the Brattleboro Club, Green Mountain Club (of which he is a director), and other comparable organizations. He is independent, politically, attends the Congregational church, and entertains a lively interest in sports of all kinds.

In 1910 Professor Wiggin was united in marriage with Veronica L. McGrath, Lewiston, Maine, and their children are: Raymond H., and Norman A.

**FRED M. LEONARD**—Holding a prominent place in the fraternal activities of his vicinity, Fred M. Leonard of North Londonderry is one of Vermont's native sons who has always maintained a deep interest in progressive affairs and has ever given his support to everything that has purposed the accomplishment of the welfare of his commonwealth. Mr. Leonard is active in the commercial life of his community, having for many years conducted a general merchandising business here, and since 1925, associated with C. E. Bacon in this same line of endeavor.

Mr. Leonard was born in Winhall, February 3, 1858, son of William Darling and Antoinette Laura (Howe) Leonard, his father having been born in Winhall and his mother born in Jamaica, Vermont, both being now deceased. William Darling Leonard was engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life.

Fred M. Leonard was educated in the public schools of Winhall and upon completing his formal education, became connected with a general store in Londonderry, where he acquired a thorough foundation in the various details of mercantile trade and management, and this splendid training in his early youth has been a valuable asset in his subsequent career. Having shown a decided talent for commercial life, in 1884, he established his own independent organization and dealt in all kinds of general merchandise. His business grew and prospered and as the years passed by, became one of Londonderry's landmarks, being known to the entire city as a store where quality goods could be purchased at the most attractive prices, while the courteous service and efficient atmosphere of the whole business house were two principal reasons why its patronage thrived and increased. Continuing thus until 1925, Mr. Leonard then became associated with C. E. Bacon in the general store business in North Londonderry where he has continued to meet with success. He was postmaster for some fifteen years, having been first appointed in 1882. His fraternal affiliations are with Anchor Lodge, No. 99, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he has the honor to be past master. His political principles are those of the Republican party and he has always exerted an active interest in local government, having served for three years as selectman of the town. In his religious adherence, he is a valued member of the Congregational church, in which body he acts as a member of the prudential committee.

Fred M. Leonard married in 1886, Mary M. Hannum, who was born in Weston, and to this union were born two sons: 1. Fred Hannum, who is deceased. 2. Lawrence, now a member of the medical profession, practicing in Troy, New York.

**C. EDWIN HOWARD**—Manager of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company at Rutland, Mr. Howard, during the more than four years that he has occupied this position, has been the means of increasing to a great extent the number of telephone users in Rutland. Mr. Howard served his country in the military

during the World War, and has attained prominence in fraternal, social and professional circles of Vermont.

Mr. Howard was born June 14, 1898, in Arlington, New York, son of Charles Howard, now deceased, and Anna Kate (Barnes) Howard. He attended the public schools, graduated from Poughkeepsie High School, and then attended Middlebury College in Vermont, from which he also was graduated. Early in manhood he became connected with the telephone industry, and after various positions, in 1924, was appointed manager of the Rutland office of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company. The territory under his supervision comprises Rutland, West Rutland, Brandon, Pittsford, Proctor, and Salisbury. During the comparatively brief period in which he has been connected with the local office, Mr. Howard has obtained remarkable results in promoting the growth and development of his company. When he first came to Rutland the exchange here had four thousand, nine hundred and seventy-four telephones. Due to his indefatigable efforts, there were, in 1928, six thousand, one hundred and twenty-five telephones in service in this same area, representing an increase of one thousand, one hundred and eighty-one in four years. This increase speaks very highly for the abilities of the local manager, Mr. Howard.

When the United States entered the World War, Mr. Howard gave his services to his country, serving for a period of three months, although he did not get overseas. He is a valued and conscientious worker in the ranks of the Masonic Order, being a member of Center Rutland Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He keeps up-to-date on modern engineering problems through his association with the American Society of Engineers, and is a member of the Rotary Club and the Engineers Club, both of Rutland.

C. Edwin Howard married, at Springfield, Massachusetts, Dorothy Underwood. She is a native of Springfield, of English parentage.

**WINDSOR DeFOREST BOWEN, M. D.**, through the exercise of his professional gifts, has secured a permanent place in the confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens at Bellows Falls, Vermont, his hospital and World War activities having laid the foundation for his present success. He has also held a number of offices of civic responsibility, and has kept at the front of the progress in city and State affairs, his abilities proving his worth both as a citizen and a professional man.

Dr. Windsor DeForest Bowen was born November 3, 1880, at Dickinson, New York, a son of Byron W. Bowen, who was born at Bangor, New York, and is engaged in the creamery business, and of Cornelia (Larkin) Bowen, who was born in Beekmantown, New York, and who died in 1928.

Dr. Bowen received his education at the Dickinson public schools, and at the Bushtown (New York) High School, and preparing for his profession at the University of Vermont Medical School, he was graduated there in the class of 1907, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. His internship was at the Bellevue Hospital in New York City, and he also took a special course in surgery at the New York Lying-in Hospital.

In 1907, Dr. Bowen first established himself in practice at Saxtons River, Vermont, where he continued until 1927, when he removed to Bellows Falls, where he continues to the present time, with his offices at No. 18 Square.

A Republican in his political beliefs and activities, Dr. Bowen has served three terms on the School Board of the town of Rockingham, having been chairman of the board for two terms; and he was health officer for the town of Westminster for five years, and for one term served as trustee of Saxtons River village.







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Responding early to the call of the World War, Dr. Bowen, having been commissioned on July 15, 1917, as a first lieutenant in the United States Army Medical Corps, was assigned to the Base Hospital at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, afterwards being transferred to Bellevue Hospital for a special surgical course. Dr. Bowen, then assigned to the Base Hospital at Camp Upton, New York, received his captain's commission October 9, 1918. He was later transferred to Debarkation Hospital No. 3, in New York City, where he received his discharge July 2, 1919, with the rank of captain. Since that date, Dr. Bowen has been designated examiner for the United States Government, as well as special examiner for the Citizens' Military Training Camp.

Dr. Bowen's professional associations are with the American Medical Association, the Vermont State Medical Society, and the Windham County Medical Society, as well as with the Military Surgeons of the United States; and he is a Past President of the Rockingham Medical Club, and a member of the staff of the Rockingham Hospital. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Delta Mu college fraternity; with Morton Lodge, No. 63, Free and Accepted Masons, and all Masonic bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; also with the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; with Saxtons River Lodge, No. 33, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Order of Rebekah; and with the Modern Woodmen of America. He is also a member of Pierce Lawton Post of the American Legion; the Bellows Falls Country Club, the Abenague Rod and Gun Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Men's Club of the Congregational Church, and his hobbies are hunting and fishing. He attends the Congregational Church.

Dr. Windsor DeForest Bowen married, in 1907, Josephine Wheeler, a native of this State; and they have one son, Nelson Ashley. During the World War, Mrs. Bowen was very active in patriotic matters, having charge of the work of the Red Cross at Bellows Falls.

**RALPH D. MEDBURY**—Business enterprise, political service, and prominence in fraternal affiliations have featured the career of Ralph D. Medbury, one of Wilmington's most useful and progressive citizens and mercantile leaders. As sole proprietor of the only men's furnishings store in the town, he caters to a large and select clientele, while serving the town as auditor and his party as a member of the Republican Town Committee.

Ralph D. Medbury was born in Wilmington, July 19, 1890, the son of Daniel and Mary E. (Chamberlain) Medbury, the former a native of Windsor, Massachusetts, and a farmer until his death, which occurred in 1901. The mother lives in her native town of Wilmington. Ralph D. Medbury studied in the grade and high schools of Wilmington and then took a year's instruction at Goddard Seminary. His first formal employment was in the form of a clerk or salesman for the well-known firm of H. F. Barber & Son, exclusive men's furnishings store in Wilmington, which he served in that capacity from 1911 to 1922. In the latter year he purchased the business and has conducted it ever since as the sole owner without change of the old style. His popularity and thoroughgoing business methods have served to maintain the good reputation of the store and to increase its patronage. He also carries a fine and complete line of photographic supplies and offers prompt and efficient service in developing and printing of photographs.

A lifelong Republican, Mr. Medbury has served in the office of town auditor since 1918, and has been a member of the Republican Town Committee since 1926. He is a corporator of the Wilmington Savings Bank. He is highly placed in fraternal circles, a Past Worshipful

Master of Social Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; affiliating with all the Scottish Rite bodies, including the Consistory; and with Mayflower Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. His religious activities are centered in the Universalist church, of which he is a trustee. Now and again he goes a-fishing, and on numerous occasions has exhibited trophies of his skill as an angler. His favorite outdoor sport is baseball.

**PHILIP CHEEVER GUTTERSON, D. D. S.**—Thoroughly trained in his profession, Philip Cheever Gutterson has been a dentist at Fair Haven for more than ten years. His father, also a dentist, was the first to establish his practice at Fair Haven, coming there in 1883, and when the younger man had completed his education, he gradually took over his father's work, which he has carried on since that time in a very successful way.

Mr. Gutterson was born at Fair Haven on September 11, 1895, a son of George Leslie and Harriet (Cushman) Gutterson of this place. Family records show that as early as 1644 William Gutterson held a share of Plum Island, while the first member of the family in Vermont, Abner Gutterson, settled in Andover in 1798, clearing one hundred acres for his own use.

Philip Cheever Gutterson attended the public schools of his birthplace, and was graduated from the local high school in 1914. Thereafter he undertook the course of study in the Dental School of Tufts College, in Boston, where he was graduated in 1917 with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. Returning to Fair Haven the same year, he began the practice of his profession in association with his father, but during the period of the World War he enlisted in the United States Army. Dr. Gutterson entered the service on May 16, 1918, and was assigned to the 312th Ammunition Train, with which he went to France in the latter part of August as a member of the American Expeditionary Forces, being stationed at the base of supplies for ammunition and ambulance equipment. He received his honorable discharge on March 17, 1919, having arrived in France too late for front line service.

Upon the conclusion of hostilities, Dr. Gutterson returned to Fair Haven and resumed his practice here, his father gradually retiring from the work. Dr. Gutterson offers to the community a service in dentistry found usually only in the larger cities, employing the most modern methods and equipment. He is a member of the Vermont State Dental Society and of the American Dental Association, and active in the affairs of these organizations. Dr. Gutterson has always taken a hearty interest in the civic life of the community, contributing generously to worthy enterprises. He is a member of Delta Sigma Delta Fraternity, at Tufts, of which he acted as "Scribe" in his senior year. He is also a member of Fair Haven Post, No. 49, of the American Legion, having been adjutant at Fair Haven for many years. He was chairman of the Housing Committee for the State convention, held in Fair Haven in the fall of 1928. Dr. Gutterson worships in the faith of the Congregational church.

**JOSHUA BEMIS**—In the agricultural community of Caledonia County, in the town of Lyndon, Mr. Bemis had always held a commendable position in the eyes of his fellow-citizens. He was born May 9, 1833, on the farm on Bemis Hill, and died at Casey Bend, where he had built a beautiful little home, where Mrs. Bemis now resides, on February 11, 1922, after a long and useful life. An esteemed member of the community, he took at all times an active interest in the government of the town and was sent to represent it at the State Legislature in 1908 and 1909. A Republican in his political thought, he supported the party's candidates



and principles through all elections. Mr. Bemis was of the hardy pioneer stock that is the back-bone of our New England States, his grandfather being the first Bemis to settle in Vermont, and the name being a greatly respected one in the annals of this State.

Joshua Bemis was the son of Amasa and Eliza Ann (Hall) Bemis, both born in Caledonia County, the latter a sister of Harley Hall. Amasa Bemis was the son of Elias and Miranda (Jenks) Bemis, who migrated to Vermont from Spencer, Massachusetts, by ox-team, after the manner of the home-seeking pioneers of those early days, bringing his household goods and his young family, and taking forty days to make the trip. They came in the month of March and one may imagine the laborious trail-blazing they had to undertake over rough roads, heavy and muddy from the winter snows. A rude cottage had been built for their reception by the friend who had urged the migration and there this sturdy family settled down to cultivate a farm and help to develop the fertile agricultural land that was ready to respond to their industrious labor. This was on Bemis Hill and now part of Mountain View Farm, perhaps the most picturesque and one of the largest farm properties in Vermont, and owned by Elmer A. Darling.

Joshua Bemis prospered on his farm of three hundred acres, and before his death he sold it buying a home on the East Burke Road of about fifteen acres. Mrs. Bemis was born February 26, 1842, at East Burke, and was Alma Bennett, daughter of Almon S. and Melona (Wheeler) Bennett, and she, too, is a member of an old Vermont family. She was married to Joshua Bemis in the year 1863.

**ORRIN H. JONES**—The Federal Government considers itself fortunate in having been enabled for the second time, through its Post Office Department, to enlist the services of Orrin H. Jones as postmaster of Wilmington. A change in the political complexion of the administration at Washington intervened to select his successor after many years in office, but when the opportunity arrived for filling the berth with a member of the party then in power, he again was chosen and has ever since discharged the duties of the office with care and courtesy to the patrons. Mr. Jones is popular with the people of Wilmington, and is actively interested in the civic affairs and ambitions of the community for further progress. Three of his sons, of a family of five, served in the World War period, two as commissioned officers overseas and a third as a student of war in theory.

Born in Dover, Vermont, February 17, 1866, Orrin H. Jones is the son of W. Frank Jones, a native of Dover, for many years a merchant and holder of the office of town clerk, who also served as representative to the General Assembly for several terms. He died in 1921. He married Annette Snow, born in Dover, and now deceased. Having passed through the public schools of Dover, the son, Orrin, studied at Leland Grey Seminary for one year. He then came to Wilmington to accept employment in O. O. Ware's general store. During his stay of seven years there he became an expert in merchandising and at the same time made a very valuable line of acquaintance, which was to stand him in excellent stead as he went on to make his career. From that position he entered the field of journalism, buying the "Deerfield Valley Times," a weekly newspaper, of which he remained the proprietor for five years. After he had disposed of the paper, he returned to the O. O. Ware store and was employed there for two additional years. When a young man Mr. Jones took up as a side line the newspaper and magazine subscription business, mostly as a mail order business. This has gradually increased until O. H. Jones, "The Vermont Magazine Man," is known in thousands of Vermont fami-

lies, and the mail list contains the names of more than one thousand regular Vermont patrons.

In 1897 Mr. Jones received the appointment of postmaster of Wilmington and served continuously until 1914. He was efficient, popular and obliging, but all these qualifications did not avail to prevent an administration of opposite political faith from filling the office with a loyal partisan. The ensuing eight years Mr. Jones was a member of the staff of Parmelee & Howe. The year 1923 proved to be a red-letter one for the former postmaster and he was reinstated in the office which he has ever since graced in his old-time form, still having two more years to serve of the present appointment. For the past five years he has served as secretary and treasurer of the Vermont Branch of the National Postmasters Association.

A staunch Republican all his adult life, Mr. Jones served six years on the Republican Town Committee and six years as lister of voters in the town. He is a director and secretary of the Riverview Cemetery Association and a corporator of the Wilmington Savings Bank. His religious fellowship is with the Congregational church at Wilmington. Camping in the wilds and fishing serve to give him pleasure and renewed energy during his recreation periods.

Orrin H. Jones married, in 1893, Kate D. Dix, a native of Wilmington, and they are the parents of five children: 1. Paul D., served in the United States Army in France during the World War as first lieutenant. 2. Philip F., held the commission of second lieutenant during his service with the American Expeditionary Forces in France during the war. 3. Dexter O., served during the war period as a member of the Student Army Training Corps at the University of Vermont. 4. Annette K. 5. Donald H.

**HENRY FRANCIS FIELD**—At the age of eighty-five years, Henry Francis Field, Vermont's "grand old man of finance," apparently entertains no thought of retirement from his daily tasks, which with him have become a second nature. He is happiest when busiest in the channels in which he has been active for a longer period than is allotted the average man as his span of life. He has been president of the Rutland County National Bank since 1910, treasurer of Rutland County since 1877, is president of the Rutland Hospital and senior deacon of the Congregational church of Rutland, having been elected to the diaconate in 1872. Mr. Field has also served the Commonwealth as treasurer and deputy secretary of State, and as a member of the Senate and the General Assembly, and the town and village of Rutland in the capacity of treasurer.

Henry Francis Field was born in Brandon, October 8, 1843, the son of William Morton and Minerva Kimball (Davenport) Field. His line is one of which any person might well be proud, tracing as it does to the hardy pioneer stock comprising the celebrated Winthrop and Saltonstall Expedition from England, in which was the family's original American ancestor, Zechariah Field, who settled in Dorchester, Massachusetts, in 1630, and removed to Hartford, Connecticut, in 1639, becoming one of Rev. Thomas Hooker's congregation. With the more liberal members of the church he removed to Northampton, Massachusetts, in 1659. He was engaged in the mercantile business and had a large trade with the Indians. He was one of the original twenty-five proprietors of Hatfield, colony of Massachusetts, and was a member of the committee which laid out the lands. He received a grant of land there in 1661 and resided there until his death, June 30, 1666. His descendants have proved worthy of the name and in many instances have distinguished themselves in the professions and various callings.

The education of Henry F. Field was received in



private and public schools of Brandon and in the seminary located in that town. His career in the banking profession began in 1860, when, at the age of seventeen, he became a clerk in the Bank of Brandon. By a fortunate turn of events as subsequent incidents proved, he removed in 1862 to Rutland, severing also at the time his membership in the voluntary military organization of Brandon, known as the "Allen Greys." In Rutland he was called to a position in the office of John B. Page, then treasurer of the State. The place was no sinecure, since heavy expenditures were being made by the State in support of the Federal Government and for the care of her soldiers in the Civil War. Ability and integrity were manifested as commanding traits in his character, even in those early days of the budding financier and institution head, and at the end of two and one-half years he was taken into the then Bank of Rutland, which institution was in process of reorganization at the time as a National bank. This was the first bank in Rutland to operate under the State banking laws, and it was dissolved a few years after it became a National bank.

Mr. Field's rise was rapid, as became one who showed such adaptability to financial matters and entered with such great energy and faithfulness upon the tasks assigned him. In 1867, three short years after he had entered the Bank of Rutland as teller, he was elected cashier of the Rutland County National Bank, which had been organized in 1864, although it did not begin business until 1865. At the present writing (1928) he has been president of the bank for eighteen years.

To many offices of trust and great responsibility, outside his immediate banking connection, Mr. Field has been called during his long and honorable career. He was but eighteen years of age, when, in 1861, he was appointed deputy secretary of State for Vermont. Sixteen years later he was elected treasurer of Rutland County and has held that office without interruption for the intervening fifty-one years. In 1884 he was nominated by the Republicans of Rutland County for State Senator, and was elected by a large majority. While a member of the Senate he was chairman of the Committee on Banks, and acquitted himself with a record as a wise and influential legislator. In 1888 he represented the town of Rutland in the General Assembly, and served as chairman of the House Committee on Banks and as a member of other important committees. In 1890 he was the nominee on the Republican State ticket for the office of State treasurer, and was handsomely elected, being retained in that high position for three successive terms. In 1898, after he had given eight years' administration, marked by high efficiency and unimpeachable integrity, he declined further to be a candidate for the office, and in that year he retired, to the great regret of the people of Vermont, party lines being obliterated in the general approval of his services. The electors of the town of Rutland and those of the village of Rutland also called Mr. Field to fill their respective offices of treasurer, and his handling of the finances in those connections served to stabilize the accounting system and to hold the funds within the bounds set by law and ordinance.

Religious work has always been one of the avenues in which Mr. Field has delighted to direct his energies and best thought. In his thirtieth year he was made a deacon of the Congregational church of Rutland and is still a member of the board, being its senior member. For thirty years he maintained an actively helpful connection with the Sunday School, and for a considerable part of that time served as its superintendent.

Henry Francis Field married, June 21, 1865, Annie Louisa Howe, daughter of John Howe, of Brandon, the founder of the Howe Scale Company. They are the parents of two sons: 1. John Howe, a resident of Bu-

falo, New York, and long engaged in business in that city. 2. William Henry, who has attained National distinction in his publishing career in the journalistic field, and resides in Mendon, Vermont, having his business address in New York City.

**GEORGE BYRON HYDE, M. D.**—Few members of the medical fraternity have a richer and broader experience in practice and service than Dr. George Byron Hyde, of Wilmington, who for forty years approximately has given of his talent and energy to the relief of the sick and suffering in his homeland and on the fields of battle in far-flung corners of the world, to which he was called by the exigencies of the conflict of the Nations. It is a most interesting career, fraught with ministrations of an expert and with the patriotism that gave point, loyalty and sympathy to that service in civil and military life.

Rev. William H. Hyde, father of Dr. Hyde, was born in East Highgate, Vermont, and for many years, until his death, was an able and faithful minister in the Methodist Episcopal church. From him and his wife, who was Rhoda Joan Brown, a native of Eden, Vermont, and now deceased, their son, Dr. George Byron, inherited many of his outstanding qualities.

George Byron Hyde, M. D., was born in Enosburg Falls, March 1, 1863. He is a product of the public school system of his native State, prepared for college at Brigham Academy in Montpelier, entered Atlanta (Georgia) Medical College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1890 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine; following which he took a post-graduate course at the New York Post-Graduate Medical School, and attended various clinics at well known medical centers in the United States and at Paris, France.

Dr. Hyde entered practice at North Hero, Vermont, in 1890, and served his patients there until 1894, when he felt it as his duty to go to a larger field, represented by the community of St. Albans. He practiced in the latter city until 1896, in which year he went to Guanajuato, Mexico, where he acquired a very valuable knowledge of tropical diseases and methods of remedy and cure during his stay in that country until 1910. He then returned to the United States and retired from practice.

Patriotism and professional zeal led Dr. Hyde to accept a war-work post at New Hampshire State College in 1917, after the United States had entered the World War. He offered his services to the American Medical Corps, was commissioned a captain, and in 1918 went to France with an outfit of the American Red Cross. He served overseas two years, in France, Germany, Belgium, Palestine, Turkey, and Mesopotamia, and won the commendation of his Government and superior officers for his devotion, skillfulness and sympathetic ministrations. He was mustered out, in December, 1919, with his rank of captain.

Following the war, Dr. Hyde was stationed at Washington, District of Columbia, as resident representative of the American Committee for the Independence of Armenia. He then toured the United States for about a year as the National Field Representative for the Near East Relief. Dr. Hyde declined to risk the ennui of a life of complete retirement from his loved profession, and he resumed its practice at Lowell, Vermont, in 1923, remaining there until 1926, when he removed to Franklin, where he practiced one year. He then took up his residence in Wilmington, where he has since been happily engaged among a people who have given him hearty welcome and their confidence as well. Dr. Hyde's professional standing is to be further gathered from the fact of his having been made a Fellow of the American Medical Association, a member of the Vermont State



Medical Society and the Windham County Medical Society, and a charter member of the International Medical Society of Mexico.

In politics, Dr. Hyde is an enthusiastic Republican. He might well point to his military service as meeting the requirements in full of his duties as a physician and a citizen in official capacity. He is a Fellow of the American Geographical Society, and is much interested in the sciences of archaeology and geology. His fraternal relations are with Social Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Wilmington; the Royal Arch Masons; and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. His religious obligations are given to the Methodist Episcopal church.

Dr. George Byron Hyde married (first), in 1886, Alletha C. Halsted, who was born in Brooklyn, New York, and died in 1923. He married (second) Fannie C. Hall, a native of Troy, Vermont. Dr. Hyde is the father of four children: George E., Charles H., Rhoda A., and Lincoln S.

**BERT HORATIO STICKNEY**—A resident of Rutland since 1891, and having practiced law here for more than twenty-eight years, Bert Horatio Stickney has one of the largest general practices of law in this section of Vermont. He is a nephew of ex-Governor W. W. Stickney of Ludlow, Vermont, who served on the advisory board of "The Vermont of Today." The Stickney family originally came from England, having settled in Rowley, Massachusetts, in 1636. Since that time members of his family have occupied many places of public trust and attained prominent positions throughout New England.

Mr. Stickney was born December 21, 1876, at Plymouth, Vermont, son of Joseph H. and Addie (Butler) Stickney. Joseph H. Stickney was the son of John W. Stickney who married Ann Pinney, a cousin of Calvin Coolidge's grandmother. Addie (Butler) Stickney was the daughter of Hannah (Laudgel) Butler. A full record of this prominent New England family may be found in "The Stickney Family History."

Bert Horatio Stickney first attended the district school at Plymouth, Vermont, and subsequently was graduated from the Rutland High School in 1895. After his completion of the public school course he took special training at Phillips Exeter Academy, at Exeter, New Hampshire, in preparation for future study of the law. He came to Rutland in 1891, where he started his legal training in the law offices of Judge James A. Merrill and Edward Dana. In 1901 Mr. Stickney was admitted to the bar and has since followed his profession in Rutland. Although a staunch Republican and for several years chairman of the Republican City Committee, he has purposely avoided public office, preferring to devote his time to private practice. However, he did serve as county fish and game warden in 1905, and grand juror in that same year.

Mr. Stickney served his country during the Spanish-American War, being attached to Company A, 1st Vermont Volunteer Infantry, during which time he was stationed at Chickamauga Park from May to November, 1898. From 1903 until 1906 he held the rank of captain in the Vermont National Guard. Mr. Stickney has been a prominent factor in fraternal circles, his affiliations therein encompassing membership in Rutland Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of Rutland Lodge, No. 345, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Killington Lodge, No. 29, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Rutland; and he is also a member of the Fish and Game Club of Rutland. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church.

Bert H. Stickney married, in 1901, at Rutland, Pearl Holmes, a daughter of Joseph H. and Josephine Holmes. Mr. Stickney maintains his law offices in the Loudon

Block, No. 50½ Merchants Row, and he and his wife reside at No. 168 Grove Street, Rutland.

**SYDNEY LEE RUGGLES**—As town and village manager of Bellows Falls, Vermont, since April, 1927, when he came to this place after long experience in the fields of engineering, professorship and civic work, Sydney Lee Ruggles has been one of the most helpful and useful citizens. There is scarcely any phase of public life in which he is not deeply interested, while his habits of study and serious application to his work render him of especial value in the solution of any special problems that come up for settlement in Bellows Falls.

Sydney Lee Ruggles was born in Plainfield, New Hampshire, on July 11, 1887, a son of George S. and Marian L. (Eggleston) Ruggles. His father, born in Horicon, Wisconsin, was engaged for many years as a carpenter and farmer, and is still living; while the mother is a native of Plainfield, New Hampshire.

Sydney L. Ruggles was educated in the public schools of Plainfield, New Hampshire, his birthplace, at Windsor High School, in Windsor, Vermont; and at the Kimball Union Academy, at Meriden, New Hampshire. For his advanced studies he went to Dartmouth College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in the class of 1908; and to the Thayer School of Civil Engineering, from which he was graduated in the class of 1909 with the degree of Civil Engineer. Upon completing his education, Mr. Ruggles went with the United States Geological Survey in the summer of 1909. In 1909 and 1910 he was an instructor in Civil engineering at Pennsylvania State College; and then, from 1910 to 1920, instructor in civil engineering at the institution which he himself had formerly attended, the Thayer School of Civil Engineering, a school connected with Dartmouth College. From 1920 until 1925 he was city engineer and superintendent of the water department of Barre, Vermont. Afterward he was for a short time connected with the water department of the city of Springfield, Massachusetts, as inspector of concrete. His service from July, 1925, to April, 1927, when he came to Bellows Falls, was with the firm of E. Worthington, civil and consulting engineer in Dedham, Massachusetts. Since he has been in Bellows Falls, he has accomplished much valuable work, while at the same time he has taken part extensively in the science of city government and the researches made into it by his professional colleagues. He is a member of the International City Managers' Association and the New England City Managers' Association. In his political views Mr. Ruggles is identified with the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he regularly supports. His religious affiliation is with the Congregational church, which he regularly attends; and in his spare time he likes nothing better than the quiet life of the home, with its attendant outdoor work of gardening.

On June 15, 1911, Sydney L. Ruggles married Permelia Roy, a native of Bedford, Province of Quebec, Canada. By this marriage there have been two children: 1. Permelia T. 2. Roy Sydney.

**FRED A. FIELD**—Devotion to the best interests of his community, thereby promoting his own prosperity as he assisted others to achieve their ambitions, has been the watchword of Fred A. Field, for many years one of the prominent business men of Rutland. In a measurement of good citizenship, deeds rather than intentions is the standard used, and according to this system Mr. Field has stood the test in every way. Loyal to trusts imposed in him, industrious in the public welfare as he has been in his private enterprises, his contributions to the progress of the community have been valuable and have won him the esteem and friendship of scores of his fellow-



citizens, who understand the value of coöperation in forwarding the general commercial prosperity and who show a corresponding appreciation.

He was born in Brandon, Vermont, June 7, 1850, and was educated there in public and private schools and at the seminary, after which he engaged in various lines of business, which since 1904 has been general insurance, in which his son and namesake is associated. For many years he was postmaster of Rutland, under President Cleveland's administration, resigning in 1893 to engage in private business. Previous to that Mr. Field was post office inspector for eighteen months, and during this service traveled in eighteen States throughout the South and East. He then became teller in the Merchants National Bank at Rutland. Since 1888 he has been a trustee of the Rutland Savings Bank; was city treasurer of Rutland for one year; was United States Marshal from 1899 to 1904, and was chairman of the Post Office Committee, appointed by the Chamber of Commerce, to secure the new Federal building and post office for Rutland. His activities in the work of the Rutland Chamber of Commerce have been continuous and valuable. He is a member of the Order of Free and Accepted Masons and is Past Grand Chancellor of the Vermont body of the Knights of Pythias. He belongs to the Congregational Church of Rutland and for twenty-two years was secretary and treasurer of its Sunday school. His clubs are the Rutland and the Pythian.

Fred A. Field married, June 3, 1873, Lillie Clark, daughter of Henry Clark. Their children are: 1. Edward D., second vice-president of the National Life Insurance Company, of Montpelier, Vermont. He is the father of three children: Catherine, a graduate of Bryn Mawr College; Josephine, a student at the Free Arts School of New York City; Virginia, a student in the Albany High School. 2. Fred A. Jr., of further mention.

Fred A. Field, Jr., was born in Rutland, Vermont, April 12, 1881, and is at present a business partner of his father in the Rutland insurance firm of Fred A. Field & Son. He is a graduate of Amherst College of the class of 1903 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, since which time he has been very active in business affairs. From 1903 to 1907 he was connected with the Library Bureau in Boston, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island; from 1907 to 1909 he was with the Regal Shoe Company at Whitman, Massachusetts, and from 1909 to 1913 was associated with the Hotel Ten Eyck, at Albany, New York. Since October 6, 1913, he has been associated with his father. He is a trustee of the Rutland Savings Bank and a director of the Herald and Globe Association. He is vice-president of the Rutland Hospital; director of the Vermont State Hospital Association; trustee of the Rutland Masonic Association; president of the Vermont Real Estate Board; member of the Congregational Church Council; member of the Board of Governors of the Rutland Country Club; member of the Executive Board of the Vermont State Golf Association; representative from the Grand Lodge of Michigan near the Grand Lodge of Vermont, Free and Accepted Masons, and Grand Standard Bearer of the Vermont Council of Deliberation, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons.

Politically Mr. Field is a Republican and was trustee of the village of Rutland for five years; he served as chairman of the Republican county committee for several years and was also a member of the city committee and of the Republican district committee. His past activities include the presidency of the Rutland Chamber of Commerce from 1926 to 1927; member of the roads committee of the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce during 1926; national counsellor during 1927 of the United States Chamber of Commerce; president

in 1922 of the Vermont Association of Insurance Agents; member of the New England Advisory Board of the National Association of Insurance Agents in 1922 and 1923; president of the Rutland Country Club in 1926; member of all branches of Masonic bodies and all degrees of the York and Scottish Rites; District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth Masonic District during 1920 and 1921; Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, 1922; corporal, Company B, Vermont Volunteer Militia, 1917 and 1918; local secretary Liberty Loan Campaigns of 1917 and 1918; chairman War Camp Community Service Campaign, 1918; chairman Red Cross Mississippi Disaster Fund Campaign, 1927; chairman Disaster Relief Committee of Rutland County Red Cross, Vermont Flood of 1927. His club memberships are: Delta Kappa Epsilon, college fraternity; Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine Club; Knights of Pythias Club and the Rutland Country Club.

Fred A. Field, Jr., married in New York City, October 6, 1914, Jessie Gibson Arnold, and they are the parents of Frederick Arnold Field, born January 13, 1916, in Rutland, Vermont.

**SAMUEL PHILIP WRIGHT**—The dry cleaning business located at No. 35 South Champlain Street, in Burlington, Vermont, is one which is known not only in this city but in all the principal cities and towns throughout Vermont, New Hampshire, and New York States, where agencies have been established. Samuel Philip and Richard Wright have proved themselves to be able business men and in the modern plant in Burlington keep about ten men busy the year round. The brothers were born in England, educated in Canada, and have built their business career here in the States, where they plan to stay.

Samuel Philip Wright was born in Nottingham, England, June 1, 1897, son of Albert and Agnes (Tomlinson) Wright. The parents left England in 1904, when the older son was about seven years old, and settled in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, where both of the boys attended school until 1911. In that year the parents again made a change, this time coming to the States and settling in Burlington, Vermont, where the father engaged in the dry cleaning business. He worked hard and effectively, getting his new enterprise well established, but in 1914, at the age of forty-five years, death ended his career and placed the business in the hands of the sons, Samuel Philip and Richard. Since that time the business has steadily grown and the sons have constantly increased the scope of their activities by establishing agencies in all the principal towns and cities of three States, thus bringing to their plant at Burlington a rapidly increasing volume of goods to be dyed or cleaned. They do wholesale dry cleaning, and in order that they might handle all their trade to the best possible advantage they have fitted their plant with every piece of machinery and every modern device for the efficient handling of their custom. Many people in Burlington and in other cities in Vermont, New Hampshire, and New York have learned that when a garment or other article is sent to the Wright brothers for cleaning it can be counted upon that the article will come back satisfactory in color and thoroughly clean. Dependability has been the watchword of the business throughout its existence and year after year an increasingly large number of patrons have tested the quality of the work done by the brothers, and found it to be of the best. Their ten employees are kept busy the year round and satisfied customers in three States derive benefit from the economies made possible by the excellent work of this concern. In 1917 Mr. Wright enlisted for service in the 1st Division of the American Expedi-



tionary Forces, was sent overseas, and served there until 1920, when he was honorably discharged. Since his return to civilian life he has devoted his time and energy to the interests of the cleaning business at Burlington.

Richard Wright, brother of Samuel Philip Wright, was born in Nottingham, England, February 21, 1894, and with his parents and brother came to the Province of Ontario, Canada, in 1904. Both boys attended school in Hamilton, Ontario, until 1911, when they were brought by their parents to Burlington, Vermont, where the father founded the business of which the brothers are now (1928) proprietors. Since the death of the father in 1914, both young men have been devoting their time and attention to developing the possibilities of the business and have made of it one of the big concerns of its kind in this section of New England, with agencies in all the important towns and cities of Vermont, New Hampshire, and New York States.

**EPHRAIM J. SMITH**—In 1913 Ephraim J. Smith began the practice of law at Newport, Vermont. Thoroughly trained in his profession, he quickly won the confidence of the community, and in the years which followed won wide local reputation for his ability and legal successes. In 1918 he was honored by the people in his selection as Judge of Probate, and to the duties of this office he has since devoted himself, with dignity, quiet efficiency and complete success.

Judge Smith was born at North Stratford, New Hampshire, September 27, 1880, a son of J. O. and Elizabeth (Crane) Smith, both members of distinguished English families. The father was well known locally for many years as a railroad engineer.

Ephraim J. Smith attended the Newport public schools, and following the completion of the high school course, matriculated at Dartmouth College, from which he was graduated in 1906. For two years thereafter he engaged in educational work as a teacher in the Vermont schools, and then went to Washington, as secretary at the national capital for Congressman Frank Plumley. With the discharge of his duties there, he found time to study law at the National Law School, and finally in 1913, he returned to Newport to begin the practice of the legal profession. In a short time he built up an extensive practice, giving his best efforts to serving his clients until 1918 when he was chosen Judge of Probate. In this office he has since remained.

Politically a hearty supporter of Republican principles and candidates, Judge Smith has always been active in civic life and public affairs, considering service in the public interest no less worthy of his best attention than his own affairs. For several years he was a member of the Newport school board, and has also held other offices of local importance. Judge Smith is a director of the Orleans Trust Company, his opinion in business matters being highly regarded and frequently sought, while he is also a member and director of the Newport Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Rotary Club. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this great order is a member of the Blue Lodge, the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Council of Royal and Select Masters, the Commandery of the Knights Templar, at Newport, and Mt. Sinai Temple, at Montpelier, of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Judge Smith and his family worship in the faith of the Congregational church.

Ephraim J. Smith married Gertrude Thompson, who was born at North Brookfield, Massachusetts, a daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Fagan) Thompson. There are two children of this marriage: Mirian and Frances. The family residence at Newport is situated at No. 15 Cottage Street.

**RALPH E. DURFEE**—An enterprising group of young business men of Fair Haven have successfully launched the ambitious Lake Bomoseen resort project. With the infusion of new blood into the enterprise, the lake has been made a very attractive rendezvous of summer folk, and now at the end of four years' work along intensive and modern development lines, the hotels find their volume of business more than doubled, while the merchants of Fair Haven and the vicinity are receiving of the benefits of the annual influx of visitors. One of those who have played a large part in placing Lake Bomoseen on the resort map of the country is Ralph E. Durfee, treasurer and manager of a furniture and undertaking establishment, of which he was the organizer.

Mr. Durfee and his associates went about the promotion of Lake Bomoseen in the accepted modern manner. They placed attractive advertising matter in the New York newspapers and to this there came a ready and gratifying response. Then these aggressive and purposeful young men voluntarily subscribed themselves to the project, thus showing their individual faith in it, and a few property owners on the lake followed suit. The charm of the resort from the viewpoint of nature and the accommodations afforded, together with an excellent management, did the rest; and the four years' experimentation stage has brought proof of the soundness of the organizers' and promoters' judgment. The mercantile interests of Fair Haven and vicinity have brought their efforts into coordinated relationship under the auspices of the Fair Haven Chamber of Commerce that each shall receive as fair a proportion of business from the resort as it is possible to regulate. A development similar to Lake Bomoseen is under way at Glen Lake, not far distant.

Mr. Durfee holds farsighted views for the further improvement of Fair Haven's municipal advantages. He is convinced that the organization and operation of a building and loan society would influence new building, both for business and residential purposes, and would have a generally beneficial effect upon the community. A reasonable point is made by him in contemplation of a greater future for Fair Haven and her sister towns in the matter of their public works. He suggests that the management of these public works be centralized under a single head—something after the manner of a city manager—and thus effect a real saving to each town brought under the plan, and give to all better improvements, at the same time releasing public-spirited men from the burden entailed by the administration as it is now done to devote more time and effort to their own business affairs. Thinking along these lines of progress, and giving expression to his views, some of which are becoming concretely realized, Mr. Durfee is an acknowledged leader of business and municipal advance in the Fair Haven region. He has a considerable following who entertain similar views, and much is to be expected for the Fair Haven and neighbor towns when the ideas shall have taken shape.

Mr. Durfee's personal business comprises a large furniture retail trade and a large undertaking establishment. The business was founded shortly after the Civil War by O. A. Peck and later was taken over by the Cahee House Furnishing Company, of Rutland. For this latter concern, Mr. Durfee was manager at Fair Haven from 1919 to 1923, at which time he formed a company and acquired the control of the business. The president is Dwight N. Ellis; vice-president, Frank E. Allen; and treasurer and manager, Ralph E. Durfee. The town is fortunate in having in its midst an enterprising business man and community builder of the caliber and sustained enthusiasm of Mr. Durfee, who



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is enabled to call to his side so many young men of like minds and energy. He and they are lively assets of a bigger and better Fair Haven.

**MERRILL H. HAMILTON**—An expert wood worker and a man whose qualifications fit him well for the handling of men and material, Merrill H. Hamilton, of Brattleboro, rose rapidly in his profession, today being general manager of the C. F. Church Manufacturing Company, of this place. He is in many ways one of our most able citizens, deeply interested in civic affairs and devoted to the general progress of the community, a sound churchman, vigorous, hearty and a lover of outdoor life.

Mr. Hamilton was born in Brattleboro, Vermont, June 2, 1897, a son of Carlton M., a farmer and native of Marlboro, Vermont, and Ella (Halladay) Hamilton, also of Marlboro. His education was attained in the public schools here and he was graduated from high school, then engaging in office work for about five years. This he left to become associated with the woodworking business, in which he established himself independently and continued for two years, when he accepted an offer of the Church Company to become office manager. In 1924 he was promoted to his present position of general manager. During the World War he worked at his trade of wood worker in the Portsmouth Navy Yard. In politics he is a Republican, in religion a member of the Congregational church. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Columbian Lodge, No. 36, Free and Accepted Masons; Fort Dummer Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Connecticut Valley Council, Royal and Select Masters; and all Scottish Rite degrees including the thirty-second degree, also Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Rutland. He also has membership in Lodge No. 1499, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and belongs to the Brattleboro Country Club.

Merrill H. Hamilton married, in 1926, Elizabeth Paquin, born in Danville, Vermont.

**JACK A. CROWLEY** has, since 1924, been a practicing attorney at Rutland, Vermont, and in this profession he has been very successful, serving for several years past as Rutland city attorney. Mr. Crowley is also a trained engineer, and his achievements at the bar are particularly noteworthy as evidence of a versatile talent and a strong determination in the surmounting of every obstacle.

Mr. Crowley was born in Rutland, on January 29, 1891, a son of Cornelius J. and Anna (Moloney) Crowley of this place. When he became of suitable age, he attended the public schools of his birthplace, and was graduated from Rutland High School in 1909. Thereafter he undertook the course of study in engineering at Cornell University, and upon the completion of this work, he became a practical engineer, employed, for the most part, in and about New York City.

When the United States entered the World War, Mr. Crowley enlisted, on January 31, 1918, and was assigned as sergeant to the 10th Company, Third Air Service, serving as a member of the American Expeditionary Forces, from June 23, 1918, until July 2, 1919. Mr. Crowley received his honorable discharge on July 10, 1919. From April 22, 1925, to April 24, 1928, he was commanding officer of Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 172d Infantry, Vermont National Guard, and at present he is assigned to Headquarters Staff, 86th Infantry Brigade, National Guard, in which he had been commissioned first lieutenant on April 22, 1925, after having been commissioned second lieutenant of Engineers' Officers Reserve Corps, on January 17, 1923.

Upon his return from service overseas, Mr. Crowley reentered the field of his previous occupation, until about a year later, when he decided to take up the study of law, entering for this purpose, the offices of Walter S. Fenton, an attorney at Rutland. In October, 1923, he passed the Vermont bar examinations, and on February 5, 1924, was admitted to the bar in this State. Soon afterwards he began independent practice at Rutland, in which his fine energy and through knowledge of legal principles have made him very successful. He was chosen city attorney of Rutland and on April 1, 1925, assumed the duties of this office, which he has filled with great efficiency since that time.

Mr. Crowley is affiliated fraternally with Rutland Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is also a member of the Knights of Columbus. Since May, 1923, he has been national committeeman of the American Legion, and in this organization he was adjutant of Rutland Post, in 1922, its commander in 1923, and department adjutant in 1927. He is president of the local Exchange Club, and has been commissioner of Green Mountain Council, of the American Boy Scouts, since its inception. During his army service in France, after the cessation of hostilities Mr. Crowley availed himself of the opportunity to study at the University of Beaune.

On June 24, 1922, in Rutland, Jack A. Crowley married Irene Lalor Copps, of Rutland, daughter of Michael and Annie (Lalor) Copps, of this place. Mr. and Mrs. Crowley attend Christ the King Roman Catholic Church, in Rutland. Their home is situated at No. 51 South Main Street.

**DON O. BUTTERFIELD**—Member of the bar of Vermont, Don O. Butterfield, treasurer of the Wilmington Savings Bank, for thirty years served his community in the dual capacity of assistant town clerk and treasurer. By common consent he ranks as one of the leading citizens of Wilmington, to whose civic and material advance he has made valued contributions over a long period of years.

Oscar E. Butterfield, father of Don O., practiced law in his native Wilmington many years until his death, which occurred in 1927. He married Mary Isabelle Morgan, of Canaan, New Hampshire, who survived her husband.

Don O. Butterfield was born in Wilmington, March 19, 1875, and received his early education in the local schools, and in schools of Nebraska, including the high school there. He then took up the study of law, and was admitted to the bar of this State in 1906. In that year also he became associated with the Wilmington Savings Bank in the capacity of assistant treasurer. His financial acumen has long since been given proper appraisal, and in 1914, when it became necessary to fill the office of treasurer, he was advanced to that position, which he has ever since filled with his well known ability, holding the merited confidence of the depositors and patrons of the bank.

As an influential figure in Republican circles in his district, Mr. Butterfield represented the town of Wilmington in the Vermont General Assembly in 1910. For several years he held the office of justice of the peace, and served on the school board for one term. From 1898 to 1927 he was assistant town clerk and treasurer of Wilmington. He is a trustee of the Pettee Memorial Library and is affiliated with Wilmington Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, being also an attendant and supporter of the services of the Congregational church. He is fond of all outdoor sports.

Don O. Butterfield married, in 1907, Alice S. Plimpton, who was born in Wardsboro.



**FRED W. CLOUGH**—As superintendent of the Vernon plant of the Connecticut River Power Company of the New England Power System, Fred W. Clough plays an important part in the affairs of his community, both through his influence industrially and through his prominence in social and civic matters, and has served the company both in Vernon and Readsboro.

Mr. Clough was born in Madison, Maine, December 1, 1887, a son of Warren and Abbie (Chapman) Clough. His father, a native of Madison, Maine, was engaged until his death as a farmer; while the mother was born in Blackwell, Maine. Fred W. Clough attended the public schools of Madison, Maine, his birthplace, and later studied at the Waterville, Maine, High School. After completing his education, he worked for one year as fireman, then for a year as stationary engineer. He then became associated with the American Woolen Company as electrician, remaining with that organization for two years, at the end of which period he went with the Hollingsworth and Whitney Paper Company, of Waterville, Maine, where for five years he operated the hydro-electric station. He then went with Whitin's Machine Works, at Whitinsville, Massachusetts, where for five years he was assistant electrician and for five more years chief electrician. In 1924 he became associated with the New England Power Company in the capacity of assistant superintendent of the Harriman plant at Readsboro, where he remained until November, 1925. He then came to the Vernon plant of this company as assistant superintendent, and since 1928 has been superintendent of this plant.

In addition to his work as electrician and plant superintendent, Mr. Clough has been an outstanding figure in the fraternal and social life of his community. He is a member of both the Knights of Pythias and the Free and Accepted Masons. In his political views he is not affiliated with either of the major parties, but chooses to follow an independent course, voting for candidates on the basis of their individual worth rather than upon any principles of narrow partisanship. His religious affiliation is with the Union Church of Vernon. His favorite hobbies are radio and deep-sea fishing.

In 1908 he married Edith Bragg, a native of Waltham, Massachusetts.

**WILLIAM T. HUESTIS**—Having a firm belief in the future advancement of Brattleboro, William T. Huestis came to this city in 1919 to engage in the plumbing and heating business and since that time has proceeded to build up what is now the foremost organization of its kind in this vicinity. Mr. Huestis is the sole proprietor and owner of the Fitch Plumbing & Heating Company located at No. 95 Main Street which operates a general plumbing and heating business in connection with a full line of the latest improved stoves and kitchen hardware, maintaining a regular staff of fifteen employees.

Mr. Huestis was born in Bridport, July 26, 1888, son of Daniel and Ellen (Ronan) Huestis, his father, who is now deceased, having been a native of Crown Point, New York, and his mother, who is still living having been born in England. Daniel Huestis was engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life. William T. Huestis was educated in the public schools of Bridport and after high school started on his business career in the meat and provision trade in which he was engaged for nine years. He later accepted a position with the General Electric Company, of Schenectady, New York, and remained with that organization for nine years, also. In 1919, he came to Brattleboro, and here, in association with Raymond L. Fitch, purchased the plumbing and heating business of Walter T. Mooney and changed the name to its present title. This partnership

continued successfully until 1924 when Mr. Huestis bought out Mr. Fitch's interests and, since that time, conducted the establishment himself. In their prominent and spacious headquarters, his company acts as agent for some of the foremost manufacturers of plumbing and heating equipment, such as "Electrol" and "Ben Franklin" Oil Burners; Pacific Boilers; H. B. Smith Boilers; Crawford Stoves and Furnaces, and the Quaker Steel Furnaces. The services of this company are always in demand and they rank first in volume of business secured; their complete organization being the largest of its type in this city. Mr. Huestis rightly deserves the success which he has attained for his desire has ever been to give satisfactory service to all customers, while all products and equipment in connection with the work can be depended upon for excellence of quality and thorough durability.

Apart from his business interests, Mr. Huestis finds time to devote to the welfare and advancement of his city and he takes a leading part in all activities destined to promote municipal development. He is a member of the Brattleboro Club; the Brattleboro Country Club; the National Warm Air Heating and Ventilating Association and the Windham County Fish and Game Club. In his fraternal affiliations, he is a member of Brattleboro Lodge, No. 102, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; William Vinton Council; Marsh O. Perkins Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Brattleboro Lodge, No. 1499, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His political adherence is given to the Republican party and he attends the Congregational church. His hobbies are fishing, hunting and golf.

**GREELEY AMOS BROWN**—Vested with the management of a large dairy farm and the interests of an important lumber concern, Greeley A. Brown is known throughout Windham County for his abilities as a business man. He is a former member of the Vermont Legislature, and is prominent in financial circles as a member of the board of Wilmington's leading institution for savings.

William A. Brown, father of Greeley Amos Brown, was born in Whitingham, and has at different periods and at times concurrently been engaged in the lumber business, as contractor and builder, and as a merchant. He married Ada Mary Brown, who is a native of Whitingham also. Their son, Greeley Amos, was born in Whitingham, March 11, 1890, and received his education in the local schools, at Arms Academy, Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts; and Albany (New York) Business College. He then joined his father as an associate in the latter's lumber business at Wilmington with him until 1909, when he severed that connection.

In the year, 1909, Mr. Brown removed to Wilmington, where he has ever since resided. He became manager of the Deerfield River Company, manufacturers of lumber, with whom he remained three years. In 1912, he again joined his father in the lumber business at Wilmington, and was with him this time for four years. In 1916, he accepted the position of manager of Beaverbrook Farm at Wilmington, which is owned by Martin A. Brown. He resigned that position in 1921 and entered the insurance and livery business in Wilmington on his own account. In 1922 he organized the Brown Lumber Company, in which the principals were himself and Roy S. Brown. This arrangement was in existence for about six months, when Roy S. Brown withdrew, and Greeley A. Brown carried on the business alone until 1923, when it was sold to Martin A. Brown. Since that time Greeley A. Brown has held the two positions of manager of Beaverbrook Farm and manager of the Brown Lumber Company, both of which are owned by Martin A. Brown. On the farm are about



seventy-five head of registered Guernsey cattle. His advisory services on the board of trustees of the Wilmington Savings Bank are highly prized by his colleagues.

A lifelong Democrat and firm in that political faith, Mr. Brown served in the Vermont House of Representatives in 1922. He is a member of the Windham County Farm Bureau and is much interested in agricultural advance. His fraternal relations are with Unity Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; all bodies of the Scottish Rite, Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and Mayflower Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. He is an attendant of the Universalist church.

Greeley A. Brown married, in 1913, Elsie Barlow, who is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**ADELBERT A. DUNKLEE**—Prominent in agricultural circles in Windham County and, for that matter, throughout the State of Vermont, Adelbert A. Dunklee is one of the foremost citizens of Vernon, where he owns a large farm. He also has taken part extensively in the civic, social and political life of his community and State, and lists among his friends some of the most substantial and influential citizens of Vermont.

Mr. Dunklee was born in Vernon, Vermont, April 19, 1863, a son of Nelson and Orsaline (Stoddard) Dunklee. His father, a native of Marlborough, Vermont, was engaged as a farmer until his death; while the mother was born in Chesterfield, New Hampshire, and is now also deceased. Adelbert A. Dunklee attended the public schools in Vernon, and subsequently studied at Powers Institute. After he had completed his education, he taught school for a few terms. Then, in 1885, he bought a farm of about one hundred acres, and gradually increased its size until he now possesses about eight hundred acres of property, most of it pasture land, although about two hundred acres of it are under cultivation. Mr. Dunklee calls his property the Walnut Grove Dairy Farm, and on it he keeps one hundred head of registered Jersey cattle. It is the largest dairy farm in Windham County, and is one of the largest in the entire State of Vermont. It is situated pleasantly on the main road from Brattleboro to Northfield.

Although Mr. Dunklee's work as farmer has kept him constantly busy, he has taken time to participate in the civic and political life of his State to a marked extent. Identified prominently with the Republican party, he was elected on its ticket in 1902 to the House of Representatives. In 1915 he was a member of the Vermont Senate. For several years he was a member of the school board; for four years, superintendent of schools; from 1903 onward, town treasurer of Vernon; for a number of years, on the board of listers; and from 1893 onward to the time of writing (1928), a justice of the peace. He also has business connections, being director of the Vermont Peoples National Bank, as well as a corporator of both the Vermont Savings Bank and the Brattleboro Savings Bank. He is a past president of the Eastern State Farmers' Exchange, on the executive committee of which he has been serving for many years; while he is a member of the board of directors of the Eastern States Milling Corporation, and was for several years president of the Windham County Farm Bureau. His religious affiliation is with Advent Christian Church, of which he is treasurer and a member of the board of trustees, as well as superintendent of the Sunday school, a position which he has held since about 1888. Mr. Dunklee's favorite pastime he finds in his work of raising cattle, which occupies a great part of his time.

In 1886 Adelbert A. Dunklee married Florence E. Brown, a native of Vernon, Vermont. They had the following children: Louella F., Ernest W., of further mention, and Warren B., of whom further.

Ernest W. Dunklee, born in Vernon, Vermont, November 29, 1890, was educated in the public schools here, as well as at the Mount Hermon Boys' School. Upon completing his education, he became associated with his father in the Walnut Grove Dairy Farm, in which he has since been a partner. In 1904 he served as a page in the Vermont State Senate, where he got his first taste of politics; then, from 1919 to 1923 he served as a member of the House of Representatives, and in 1925 was elected a member of the State Senate. He is president of the Windham County Council of Religious Education, to which position he was elected in 1924; and is president of the Windham County Farm Bureau. In 1913 he married Bessie Farnham, a native of Maine, and they became the parents of one child, Courtland Ernest.

Warren B. Dunklee, born October 14, 1892, at Vernon, was educated in public schools here, and is also a partner with his father and brother in the Walnut Grove Farm. He is (1928) a member of the school board. He married Mildred Lackey, of Vernon, and they are the parents of two girls, Ruth and Alma.

**ULYSSES S. GRANT**—Some of the finest painting jobs ever done in Caledonia County have been handled by Ulysses S. Grant, of Lyndonville, who is owner and proprietor of a thriving paint business, a contractor, who operates throughout Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. Mr. Grant was born and brought up in the paint business and learned the trade with his father, but in order to enlarge his knowledge and his experience he worked in New York City as a journeyman painter for three years. He is prominent in fraternal circles, and is held in high esteem in Lyndonville and vicinity.

Ulysses S. Grant was born in Concord, Vermont, November 24, 1864, son of John W., who was a skilled painter, and of Lutheria A. (Quimby) Grant. He received his education in the public schools and then learned the painter's trade with his father. After four years spent with his father he established a business of his own at East St. Johnsbury, but he had been a little premature in venturing into business on his own account and decided to gain more experience in the employ of others. With this end in view he associated himself with the Fairbanks Scale Company, and in two years he was made foreman in their paint shops. After being made foreman he remained with the Fairbanks Company two years longer, making four years in all in St. Johnsbury.

With seven years of independent experience to his credit he felt qualified to once more embark the difficult seas of independent business enterprise under his own name, and later events fully justified his decision. He purchased the paint shop of J. G. Hadley here in Lyndonville and since that time has been successful in building up a large contracting business. He is widely known as one of the best painters in the State, and the fine quality of his work may be seen to advantage on such buildings as the Darling Inn, at Lyndonville, the Museum at St. Johnsbury, Masonic Temple and other buildings at Newport and Barre and other places scattered through this State, New Hampshire and Massachusetts which bear ample testimony of his skill. A Republican in politics, Mr. Grant is one who does not evade his share of the burdens of public office, and for the past four years he has been serving as one of the trustees of Lyndonville village. He has been a member of the board of school trustees for the past four years and in both capacities is giving helpful service. As a member of the local Board of Trade he is actively interested in the promotion of better economic conditions for the town and villages, and he is well known as a man who is clear thinking and sound in judgment in matters of public interest. Fraternally, he is well known, being a member of the Improved Order of Red Men for thirty-five years;



Knights of Pythias twenty-two years, and Junior Order of United American Mechanics for eighteen years, and has served in all of the stations in the several orders. Religiously he is a Protestant and favors a Community church.

Ulysses S. Grant married Estelle J. Frye, who was born in the town of Lyndon, Vermont, daughter of Henry H. and Laura A. (Taylor) Frye. Mr. and Mrs. Grant have had one son, Ernest W., who was killed at the age of thirty-seven years. He was associated with his father in business, and was married to Gladys Hunt of Monroe, New Hampshire.

**FREDERICK GEORGE SWINNERTON**, of Rutland, is one of Vermont's most able and successful attorneys, specializing particularly in corporation law and matters more or less of a civil nature. Mr. Swinnerton was one of the busiest men of his profession for many years until 1919, when he decided to cut down his strenuous legal activities and devoted his attention to the work of counsel for various business organizations. He is a member of one of the oldest families of New England, his ancestors having settled here during the time of the Pilgrims, the Swinnerton family being mentioned by the poet, Longfellow, in "Grimshaw," while Oliver Wendell Holmes, the famous writer, states "the Swinnertons never persecuted the witches."

Mr. Swinnerton was born in Leicester, December 14, 1849, son of George Otis and Charlotte Whiting (Capron) Swinnerton. George Otis Swinnerton was engaged in agricultural interests for many years, and took a prominent part in all public affairs. He was elected to most of the town offices of Leicester, including that of trustee of the public school funds for several years, while he was also town representative to the Legislature in 1866 and 1877.

Frederick George Swinnerton was educated in the public schools of Leicester, and after graduating from Brandon High School, entered Middlebury College from which he was graduated with the class of 1875. He later attended Harvard Law School, where he completed his law studies and was admitted to the bar of the State of Vermont in 1878. Immediately thereafter, he began the practice of his profession in Rutland and soon acquired a substantial, lucrative practice. He studied law with Prout & Walker; after Judge Prout retired from the firm, he went into partnership with Colonel A. F. Walker under name of Walker and Swinnerton. His thorough knowledge of business and financial law brought him prominence as a counsel for industrial and transportation organizations. For thirteen years, he was attorney for the Lebanon Springs Railroad and also represented the Delaware and Hudson Railroad for some years, resigning from this latter office to accept the office of city judge, to which he had been elected. He held this honored post in the judicial life of Rutland from March 1, 1909, until February 1, 1919, lacking just one month of rounding out a full ten years' service, achieving a record for having held this municipal position longer than any previous occupant. Mr. Swinnerton has also served as village attorney, school commissioner and city attorney for Rutland, having held each post for two years. Since retiring from more vigorous cases in 1919, Mr. Swinnerton continues to carry on his professional practice and his advice is sought by the leading business concerns of this vicinity. Occasionally, he appears before the court when he feels that the occasion demands it. Mr. Swinnerton is a staunch member of the Republican party and is a leading member of the Republican District Committee of the First Congressional District of Vermont and served for twenty years as chairman of that body. He has always worked for the advance-

ment and welfare of Rutland and has used his ability and influence in many directions for civic betterment. His religious adherence is given to the Congregational church of this city.

Frederick George Swinnerton married, February 20, 1879, at Rutland, Elizabeth Lamb, of Middlebury, daughter of James M. and Abbey (Woodworth) Lamb. To this union were born five children: 1. Guy F., an attorney of Troy, New York; married and has one son George Frederick. 2. Charlotte Capron, married George H. Drake, of Buffalo, New York, and they have three children: i. George Marshall, born October 12, 1909, now attends Union College. ii. Elizabeth Swinnerton, born May 17, 1913. iii. Robert Cleghorn, born July 17, 1914. 3. Elizabeth Lamb, married Robert H. Mattison, and they reside in Buffalo, New York, and have one daughter, Elizabeth Lamb, born July 1, 1918. 4. Arthur Adin, head of the Swinnerton Machinery Company, of Springfield, Massachusetts; married Alberta White and has four children: i. Alberta Davis, born April 14, 1916. ii. Mary Elizabeth, born April 22, 1918. iii. George Alden, born November 7, 1922. iv. Arthur Lamb, born August 18, 1925. 5. George Alden, killed in action in France during the World War, and a biography of whom accompanies this.

**GEORGE ALDEN SWINNERTON**—Fearless and courageous at all times, the late George Alden Swinnerton, of Rutland, left no stone unturned in his desire to serve his country in time of need, and hero that he was, gave his life in defense of his country on the battlefields of France during the recent World War.

George Alden Swinnerton was born in Rutland, December 15, 1893, son of Frederick George and Elizabeth (Lamb) Swinnerton (see preceding biography). He was educated in the public schools of Rutland, and graduated from Rutland High School with the class of 1913. Immediately after completing his formal education he went to Buffalo, New York, where he accepted a position with the Hewitt Rubber Company, and advanced steadily with that concern by his thorough attention to the details of the organization and his absolute dependability. He was made paymaster of the concern and held that post at the time he enlisted in the United States forces. Volunteering for service, Mr. Swinnerton was at first rejected on account of slight foot trouble, but undaunted, he succeeded in having a minor operation performed which corrected this, and he was then accepted as a soldier in the early part of February, 1918. He was assigned to Company D, 306th Machine Gun Battalion, 77th Division. This division was familiarly known as the Metropolitan Division, due to the fact that all except fifteen hundred of its troops were residents of New York City. Under Captain Walter E. Gillam, of New York City, Private Swinnerton was stationed first at Camp Upton, New York, from February 26, 1918 until they sailed for France in the latter part of April, 1918. Landing on European soil at Folkstone, England, they afterwards crossed the English Channel to Calais, France, spending three to four months in intensive training in the Valze Mountains. On August 1, 1918, the division started for the front and received their baptism of fire at the second battle of the Marne, being engaged near St. Martin, on the River Vesle.

Private Swinnerton displayed unusual bravery and valor and distinguished himself for his exploits on the field of battle. He was the first member of his company to be killed, being laid low in the very first of the fighting. He was killed at 4:30 P. M., August 15, 1918, and the first news of his death reached his family through a letter written by his sergeant, Carl Johndahl, who was also badly wounded in the same engagement. The letter was addressed to George Drake, brother-in-law of

the deceased in Buffalo, New York, arriving there September 6, the official announcement from the War Department being received September 29. The letter of condolence which Captain Gillam wrote to Frederick George Swinnerton, father of Private Swinnerton, occasioned many favorable comments from the press of this country, receiving beautiful editorial tributes from "The New York Sun" and "The New York Times." The letter reads as follows:

Dear Mr. Swinnerton:—It is not my wish to offer condolence—mawkish sentiment seems out of place—but I want you to know that the loss of your son was a blow dealt individually to each and every one of us. One cannot reason why he should have been taken first. He was buried high on the northern slope of a mountain, overlooking the River Vesle. The battalion chaplain, unmindful of enemy shellfire, rendered the burial service. And there the grave will forever give mute testimony of what American manhood stands for in this war for righteousness. By his never failing good humor, and his willingness to bear not only his own burdens, but to give a helping hand with the burdens of others, your son had endeared himself to the hearts of every man in the company.

There have been erected to his memory, beautiful memorials by the Congregational Church of Rutland and by the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, of Buffalo, New York, of which he was later a member. Rev. George A. Butterick, pastor of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City, and former minister of the Congregational Church, of Rutland, conducted the memorial services for George Alden Swinnerton, on January 12, 1919. His body was brought to the United States and buried in Evergreen Cemetery, in Rutland, June 6, 1921.

George Alden Swinnerton was a young man of great promise and his early passing was a severe blow to all those who knew and loved him. He died a martyr to his principles and his memory will be revered as one of the heroes of the great World War. While a resident of Rutland, he was active in all civic activities, and took a sincere interest in the affairs of the Congregational church, of which he was a member, while he was also prominent in the church society, the Knights of King Arthur. He was an excellent amateur athlete, and he won many trophies for his ability in running.

**SPERO D. LATCHIS**—Engaged successfully in the theatre business, conducting together with his father and two brothers five motion picture and vaudeville houses in Vermont and New Hampshire towns, Spero D. Latchis holds a prominent place in the life of Brattleboro, his particular duties being the management of the Latchis Theatre in Brattleboro.

He was born in Greece, August 30, 1893, a son of Demetrios and Thelma (Paul) Latchis, both natives of Greece. His father came to the United States in 1901, went then to Hinsdale, New Hampshire, and entered the fruit business there in 1903. He has continued since then in this business, but in 1920 also established himself in the theatre business, continuing for one year alone, and then, in 1921, taking into the business his three sons, Peter D., Spero D. and Emmanuel D. Latchis. This company now operates five theatres: the Latchis Theatre, of Brattleboro, Vermont, managed by Spero D. Latchis; the Latchis and Colonial theatres, at Keene, New Hampshire, managed by Peter Latchis; the Strand Theatre, at Milford, New Hampshire, managed by Edward Harper; and the Latchis Theatre, at Claremont, New Hampshire, which is both a theatre and office building. All five of these houses are run under the name of D. Latchis and Sons. The Latchis Theatre in Brattleboro runs both first-class pictures and Keith vaudeville, the idea of Mr. Latchis being to give the people the best that there is in vaudeville and pictures

at popular prices. It is the largest and best equipped theatre in Brattleboro, while the Latchis company is one of the largest and most important independent theatre companies in New Hampshire and Vermont.

Spero D. Latchis, who conducts the Brattleboro house, was born in Greece, and so attended the public schools of his native land, coming to the United States at the age of fifteen years. He was then graduated from the Hinsdale, New Hampshire, grammar school. Upon completing his education, he worked at the wholesale fruit business until 1920, when he became a partner in the theatre enterprise of D. Latchis and Sons. In addition to his business activities, Mr. Latchis takes a prominent part in the social life of his community, being affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he belongs to the Columbian Lodge No. 36, the Marsh O. Perkin Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and the William Vinton Council of Royal and Select Masters. He is a member also of the Brattleboro Post of the American Legion having served actively in the United States forces during the World War. On April 26, 1918, he enlisted in the army, serving with the 335th Field Artillery of the 87th Division. He was for six months in France with the American Expeditionary Forces with the rank of corporal, and was discharged on April 15, 1919. Mr. Latchis is keenly interested in political developments, although he has not aligned himself with either of the major parties, preferring to follow an independent course in voting. In his religious affiliation he is a member of Saint Michael's Episcopal church. His favorite hobbies are outdoor sports, principally baseball.

**WILLIAM W. FOLLETT**—As town clerk and treasurer of Wilmington, William W. Follett has demonstrated his fitness for those offices in which accuracy, financial ability and personal integrity are necessary qualifications. He is also a justice of the peace. From a life of wide experience in business and public service, he has become a foremost citizen of Wilmington, where his services are highly esteemed by the people.

William H. Follett, father of William W., was a native of Jamaica, Vermont, and was well known for his legal abilities, being a member of the bar, and for his expertness as a farmer, pursuing both these vocations until the time of his death. He married Lucy A. Walworth, born in Halifax, Vermont, who is deceased also. Their son, William W. Follett, after he had completed his education, was employed at farming for a number of years. His next occupation was as clerk in a general store at Readsboro for five years. Thence he went to Monroe Bridge, Massachusetts, and was employed as bookkeeper for the James Ramage Paper Company for four years. He was also town treasurer and constable there for two years. After his return to Readsboro he was appointed deputy sheriff and elected constable, in which offices he served with marked efficiency for twenty years. Having removed to North Adams, Massachusetts, he was employed as a clerk in a store in that city for three years. Thence he moved on to Rotterdam Junction, New York, and was employed on the Boston and Maine Railroad for a short time. His next position was that of station agent at Mountain Mills, Vermont, which he held for three and one half years. Having taken up his residence in Wilmington, he joined the office force of the Hoosac Tunnel and Wilmington Railroad, where he remained for four years. In 1926 he was the choice of the voters of Wilmington for the dual office of town clerk and treasurer, in the discharge of the responsibilities of which he has measured up to the expectations of his fellow-citizens.

In politics, Mr. Follett holds faith with the Demo-



crats. As justice of the peace, he renders additional and timely service as occasion demands. He is well connected fraternally and socially, affiliating with Social Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Deerfield Lodge, No. 3, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a Past Noble Grand; also with Victory Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. He is an attendant of the Universalist church. His chief sport is baseball, to which he confesses it is his hobby.

William W. Follett married, in 1885, Hattie Crosier, born in Wilmington, and their children are: Jessie C., and Betty Ione.

**RAYMOND L. FITCH**—Few men in Brattleboro are so thoroughly acquainted with all branches of the plumbing and heating business as is Raymond L. Fitch, president of the Brattleboro Heating and Supply Company, which was established here in 1926 by him and his associate, John Ryder, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. His experience in this work has been extensive, and has rendered him and his services of great value to his fellowmen in the community; while his activity in civic and community affairs also places him in a prominent position in Brattleboro.

Mr. Fitch was born in Bridport, Vermont, January 16, 1884, and received his early education in the public and high schools of that place and at Goddard Seminary, at Barre, Vermont. Upon completing his education, he entered the plumbing business, at which trade he worked until 1912. In that year he became associated with E. H. Albee, at Townsend, Vermont, the two of them starting the firm which came to be known as Albee and Fitch. It existed until 1917, when the partnership was dissolved. Mr. Fitch thereupon went on the road for the A. E. Martel Company, which had as its duties the installing of accounting systems of the National Steamfitters' Association. With this organization he maintained his connection until 1920, when he bought out the plumbing and heating business of W. T. Mooney and established the Fitch Plumbing and Heating Company, of which he continued as a partner until 1925. Then he worked for one year for the Utica Heater Company, in North and South Carolina, as sales engineer. In 1926 he and Mr. Ryder organized the Brattleboro Heating and Supply Company in Brattleboro, and Mr. Fitch became president of the newly formed firm. In this position he has remained since that time.

In addition to his work as head of this company, he takes a prominent part in the life of his city and State. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is affiliated with the Blazing Star Lodge; and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which his affiliation is with the Wantastiquet Lodge. He is a member of the Brattleboro Country Club. His political allegiance is to the Republican party, whose policies and principles he regularly supports. He is, among his other connections, a director of the Brattleboro Savings and Loan Association. For three years he rendered valuable military service to his country, having served in Company E of the Vermont State Militia previous to the World War. Mr. Fitch's hobbies are golf, fishing and hunting. He is a noted member of the Hole-In-One Club, having made his record on the Brattleboro links hole 7, 123 yards, par 3 on July 17, 1927. He was also in '27 runner-up for the championship of his club, and in '28 won the championship. His religious affiliation is with the Congregational church.

In 1909 Raymond L. Fitch married Bessie L. Lake, a native of Saxtons River, Vermont. Their children are: 1. Karah L. 2. Grace W. 3. Betty M.

**HECTOR ST. FRANCIS**—Of French descent, himself a native of Canada, Hector St. Francis has been a resident of the United States for more than twenty-

five years, having been located in Vermont during that time. Mr. St. Francis' earlier occupation in this country was with the Singer Sewing Machine Company, but about ten years ago he entered the calling that was to bring him his greatest success, life insurance. Since his association with the insurance business Mr. St. Francis has made a record that not only has brought him handsome financial returns, but has elevated him in his calling until now (1928) he is a general agent for the Home Life Insurance Company of New York, with headquarters in Burlington. Mr. St. Francis is fulfilling his citizenship duties in a manner beyond criticism and is a conscientious worker in religious benevolences.

Mr. St. Francis is a son of the late Remi and Celina (Broulette) St. Francis, early settlers of Sutton, Quebec. Mr. St. Francis' ancestors came from France to the North American continent at the beginning of the nineteenth century, locating in Quebec Province. Remi St. Francis was a farmer, as were most of his ancestors. Hector St. Francis was born June 10, 1883, at Sutton, Province of Quebec, Canada, and received his education in the parochial schools of that town. In 1902, when he was about nineteen years of age, he crossed the border and came to Richford, Vermont, where he married and resided for an extended period thereafter. In 1910 Mr. St. Francis became State manager for the Singer Sewing Machine Company, was so occupied for a decade, and during that time placed this company's business in the substantial position it now holds in Vermont. For some years he had been inclined toward the insurance business, and in 1920 severed his connections with the Singer Company to become identified with the Home Life Insurance Company of New York. It should be mentioned at this juncture that when Mr. St. Francis entered the employ of the Home Life Insurance Company, this corporation had less than \$50,000 in risks in this State. During the first five years that this territory was under his management, Mr. St. Francis increased this figure to the three million-dollar mark, and in 1928, the volume of business improved to the extent of one million dollars in new risks. This enterprising man has been directly responsible for the establishment of offices in the northern portion of this State and is admittedly one of the foremost insurance specialists in Vermont. Mr. St. Francis is deeply concerned in educational affairs of his community, and is a conspicuous figure in the achievements of his church, being a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, of Burlington, and affiliated with Burlington Council, Knights of Columbus.

Hector St. Francis married Lida Young, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Young, of Richford, the father having been a mill man and a native of Grandy, Province of Quebec. Mrs. St. Francis' grandfather was a fur trader in Canada when this industry was at its height. He lost his life while on a trip into the Indian country many years ago. Five children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. St. Francis: Velada, Loretta, Beatrice, Hortense, and Shirley.

**HARRY E. CLARK**—Manufacturing approximately 50,000 tennis racket strips per month, the firm conducted by Harry E. Clark in Brattleboro, Vermont, is held to be the foremost organization of its kind in the United States. It employs about forty people, and Mr. Clark is its sole proprietor. It has been situated in Brattleboro since 1923.

Harry E. Clark was born in Halifax, Vermont, August 7, 1885, a son of Charles F. and May T. (Stone) Clark, both of whom were born in Halifax, Vermont. His father was engaged throughout the active years of his life in the lumber business, and is now retired from active business endeavor. Harry E. Clark received his







*Andrew E. Martin*

early education in the public schools of Halifax, his birthplace, and attended the high school at Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts, as well as Bliss Business College, at North Adams, Massachusetts. He then became associated with his father, C. F. Clark, in the lumber business in Halifax, Vermont, and was later taken into the business as a partner under the firm name of C. F. Clark and Son, which partnership lasted about six years. In 1916 he left the firm, however, to become engaged in his present business of manufacturing tennis racket strips. In 1923 he came to Brattleboro, where since that time he has been busily engaged in building up his establishment to its present gigantic proportions. The product which his firm manufactures is so specialized in its nature that Mr. Clark readily finds a national market for it, and by careful study and analysis of the problems entering into his work he has established a most successful institution and one which has played an important rôle in the industrial and commercial life of Brattleboro.

In addition to his work as head of this firm, Mr. Clark has regularly taken an active part in the affairs of his community. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is affiliated with the Unity Lodge, of Jacksonville, Vermont, of which he is Past Master; he also is identified with all bodies of both the York and Scottish Rites, and with Cairo Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Brattleboro Club, the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce, the Brattleboro Country Club and the Associated Industries of the State of Vermont. In the State Chamber of Commerce he holds a directorship. His political affiliation is with the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he has consistently supported. He also has other business interests, being a director of the Brattleboro Savings and Loan Association. His favorite hobbies are hunting and fishing, in which he indulges to a considerable extent when the pressure of his many duties is not too great to permit.

In 1914 Mr. Clark married Cora H. King, a native of North Truro, Massachusetts. They have one child, Corinne Clark. The religious affiliation of the Clarks is with the Congregational church.

**ANDREW EDWARD MARTIN**—For fifty years Andrew Edward Martin has been in the employ of the owners of the Equinox House, at Manchester, and since 1909 has been the manager of the famous hostelry in the mountains. No hotel man in Vermont is better known than he, none is more popular with the patrons of recreational resorts. In local affairs he has always displayed a deep interest and has filled important public office with ability and to the full satisfaction of the people. Having lived in the State from boyhood, he feels that he stands upon the same plane as the descendants of the colonial settlers, for there are none who claim a better citizenship than he, nor are there any who do not feel that he is entitled to rank with the most fervent workers in the cause of local progress. Affable, courteous, kindly and of keen intellect, he makes all men his friends and holds them through the attractions of a magnetic personality and a sincere interest in their happiness and comfort. In short, Mr. Martin is an outstanding and valuable member of the community wherein he has for so many years made his home.

He is a native of Jersey City, New Jersey, where he was born May 26, 1860, a son of Peter and Alice (Clarkin) Martin, and acquired his education in the public schools of that city. When he was eighteen years of age he became associated with the Equinox House in Manchester and has continued with it since. From 1895 until 1916, during the season, he was manager of the Bon Air Hotel in Augusta, Georgia, and from 1923 has

been manager of the Bon Air-Vanderbilt Hotel in Augusta. He is one of the leading resort hotel managers in America and is prominently identified with associations allied with the business. In politics he is a Republican, was for three years president of the Board of Trustees of the village of Manchester and for a number of years longer a member of the board. He is a Roman Catholic in religion and a member of the order of Knights of Columbus. He is vice-president of the Vermont Hotel Men's Association, a director of the New England Hotel Men's Association, member of the Community Club, of which he was president for many years; and a member of the Ekwanok Country, and Equinox Links clubs of Manchester, Vermont, and of the Country Club of Augusta, Georgia.

Andrew Edward Martin married, in New York City, November 24, 1884, Sarah McNamara, daughter of William and Mary (Kelly) McNamara. Their children are as follows: 1. Louis, a biography of whom follows. 2. Frederick Alfred, born September 7, 1889, a graduate of Dartmouth College in the class of 1911, deceased, May 20, 1916, while a student in Harvard University School of Law. 3. Pauline Sabal, born February 16, 1899.

**LOUIS MARTIN**—Schooled in early life by a father of unusual business attainments and attractive personality, Louis Martin, of Manchester, entered business life with an equipment which fitted him for successful intercourse with the commercial world. Nor did he fail, but rather he rose in his chosen career and became one of the leading citizens of the town and a credit to the State of Vermont. He has shown a sincere interest in all civic activities and has held public office at the behest of the electorate, acquitting himself therein with credit and to the satisfaction of the people of the corporation. In addition he mingles with his fellows in fraternal organizations and in their social relaxations, and is popular and esteemed, a good citizen and a reliable business man.

Louis Martin was born in Manchester, Vermont, July 24, 1885, a son of Andrew Edward and Sarah (McNamara) Martin (see preceding biography), and was educated in the local public schools, afterward attending Burr & Burton Academy and then entering Williams College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1906. He supplemented this educational work by a post-graduate course at the University of Vermont, which graduated him with the class of 1908 and gave him the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then engaged in real estate and insurance, and maple products, in all of which he prospered, adding to his activities in 1921 the superintendency of the Equinox House properties, owned by Mrs. George Orvis and managed by his father, who has been in the employ of the concern for more than fifty years. Since 1918 he has been town auditor and is now a justice of the peace. His political party is the Democratic; his church the Roman Catholic. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 567, of Bennington, Vermont. He also belongs to the Union, the Ekwanok Country and the Equinox Links clubs of Manchester.

Louis Martin married, in Manchester, Vermont, in 1915, Cordelia Dupuis, daughter of Moses Dupuis. Their children are: 1. Louis, Jr., born in Manchester, August 23, 1917. 2. Virginia May, born October 12, 1919.

**GEORGE MELVIN BESETT**—A figure of great importance in the life of Burlington, Vermont, through many years, George Melvin Besett was connected with several local commercial enterprises and for some years was president of the Burlington Trust Company. His rise to high place in the business world was due solely to his own fine energy and ability, for although he came to sit in a bank president's chair, he began in modest



circumstances and advanced through persistent effort and proved worth alone. It is men of his type who make secure the prosperity and welfare of the nation, and Vermont does well to honor his memory and preserve his name for the inspiration of future generations.

Mr. Besett was born at Richmond, Vermont, on April 3, 1869, the youngest of seven sons in the family. He attended the public schools of his birthplace, and following graduation from the local high school, came to Burlington as a young man to enter Burlington Business College. He early acquired the habits of industry and thrift and the love of self-improvement, which were distinguishing features of his character in all later life, and marked him as a man of promise while he was still in his teens. Upon the completion of his business course, Mr. Besett began his career in the employ of the Wells and Richardson Company, of Burlington, serving at first in minor capacity but performing so well every duty that came to him and manifesting so strongly the desire to succeed, that he rapidly advanced to positions of confidence and trust. When his really exceptional business talent became recognized he was appointed general manager of the company, and in this office he remained for many years, guiding the firm's affairs with sure hand along the pathway of success. With sound judgment in the matter of business trends and values, Mr. Besett was able to take advantage of favorable conditions for healthy expansion and growth, basing all progress on the high standards of excellence which he constantly maintained, in regard to both products and service. When the Wells and Richardson Company disposed of its holdings to other interests in 1919, Mr. Besett purchased a share in the Burlington Trust Company, serving for a time as a member of the board of directors, where his opinion on all important matters was highly regarded and frequently sought. It was soon decided that he was the man to lead the bank onward after the trying conditions of the World War, and in 1920 he was elected president of the institution, remaining in office until ill health forced his final retirement. Again his long experience, his executive ability, and wide knowledge of local conditions proved of the greatest value to the enterprise with which he was connected, and his leadership proved a decisive factor in the condition of prosperity and pre-eminence which the Burlington Trust Company now enjoys. In addition to these interests Mr. Besett was also president of the Beckwith and Ruble Company, Inc., for a period of years.

Mr. Besett was a citizen of whom any community may well be proud. Not only did he advance the general welfare by his business successes, but he lost no opportunity of aiding every worthy movement for civic progress and growth, giving generously of his time and substance on numerous occasions. He was affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this great order was a member of Washington Lodge, No. 3, at Burlington; a member of Burlington Chapter, No. 2, Royal Arch Masons; of Burlington Council, No. 5, Royal and Select Masters; Burlington Commandery, No. 2, of the Knights Templar; Hoswell Lodge of Perfection, J. W. Roby Council of the Princes of Jerusalem; Vermont Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was also a member of Burlington Lodge, No. 916, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and held membership in many local clubs and associations, including the Ethan Allen Club; the Wabanakee Golf Club, of which he was president; the Lake Champlain Yacht Club, and the Mohican Club. He was a member of the First Church of Burlington, taking an active part with his family in all its work.

On May 10, 1893, George Melvin Besett married Jennie R. Pinney, daughter of George and Elizabeth

(Cheyne) Pinney, of Middlebury, Vermont, where her father was an undertaker and prominent citizen. Mr. and Mrs. Besett became the parents of one child, Marian, now the wife of Fred W. Ruble, of Bronxville, New York, and they have two children: George Besett, and Nancy Jane.

Mr. Besett's death came as a profound shock to his many friends and acquaintances and to the community which had come to know him so well through years of intimate relationships, that he seemed almost an imperishable part of its life. Strong in will and character, he was yet always kindly and considerate of the rights of others, winning the admiration of all through his ability and their love by his simple friendliness and charm. Many fine tributes were paid to his memory at his passing, and of these the following from a local paper is quoted:

From an obscure country boy to bank president sounds like romance, but this record was achieved by sheer ability and a strong personality that won confidence. It did not just happen. And through it all, position never changed George M. Besett. He was just the same as president of the bank as he was in his first position—courteous in the extreme, open in his convictions, and truly friendly. He set a splendid example of good citizenship, and in his passing Burlington has lost a man of ability and character far, far above the average.

**CLARENCE L. BETSINGER**—A career of wide experience embracing many lines of activity is that of Clarence L. Betsinger, of Vergennes, who is now manager of the local plant of the Dairymen's League Co-operative Association. Mr. Betsinger came to Vergennes in 1928 to engage in his present connection with this organization which has proved one of the greatest boons to the farmers and dairymen of this State, through its ability to ship in large quantities and secure excellent returns for its members. Mr. Betsinger has had many years' experience in the dairy industry and with his expert knowledge has succeeded in building up a thriving branch of this association in this city.

Mr. Betsinger was born in Wells Bridge, New York, December 25, 1882, son of Irvin D. and Frances (Blanchard) Betsinger, both of whom are deceased. Irvin D. Betsinger was born in Wampsville, New York, and was active in carpenter work, railroading and during the latter years of his life, in farming. He was a veteran of the Civil War having enlisted and served with the New York Volunteers. His wife was a native of Otsego, New York.

Clarence L. Betsinger was educated in the public schools of Wells Bridge, New York, and in the high school at Delhi, New York. After completing his formal education, he entered the employ of the New York Central Railroad Company and remained with that system for a year, after which he became associated with the New York, Ontario and Western Railroad Company, continuing with railroad work for five years. Mr. Betsinger then decided to seek further fields of achievement and accordingly became connected with the Texas Oil Company at Port Natchez, Texas, and was successfully occupied there for a year. Returning to New York State, he accepted a position with the Borden Milk Company in their Hamden plant and was active in the direction of that unit of this immense organization for eighteen years, being manager of the milk plant when he severed his connection with the concern, in 1924, to come to Vergennes. Mr. Betsinger is one of the most alert officials of the Dairymen's League Co-operative Association and he has been chiefly responsible for the amazing growth of the local plant, one of the most prosperous in the State. Although a resident of this city for but a few years, he has taken an earnest interest in all community activities, and gives his support and influential aid to every project which best tends to promote civic welfare

and municipal progress. His fraternal affiliations are with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. In politics, he is a staunch advocate of the principles of the Republican party and he attends the Methodist church. His hobbies are hunting and fishing, being a great lover of the out-of-doors, in which he finds pleasant recreation.

Clarence L. Betsinger married, in 1913, Lena Shaffer, who was born in Bovina, New York, and they have one daughter, Mary Frances.

**ROLLA J. BRISTOL, D. D. S.**—For a score or more of years, Dr. Rolla J. Bristol has practiced with increasing favor the profession of dentistry in the town of Bristol. Ever since he left the university where he obtained his diploma and degree he has served a large proportion of the people of his native community, which is proud of the fact that one of its own sons is a member of the younger group of successful practitioners in his section of the State.

Born in Bristol, March 9, 1888, Rolla J. Bristol is the son of Evander J. and Addie (Colby) Bristol, the former, now deceased, having conducted a retail boot and shoe business until his passing in 1909, and the mother, as was her husband, was born in Lincoln, and survived him at his death. Their son, Rolla J., finished his preparatory education in the schools of his native town, and then entered the University of Buffalo, New York, where he studied for two years. His professional training was completed at the University of Pennsylvania, from whose dental department he received the degree of Doctor of Dentistry in the class of 1909, and started practice with Dr. E. O. Blanchard of Randolph, Vermont. In 1910 he opened an office in Bristol, and from the beginning was made the recipient of the good-will and confidence of a large number of his townspeople.

Dr. Bristol has received further attest of his professional standing, having been elected to membership in the American Dental Association, the Vermont State Dental Society and the Edwin T. Darby Dental Society; holding licenses to practice in Vermont, New York and Pennsylvania. In politics a Republican, he is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Bristol Recreation Club and the N. H. Munstell Hose Company. His fraternal relations are with Libanus Lodge, No. 46, Free and Accepted Masons; Bristol Lodge, No. 36, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Delta Sigma Delta college fraternity. He is an attendant of the Federated Church at Bristol, and a cordial supporter of all good works. He fishes with enthusiasm, and takes keen delight in cultivating his garden, being especially fond of flowers.

Dr. Bristol married, in 1916, Jessie J. Pepper, who was born in Lanark, Providence of Ontario, Canada.

**LEVI H. BROWN**—In the dairy industry which is one of the principal sources of Vermont's wealth, Levi H. Brown holds a position of importance as district superintendent of the Sheffield Farm Company, Incorporated, with headquarters at Vergennes. Mr. Brown has charge of fifteen units for this great concern and travels throughout this section of the State in the interests of the firm. He has been a resident of this city since 1909 when he first came here in connection with this same corporation and he has since become one of its foremost citizens and a leader in civic affairs.

Mr. Brown was born in Hyndsville, New York, May 7, 1878, son of John H. and Rebecca (Welch) Brown, both of whom are deceased, his father having been born in Hyndsville, New York, and his mother in South Jefferson, New York. John H. Brown was engaged in farming pursuits until his death.

Levi H. Brown was educated in the public schools of Stamford, New York, and after high school, entered

Cornell University, from which he took a dairy course and graduated. He then was connected with the creamery business in New York State for eight years, coming to Vergennes in 1909 as representative for the Sheffield Farm Company, Incorporated. In this city, Mr. Brown erected a creamery plant for this concern and became manager of the enterprise, occupying that position for four months, after which he was appointed district superintendent in charge of fifteen plants for the company, with headquarters in Vergennes. Mr. Brown has ever since continued to direct the affairs of these various establishments and has been highly successful, due to his thorough knowledge of dairying and his close contacts with the producers. In the local affairs of this community he is prominently active and served for two years as mayor of Vergennes, while he was alderman of the city for four years. In politics he is an ardent Republican and always worked energetically in all campaigns involving civic advancement and public welfare. His fraternal connections are with Dorchester Lodge, No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master; Jerusalem Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is Past High Priest; Mt. Calvary Commandery Knights Templar; all Scottish Rite bodies including the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and Pierpoint Lodge, Knights of Pythias, in which he is Past Chancellor. He is a valued member of the Vergennes Chamber of Commerce in which body he serves as director and he is a member of the board of governors of the Vergennes Country Club. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist church in which he acts as trustee. His hobbies are hunting and fishing in which he takes great pleasure.

Levi H. Brown married, in 1908, Esther A. Hill, who was born in Bloomville, New York. Their children are: Onslow Levi and Lucia Rebecca. During the recent World War, Mr. Brown served in Company D, Vermont State Militia.

**CLEMENT A. BURNHAM**—The Bristol Inn of the present generation, in the general tone of its furnishings and appointments, harks back perhaps as much as any institution of its kind in this part of Vermont to the days when it began its life, more than a hundred years ago. Clement A. Burnham, who has had possession of the inn since 1916, has, like numerous others of the past owners, made an effort to preserve this effect, which, nevertheless, he combines with all modern equipment and service, thereby making his hotel a pleasant hostelry for resting or dining.

Mr. Burnham, the owner and proprietor of this interesting property, was born at Woodbury, Vermont, on August 19, 1872, son of Albert and Laura (Batchelder) Burnham, both natives of Woodbury, Vermont, and both now deceased. The father was in his day engaged as a farmer and merchant until his death, and was a veteran of the Civil War, having served in Company H, the 4th Regiment of Vermont Volunteers; he was also a member of the Calais, Vermont, Post of the Grand Army of the Republic. Clement A. Burnham, with whom we are concerned in this biography, received his education in the public schools of Woodbury, Vermont, and in Lexington, Massachusetts, and subsequently studied in the Lexington High School. Bristol Inn was founded before 1820, in which year it was bought and rebuilt by Abram Gage, who continued it until 1834, in which year he was succeeded by his son, Datus, who operated it along with Luman Munson. They were succeeded by Samuel Eddy, and from that time onward the proprietors were the following: William Rutherford, Ranson Taft, Partch and Post, David Brown and J. J. Ridley. Mr. Ridley acquired possession in 1871, and his estate sold the inn to Mr. Burnham in 1914. It is said that



for more than a century and a quarter the inn has never been closed. The front of the building has remained always the same, never having been remodeled, while much of the original furniture and fixtures are still to be seen. Mr. Burnham, being a native of this State and for many years a resident of Bristol, lists among his friends some of the most substantial people of this vicinity, while his thorough knowledge of both the people and the conditions of life here has rendered him a good business man and a valuable asset to his community.

In addition to his activities as innkeeper, Mr. Burnham takes part to a considerable extent in the affairs of his town and county. He is a member of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce, the Bristol Recreation Club and the Vermont Hotel Association. His political affiliation is with the Democratic party, whose principles and candidates he regularly supports; and on this party's ticket he was elected a trustee of the village. For nine years he was postmaster of the town of Bristol. Interested in sports, Mr. Burnham follows closely all developments in baseball, while he enjoys playing that game, as well as fishing and hunting, which occupy a certain amount of his spare time.

In 1901 Clement A. Burnham married Mary E. Hayes, a native of Castleton, Vermont, and by this union there has been one child, Harry H.

**CHARLES H. COLE, D. D. S.**—A distinguished record of service was made during the World War by Dr. Cole, who has had a large dental practice in Vergennes, Vermont, since 1903. Dr. Cole is a public-spirited citizen of his community who, Republican in politics, served four years as city alderman and for two years as treasurer of Vergennes.

Dr. Cole was born in London, Ontario, Canada, August 11, 1876, the son of John and Elizabeth (Gilbert) Cole, both of whom were born in Devonshire, England. The father was a cabinet maker who came to the New World to find less crowded fields for the plying of his trade. His son attended the grade and high schools in London, Ontario, then went to the University of Pennsylvania where he was graduated from the College of Dental Surgery with the class of 1903. Immediately after his graduation he went to Vergennes to open an office and has practiced there continuously ever since except for the interruption to his work resulting from the war. Dr. Cole was commissioned first lieutenant in the Vermont State Militia May 17, 1917, and served until August 14 of the same year. The following September 14 he was commissioned first lieutenant in the Dental Corps of the United States Army and assigned to the 168th Field Hospital, 42d Division. He sailed for France on October 18 and on November 17 was transferred to the 5th Regiment, United States Marines. With this regiment he served until August 19, 1918, when he was again transferred, this time to the 23rd Field Hospital of the 22nd Division. In October, 1918, he was transferred to First Army Headquarters where he served as dental surgeon until his discharge May 25, 1919, with the rank of major. At present Dr. Cole holds the rank of major in the United States Army Dental Reserve Corps, being assigned to Convalescent Hospital No. 1 as chief of dental service. During the struggle overseas Dr. Cole took part in a number of the more important conflicts, including the battles of Belleau Wood, Aisne, Aisne-Marne, Meuse-Argonne, and St. Mihiel. He naturally enough retains his interest in his associates of those days and is an influential member of the Vergennes Post, American Legion, No. 14, of which he is Past Commander. He is also a member of the Reserve Officers' Association, and of the Green Mountain Club. Dr. Cole is active in the work of the Vergennes Chamber of Commerce and of his professional organizations, being

a member of the American Dental Society, the New England Dental Society, the Association of Military Dental Surgeons, and a member and past president of the Vermont State Dental Society. The fraternal orders with which he is affiliated include Psi Omega Fraternity; Dorchester Lodge, No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master; Jerusalem Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is Past High Priest; Vermont Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Pierpoint Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of which he is Past Chancellor. With his family Dr. Cole attends the Congregational Church. Of deep concern to him are the welfare and progress of his town and his opinion is an influential one when matters of public import are under consideration. To the public offices to which his townspeople called him he gave conscientious and able service. Dr. Cole is fond of outdoor life and his favorite diversions are hunting and sports that may be pursued in the open.

In 1899 Dr. Cole married Minnie L. Martin of London, Ontario. They are the parents of twins, Richard J. and Albert E.

**HORATIO NELSON COON**, a figure of importance in Burlington life for many years, was executive head of an enterprise which owed its establishment to his initiative and its continued success to his able guidance and direction of affairs. He was the original manufacturer of "Coon's ice cream," known throughout Vermont and Eastern New York, and by the excellence of his manufacture and service, he brought the sale of this product to flattering proportions. At his Burlington home, he entered actively into the various phases of community life, and was everywhere highly regarded as a public-spirited citizen of the finest progressive type.

Mr. Coon was born in 1845, a member of the well-known New England family, and one of several children. He grew to manhood in Vermont, becoming associated at various times with several typical commercial enterprises in the State. With the development of ice cream manufacture, however, he was quick to realize the opportunities which this new field offered to men of initiative and vision, and decided to enter into this work. He originated an ice cream of special merits, which has long been recognized in this section as one of the best obtainable from any source, and then by the application of sound business principles, built up the business little by little as conditions dictated, until he headed one of the most important enterprises in the Burlington section. The communities here were quick to take advantage of the excellent ice cream which he offered them, and of the equally excellent catering service which he supplied, and throughout the years the demands for his attention constantly increased. He was widely known as one of the most able and prosperous of Burlington business men.

In spite of a busy life, Mr. Coon did not neglect civic duties, giving his constant attention to problems of government and ideals of progress. His gifts to charitable causes were many and generous, and he was always ready to extend the helping hand of kindness to needy individuals. Indeed, it is doubtful if the full extent of his liberality was ever known, for he himself was never at any pains to reveal it, preferring to find his reward in the simple consciousness of duty well performed. Mr. Coon was a charter member of the old Volunteer Hose Company, while in fraternal affiliation, he was a member of Washington Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and of Burlington Lodge, No. 916, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Horatio N. Coon married on March 26, 1868, Eliza Cook, his widow and one son, Frederick M. Coon (see following biography), surviving him. The son died in 1927.







*Philip J. H. Pearson,*

Mr. Coon died on April 18, 1915, in his seventieth year, bringing to a close a long and active career in which he gained honor and success. Many fine tributes were paid to the memory of the man and to his work at his passing, for he was everywhere widely esteemed and occupied a secure place in the deep affections of the community at Burlington. "An active business man, progressive and generous," wrote a local paper, "his activities and charities will be greatly missed. He was a faithful friend and few men will leave stronger ties, or be remembered longer."

**FREDERICK MERTON COON**—A member of a well-known Burlington family and a man who had come himself to prominence in the affairs of this city, Frederick Merton Coon afforded in his life an example of a useful career, of a simple attention to daily duties, upon which rests our country's safety and prosperity. He gave his allegiance consistently to the highest ideals of thought and conduct, from which he never deviated no matter what the contingency, and by his consideration for others and sterling worth—the happy faculty of friendship which he possessed in notable degree—he won an enduring place in the deep affections of his community.

Mr. Coon was born in Burlington, Vermont, on May 1, 1873, a son of Horatio Nelson and Eliza (Cook) Coon, of this city. The father, a record of whose life precedes this, was well known in Vermont and Eastern New York as a caterer and the original manufacturer of Coon's ice cream.

Frederick Merton Coon attended the public schools of his birthplace, and later the Rock Point Institute, early acquiring habits of industry and thrift, which were distinguishing features of his later life. When he completed his academic training, he began his business career and for a time was variously employed in several local enterprises. Eventually he became associated with his father in the manufacture of ice cream, giving his whole-hearted attention to learning all the details of operation and the special problems to be met in this work. After some years of success in this connection, Mr. Coon entered the Burlington post office as registry clerk, a position which he held regularly until the death of his father in 1914, discharging all duties of his office with the greatest efficiency and to the complete satisfaction both of the community which he served and of executive officers in the department.

Mr. Coon was always much interested in every project for the progress or welfare of the community, giving his hearty support to movements both civic and benevolent in character. He was a member of many local clubs and associations, including the Ethan Allen Club, and the Champlain Yacht Club, while fraternally he was affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which great order he was a member of Haswell Lodge of Perfection, fourteenth degree; J. W. Roby Council, Royal and Select Masters, sixteenth degree; Delta Chapter of Rose Croix, eighteenth degree; Vermont Consistory, thirty-second degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was also a member of Burlington Lodge, No. 916, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, while both he and his wife, Estelle G. Coon, who survives, were communicants of St. Paul's Church at Burlington.

Mr. Coon's death occurred on November 19, 1927, bringing wide-spread sorrow to his many friends throughout this section, and to the community which had come to know him so well through years of intimate relationship. It seemed that he might well have been spared for much more of useful and constructive activity, but any duty which had ever fallen to him for performance he had always performed well, and upon this un-

broken record he could look back with justifiable satisfaction. Through the charm of his character and great personal worth, he attained in full measure those things of which the poet speaks, "honor, esteem, and the love of many friends."

**PHILIP T. H. PIERSON**—A man who for many years was one of Bennington's outstanding citizens was Philip T. H. Pierson, who here was engaged in business and did much to bring about the civic betterment of his community and State. There was almost no matter of public significance which did not win his attention; and, although he and his wife went to North Adams, Massachusetts, to set up a home in the year before his death, Mr. Pierson still maintained his interest in Vermont, where he had spent so many years of his life. His friends in Bennington held him high in their esteem and affection, respecting him for his numerous achievements and at the same time cherishing him as a delightful companion and comrade. His death caused widespread grieving in Bennington and wherever he was known.

Mr. Pierson was born in Victor, New York, on March 15, 1859, son of the Rev. Job and Rachael (Smith) Pierson. His father was a minister in the Presbyterian Church, and the family resided at different periods in various communities of New York State and the West. His mother also was descended from an old and honored family, in Geneva, New York, and also lived for some years with Judge Whiting, of Geneva, New York, from whose home she was married. Philip T. H. Pierson spent his own earlier years in business enterprises with his brother, John W. S. Pierson, of Stanton, Michigan, and just before he removed from that place he was engaged in the hardware business. It was in 1909 that he came to Bennington, and in 1915 he married Mabel Patterson, who survived him. In Bennington they lived for many years on Safford Street, where Mrs. Pierson still makes her home. In the fall of 1927, however, they removed to North Adams, Massachusetts, where they lived on Church Street. In Vermont Mr. Pierson became extensively interested in welfare work, and eventually became identified with the State Board of Charities and Probation. In this connection he traveled, not only through the State of Vermont, but also in adjacent portions of Massachusetts and New York, visiting young people placed on probation by the courts. This work constituted one of his foremost interests, and he did everything in his power to reclaim the unfortunate people with whom he had to deal and whose well-being was so largely placed in his hands.

In addition to his work in this connection, Mr. Pierson was always a supporter of every worthy cause in his community, and the people of Bennington were aware, at the time when he left the town, of losing a most public-spirited and useful citizen. Among his other activities, Mr. Pierson had done much to promote playground work, which had not before been introduced into Bennington. And it was also through his efforts that the people of this town were enabled to enjoy some of the best Chautauqua entertainments every year. It was his custom to bear the entire burden of ticket-selling in connection with these entertainments. He was also greatly interested in the Bennington Ministers' Association, an organization comprising not only the clergymen of the vicinity, but also a few laymen; and it was frequently said of Mr. Pierson that he was the guiding spirit of the group. For years he was its secretary, and by his patient labors he secured regularity in both the meetings and the attendance. His keen mind and his alert interest made him a great lover of the papers which were read, and the discussion which followed them invariably possessed a great and absorbing interest for him. The special object of his devotion was, as a matter of fact, the Church of God. From the time when he first came to



Bennington, he was a loyal member of the Second Congregational Church, and he was always recognized as one of its most faithful attendants and a most generous giver to all causes affecting it and its development. For a number of years he was clerk of the church, and so outstanding was his contribution in this connection that the members of the church at their annual meeting in January adopted a set of resolutions expressing the profound gratitude of the entire body, while the resolutions themselves were printed in the State denominational journal. When he removed to North Adams, he transferred his membership to the First Congregational Church of that place, into whose life he had entered deeply in the very few months in which he had lived in that city up to the time of his passing. He never narrowed his religious interests to the affairs of his own denomination, however. He was always closely identified with the work of the Vermont Congregational Conference, and served with distinction upon different boards and committees of that organization. He was a frequent attendant at the State gatherings of this group, and his presence was greatly missed by his many friends among Congregationalists of Vermont. He was, among his other attainments, a student of the history of Congregationalism in the United States, and on many occasions was a delegate to the National Council of his church. To a far greater extent than is the case with the ordinary layman, he was informed regarding affairs of the church, both at home and in foreign fields. In addition to his other benevolent enterprises, Mr. Pierson was a member of the Vermont committee representing the Boston Seaman's Friend Society, whose interests he had much at heart.

On October 6, 1915, he married Mabel Dora Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Patterson, of Bennington. Her father is a grocer.

Mr. Pierson's death, which occurred on March 25, 1928, was a cause of profound sorrow in Bennington and throughout Vermont. In his passing, the town and State lost a rugged, virile and strong-minded man, an individual of complete integrity, and a man whose spiritual outlook was bounded by no narrow horizons. Among his many interests, he was especially fond of books, of which he made collections of a number of valuable first and early editions. Of these he was very proud, and at one time his library, it is said, numbered ten thousand volumes. Nevertheless, when he removed to North Adams, it was impossible for him to take all of these treasured tomes to his new place of residence, so that he generously contributed several thousand volumes to the Bennington Public Library, where they will remain as a useful monument to the worth of this public-spirited and broad-visioned man.

**GEORGE W. ROCKWOOD**—During his lifetime one of the foremost manufacturers of knitted goods in Bennington, Vermont, George W. Rockwood held a position important in the affairs of his city as head of the company known as George Rockwood and Company. Public-spirited and ready to serve his fellow-men on any occasion, he rendered valuable assistance in the building up of Bennington and the development of its institutions, while his own work made him an industrial leader. In the course of a busy manufacturing career, he acquired a wide circle of friends, all of whom were sorely grieved to hear of his passing; and, although he lived many years ago, he remains in the memories of his townspeople and in the story of this town's development as an outstanding figure, influential and inspiring to others.

Mr. Rockwood was born in Bennington, Vermont, in 1827, son of Samuel and Susan (Colvin) Rockwood, and spent his boyhood days in this town. Here he was educated in the common schools; and, before the Civil War, while he was still a young man, he was engaged

in the cotton seed oil business, having bought his cotton seed in the South. For those days he built up what was one of the most important business enterprises of this part of the country, seeming to sense unusually well the course of future events and possessing a vision in regard to business and industrial matters. He was one of the first, as well as one of the most eminently successful, business men of Bennington, having first established his knitting mill here in 1862. He was a pioneer manufacturer, and made his products on a larger scale than most of his fellows. During the greater part of his business career he was associated with the late Charles D. Colvin and his brother, Buel Rockwood. Also one of the keenest financiers of his day, he accumulated a goodly amount of wealth. The plant that he established under the name of George Rockwood and Company has continued under this title until the present, although now a corporation.

Active in the affairs of Bennington, Mr. Rockwood was also for many years a justice of the peace, and a man who was ever eager to advance the best interests of his community and State. In his later years he spent much of his time hunting and fishing, with considerable success. He was an attendant of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was his wife, although Mrs. Rockwood now is an ardent supporter of the Church of Christ, Scientist.

Mr. Rockwood married (first) Sarah Wadsworth, and they had one son, Alfred Buel, who died in 1918; he married Ellen Wheeler, and left three children: Mable, Susan and George. Mr. Rockwood married (second) Lucy Ellen Upham, daughter of Lucius Upham, of Cohoes, New York. Lucy E. (Upham) Rockwood still lives at the age of ninety years (in 1929), and is a remarkable woman for her age. George W. and Lucy E. (Upham) Rockwood became the parents of one son, Arthur Wesley, who married Mary Elizabeth Shurtleff, daughter of John Shurtleff, a prominent druggist of Bennington; and they have one daughter, Elizabeth Lucy, who is at home and is a very talented and well-trained musician. Arthur Wesley Rockwood for many years carried on the knitting mill business established by his father, although in more recent years he has been a traveler, having gone to practically all parts of the world in the last ten years.

The death of Mr. Rockwood occurred on December 24, 1889, and was a cause of profound grieving in Bennington and throughout Vermont, where he had done so much to build up the industrial fabric of his times. Here he was loved by many men, and was held high in the esteem of his fellows, so great had been his achievements and so useful his contributions to community life.

**JOSIAH EARL DEWEY** reversed Horace Greeley's advice to young men when he read it into his own life and came East to find sufficiently broad opportunity and economic openings with which to "grow up." That he found the opportunity he sought and, more important, was able to improve upon it, are attested to by the position of influence he holds among the business men in Middlebury where he is a past president of the Rotary Club and a director of the Chamber of Commerce.

The Dewey family claims kinship with Admiral Dewey whose name became famous at Manila Bay during the Spanish-American War. Mr. Dewey was born December 22, 1888, in San Francisco, California, the son of Dr. Willis A. Dewey, a physician who, born in Middlebury, Vermont, had gone to the Western coast during the flood of migration to the new gold country. His mother was, before her marriage, Celina J. Lalande, native of New Orleans. Born in the West, with Eastern and Southern blood in his veins, the subject of this sketch secured his taste of the North also when his parents took him, as a small child, to Ann Arbor, Michigan. Here he went to



George W. Rockwood





the public grade and high schools, then enrolled in the University of Michigan. Upon completion of his course he spent one year in the employ of the Ford Automobile Company, then a year with the Studebaker Automobile Company. Following that he went to California where for two years he worked for the Santa Fé Railroad. Fort Wayne, Indiana, was his next residence. Here for four years Mr. Dewey was associated with the S. F. Bowser Company in the manufacture of gasoline filling station pumps, but returned to his father's native Middlebury in 1916 and to the old homestead farm, which he operated until 1923. That year he became manager of the Gipson Brothers Lumber Company, a position he has since retained.

Mr. Dewey is active in fraternal work. He is a member of Union Lodge, No. 2, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is Past Master; Potter Chapter, No. 22, Royal Arch Masons; Middlebury Council, No. 14, Royal and Select Masters; Mt. Calvary Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, of which he is Past Commander, and Orion Grotto. Besides his directorship in the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Dewey is chairman of the highway committee. With hunting and shooting his chief pleasures, he holds memberships in the United States Revolver Association, the National Rifle Association, the Green Mountain Club, and the Middlebury Skeet Club, of which latter he is secretary and treasurer. Mr. Dewey votes independently, consistently giving his support to the man he considers the best for the office regardless of party affiliations. Thus his appointment as deputy sheriff of Addison County in 1928, and his membership on the prudential committee of the Middlebury School Board are testimonials of his worth alone and not the result of political influence.

In 1910 Mr. Dewey married Avis J. Ayres, a native of Ypsilanti, Michigan. They are the parents of two children, Willis A. and Josephine L.

**CHARLES THEODORE FRARY**—One of the foremost men engaged in manufacturing in the vicinity of Bristol, Vermont, is Charles Theodore Frary, proprietor of the Frary Company, which furnishes employment to a number of local people and manufactures a line of small wooden novelties that constitutes an unusual type of business activity. Mr. Frary, who is a native of this State, is widely known among his fellowmen and thoroughly familiar with industrial conditions in Vermont, with the result that he is able to plan his business most wisely and is a leader in the industrial and civic activities of his community.

Charles Theodore Frary, the head of this company, was born in Middlebury, Vermont, on July 20, 1867, son of Theodore Lyman and Mary K. (Dustin) Frary, his father a native of Orange, Massachusetts, and his mother of Middlebury, Vermont, both of whom are now deceased. Theodore Lyman Frary, the father, was engaged in business as a manufacturer of wooden parts in Valparaiso, Chile. In 1878 he came to Jonesville, Vermont, where he started the Frary Company, of which he was proprietor until 1892. He was a veteran of the American Civil War, in which he served with the New York troops in the Union cause and was wounded while in action; he was a member of the Burlington Post of the Grand Army of the Republic. In 1892, the year in which he gave up his business, he sold the entire enterprise to his son, Charles Theodore, of whom this is a record, who has continued it to the present day. The company manufactures a line of small turned wooden products, such as piano tuners' bushing, cork tops for ink bottles, as well as wooden toys and practically all kinds of novelties made of wood.

Charles Theodore Frary, the proprietor, was educated

in the public schools of Williston, Vermont, and later attended the Mount Hermon Preparatory School; and, upon completing his academic education, he became associated with his father in the management of the Frary Company, of Bristol. Here this company is situated about one mile from the actual site of the town, and employs about twenty hands. Much of its success is, of course, the direct result of the efforts of the present owner, who has worked tirelessly to build it up and to make it one of the leading institutions of its type in the country.

In addition to his work with the Frary Company, Mr. Frary is active in the public affairs of his town and community. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which his affiliation is with the Bristol Lodge, No. 36; and of the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a member also of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce, which he has served as vice-president; the Bristol Recreation Club; the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce; and the Associated Industries of the State of Vermont. In his political views Mr. Frary has been aligned for many years with the Republican party, whose principles and candidates he has regularly supported. On this party's ticket he was elected several years ago to membership on the Bristol School Board, on which he served for three years. Mr. Frary's favorite hobby is the game of baseball, developments in which he closely follows. His religious faith is that of the Federated Church, of which he is a member in Bristol.

In 1898 Mr. Frary married Helen E. Lee, a native of Burlington, Vermont. By this union there were the following children: 1. Lyman Lee, who during the participation of the United States in the late World War was a member of the United States Navy. 2. Charles Lawrence.

**ERNEST B. GUINDON**—A man of rare ability with a genius for managerial leadership is Ernest B. Guindon. He was born in Bristol, Vermont, December 3, 1872, and is one of the few men who have found opportunity for business adventure in their own native town. His parents were also natives of Vermont, his father, Benedict C. Guindon, born in Lincoln, and his mother, Mary E. (Holcombe) Guindon, born in Bristol, both towns of Addison County. Benedict C. Guindon was by trade a carpenter and builder, and both he and his wife are now deceased.

Ernest B. Guindon acquired his education in the elementary and high schools of Bristol, after which he entered upon a business career. Upon leaving school he entered the employ of the Bristol Manufacturing Company with which concern he has remained to the present time. He began in 1888, when he was only sixteen years of age, and from a humble beginning has progressed from one position to another until today and for several years past he has been serving in the capacity of sales manager and purchasing agent. He has always taken a keen interest in civic affairs, and the fact that he was elected president of the Bristol Chamber of Commerce shows him to be a man of influence in the community, regarded in the highest terms of efficiency by his fellow-townsmen. He is also a member of the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce and the Champlain Valley Council. His political affiliation is with the Republican party; for a period of ten years he has served as auditor of the town of Bristol. Outdoor sports have always held attraction for Mr. Guindon, and although he enjoys hiking and fishing, those from which he derives his greatest pleasure are tennis and baseball. He is a member of the Bristol Recreation Club, and at one time served as its secretary. Mr. Guindon is a man of excellent character and highly esteemed in the community in which he lives. He has been a member of the Methodist Church of



Bristol for many years, and today serves as its treasurer, being also a trustee and steward.

In the year 1893 Ernest B. Guindon was married to Lydia Mae Young, a native of Starksboro, Vermont.

**WILLIAM E. LARROW** is a past president of the Vergennes Chamber of Commerce, an influential member of the Vergennes Country Club, and affiliated with Burlington Lodge, No. 916, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and through the organizations he has gained a wide circle of friends who appreciate his kindly disposition, the soundness of his judgment, and the discretion and good taste with which he handles his undertaking business. In addition he has become known to the town at large as an occupant of public offices who handles his citizenship duties wisely and well.

Mr. Larrow was born at Ferrisburg May 1, 1882, the son of Francis T. and Delphine (Danyon) Larrow. Both were natives of the Province of Quebec, Canada, and the father, a farmer, served through the Civil War with the 9th Regiment of Vermont Volunteers. Their son was educated in the public schools of Holyoke, Massachusetts, and entered a printing and embossing plant in that city where he remained for three years. Upon coming to Vergennes he was employed for five years in the shade roller factory, then for the next five years was in the painting and decorating business. Mr. Larrow went to St. Albans to become manager of the American House, but after two years in this position returned, in 1914, to Vergennes to enter the undertaking business. He has since continued in this line of endeavor, at the same time dealing in real estate and financing the construction of houses. Past president of the Vermont State Funeral Directors' Association, he is as well a member of the Tri-State Funeral Directors' Association. Mr. Larrow is chairman of the Republican Town Committee and influential in the local activities of the party. A number of public offices have received the benefit of his attention; he has been alderman; justice of the peace for two years, and for eight years acted as superintendent of the Vergennes water works. During the World War he served in Company D, Vermont State Militia. Mr. Larrow derives his chief pleasure from outdoor activities, and takes keen delight in pursuing a number of outdoor sports.

In 1904, Mr. Larrow married Melissa F. Young, a native of Vergennes. They are the parents of two children, Ruth (deceased) and Robert W.

**DANIEL AUGUSTUS SHEA, M. D.**—"The memory of his kindly offices will remain—a great monument to a great doctor, man and friend." Thus did a contemporary appreciatively sum up the life and service of the late Dr. Daniel A. Shea, of Burlington, who was esteemed one of the most prominent members of the medical profession the University of Vermont has produced. Although he attained marked distinction as a practitioner of internal medicine, it could hardly be stated that he had reached the peak of a career which gave roseate promise of more notable triumphs than he already had achieved. And these undoubtedly would have been realized, if an untimely death had not taken him while still in the glow of young manhood.

Dr. Daniel Augustus Shea was born in Nashua, New Hampshire, November 9, 1881. Parochial and public schools of his native city gave him his early and preparatory training, and he entered Holy Cross College, Worcester, Massachusetts, class of 1902. Having concluded his academic courses, he determined to bring to fruition the ambition of his life, namely, to be a physician and in that profession to confer upon his fellowmen the highest blessing within his power to bestow. He therefore entered the Medical College of the University of Vermont, pursuing his studies with an enviable record for

scholarship and other student qualities. On receiving his degree at graduation in the class of 1906, he served an internship of one year at the Fanny Allen Hospital in Burlington. It was during that tour of professional polishing-off that he gave evidence of being a coming man in the medical world.

A rich experience fell to the lot of Dr. Shea after he left the hospital service, and he traveled extensively in America and Europe as personal physician to the late Bishop Michaud. In the performance of that duty and in that association he developed to a remarkable degree qualities and powers that were only budding when he became the Bishop's aid.

On his return to America, Dr. Shea at once took up his residence in Burlington and opened an office in that city for private practice, which grew to be one of the largest and most important in the State. He made a specialty of medicine, continuing his practice as an internist, for which by taste and temperament, as well as by training, he was eminently fitted. So high did he rank among his fellow-physicians and patients alike, that he often was called upon to perform important services as a consultant. This was true of his standing in Burlington and outside the city as well, and frequently he was invited from points at remote distances to act in an advisory capacity on some serious case. The confidence reposed in his ability by those who employed his services was complete, this bearing the most desirable testimony to his worth as a physician.

The brief span of forty-two years which was accorded to Dr. Shea seemed yet to have been filled with achievements of number and standing of which many an older physician might well have been proud. For fourteen years he was on the faculty of his *alma mater*, the University of Vermont, as instructor in medicine, and it was ever a source of delight to him that he was privileged to render that service to the institution which had given him both inspiration and impulse for his career. He was elected a member of the medical staffs of the Fanny Allen and Mary Fletcher Hospitals in Burlington. In his associations as a member of the Burlington Clinical Society and the Vermont State Medical Society his acquaintance broadened and his view of professional ethics was heightened. He made a number of contributions to the literature of the profession which were cordially received at their reading before medical societies.

Dr. Shea had rendered the city of Burlington a notable service in his capacity as one of the three elected to the advisory board during the investigation of the five-year bonding issue for permanent highways in the municipality. He was affiliated with Phi Chi and Theta Nu Epsilon; Burlington Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and De Goesbriand Council, Knights of Columbus.

On June 17, 1914, Dr. Shea was married in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception by the Right Rev. Joseph J. Rice, Bishop of the Diocese of Burlington, to Miss Sara A. Corley, daughter of Patrick H. and Helen M. (Bridgeman) Corley. Surviving the doctor at his death, on January 25, 1924, besides Mrs. Shea, was their adopted son, William Ireland Shea. He left also two sisters, Mrs. Charles Lapham and Miss Mary Shea, of Nashua, New Hampshire, and two brothers, who live on the Pacific Coast.

The following tribute to the memory of Dr. Shea from the "Burlington Free Press" may be taken as a public expression of the regret that was deeply and widely felt at his passing:

The untimely death of Dr. Daniel A. Shea, cut off in the very prime of life and service, will bring sorrow to the city (Burlington). A man of few words, his devotion to his profession was remarkable and the respect and gratitude he won from his patients unusual. They admired him as a man and a doctor, equally. Steady application to his duties must surely



have worn him down to a point where he was unable to maintain resistance to the inroads of a particularly treacherous disease . . . Dr. Shea was beloved . . . A physician of this calibre can ill be spared; but his memory will be cherished.

"The Burlington News" said of him:

By many the admiration felt for Dr. Shea was nothing short of worship. This alone can explain why, when word was passed about that the doctor had passed on, women wept and strong men's voices were choked with sobs.

In many a home in this city the blow of his passing has fallen heavily. A great friend has gone. If any man died helping others, that man was Dr. Shea. . . .

**HOWARD CROSBY RICE**—A newspaper man from the beginning of his active business career, Howard Crosby Rice has won much success in his chosen occupation. Advancing gradually from the reportorial work which he undertook as a young man, he is at present publisher and part owner of the "Brattleboro Daily Reformer" and "The Vermont Phoenix," president of the company that publishes the Greenfield, Massachusetts, "Daily Recorder," and vice-president and part owner of the Vermont Printing Company, one of the largest job and book printing concerns in southern Vermont.

Mr. Rice was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, September 16, 1878, son of Charles Bingham and Fannie A. (Crosby) Rice. When he was a baby his parents returned to their home in Brattleboro, where he attended the public schools, graduating from the Brattleboro High School in 1896. After a year's post-graduate study and a summer of European travel, he became a reporter on "The Vermont Phoenix," on which he worked for a year before taking a similar position with the Ansonia, Connecticut, "Daily Sentinel."

In the fall of 1901 he took a reporter's position on the "Windham County Reformer," and in 1903 acquired an interest in the Vermont Printing Company, which bought "The Reformer" in that year. Ten years later "The Reformer" and "The Phoenix" were consolidated under the ownership of the Brattleboro Publishing Company and the former made into a daily. Mr. Rice was business manager of the two papers until 1918 when he became their editor and publisher, a position which he has since held. In addition to his local newspaper activities Mr. Rice has devoted much time to community enterprises of one sort or another. He is president of the American Building, Inc., Hotel Brooks, Inc., the New England Daily Newspaper Association and the Brattleboro Country Club; and a trustee of the Brattleboro Club and the Brattleboro Savings Bank. His hobbies have included trout fishing, golf and the breeding of dogs and poultry. Through the latter he holds membership in the American Bantam Association and the Irish Terrier Club of America.

On May 21, 1902, Mr. Rice married Amy Stetson Jones, daughter of Wells Perry and Marion (Stetson) Jones. They have three children: 1. Howard C., Jr., born October 24, 1904, at present an instructor in Loomis Institute, Windsor, Connecticut. 2. Marion S., born June 26, 1908, a sophomore in Smith College. 3. Eleanor F., born March 31, 1917. The family home is at No. 12 Chestnut Hill, Brattleboro.

**ANSEL IRWIN MILLER, M. D.**—Active at all times in the care of the sick and injured of the community, Ansel Irwin Miller was a practicing physician at Brattleboro, Vermont, for more than forty years. He was thoroughly trained in his profession, keeping well abreast of all recent development in the medical sciences by constant reading and study, and was thus able to give the community advice and expert service of the highest type, which too often is found only in the largest cities. Honored and respected by all for

his fidelity to the noblest ideals of medicine, he brought friendly cheer as well as healing to those sadly in need of it, and came to be regarded by his patients not only as a physician but as a trusted counselor as well.

Dr. Miller was born in Dummerston, Vermont, October 14, 1857, a son of Joseph and Sophia (Arms) Miller, the father a farmer and for fifty-two years town clerk of Dummerston. The family is an old and honorable one in America, including in the direct line of descent Captain Isaac Miller who was one of the pioneer surveyors of Dummerston and a figure of importance in Revolutionary days, eight of his own sons serving with honorable mention in the army and navy during the war of independence.

Ansel Irwin Miller of this record, attended the common school of Dummerston, and later Brattleboro Academy at West Brattleboro, from which he was graduated with honors in 1877. Undertaking the course of study in Williams College, he received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1881, and then entered the New York School of Physicians and Surgeons, at Columbia University, which conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1884. Dr. Miller served his internship as a member of the staff of Charity Hospital on Welfare Island for eighteen months, and following this period returned to Brattleboro, where he began the practice of his profession, in December, 1885. Quickly winning the confidence of the community, he soon built up an extensive practice throughout all this section as the demands on his services constantly increased. With the passing years these became still more heavy and the limits of his strength were frequently taxed in caring for all those who sought his aid, but never once did he falter or fail to answer the calls which came to him. Continued endeavor toward the alleviation of human suffering and the welfare of mankind, extending through a period of forty-three years, is a record that few can achieve, and Brattleboro was fortunate, indeed, in numbering among its citizens a man of such energy and devotion and such sterling worth.

Dr. Miller was a member of the American Medical Association, the New York Academy of Medicine, the Vermont State Medical Society, and the Windham County Medical Society, of which he served as president in 1914. He was also on the advisory board of the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, and had been an active member of the staff since its organization, while he held membership in the Connecticut River Medical Association, the Doctors' Club, of Brattleboro, and the Alumni Society of the City Hospital of New York. In the life of the community, aside from his professional activities he was also a prominent figure, his opinion in matters of importance being frequently sought and highly-regarded by large business and financial interests. Also in educational matters, his interest was great, he having served for fifteen years or more on the Brattleboro School Board. Dr. Miller was an associate member of Sedgwick Post, Grand Army of the Republic, a member and president of the Dummerston Cemetery Association, a member of the Automobile Club of Vermont, the American Automobile Association, and for many years one of the five trustees of the Austine Institution, State School for the Deaf at Brattleboro. With his family he worshipped in the Congregational faith, and since 1901 had been a deacon of Center Church, of that denomination in Brattleboro.

On December 23, 1885, Ansel Irwin Miller married Isabel Boynton, daughter of Henry B. and Mary (Meacham) Boynton. Two children were born of this marriage: 1. Wells Boynton, born at Brattleboro, and educated in the local schools, a graduate of Harvard University in 1914, and of the Harvard School of Busi-



ness Administration in 1916. For a short time thereafter he was employed by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, but at the outbreak of the World War he enlisted for service as a private, later being commissioned first lieutenant and stationed at Washington on the Ordnance staff until March, 1919. At that time he was discharged with commendations for executive ability, and is now associated with the White Motor Company, at Baltimore, Maryland. Wells Boynton Miller married Jessie Penny, of Cambridge, Massachusetts. 2. Rosabel, who was graduated from Mt. Holyoke College in 1917 and later from the Vassar Training Camp for Nurses. Assigned to the staff of Bellevue Hospital, she died there in October, 1918, of influenza during the prevalent epidemic. There has been established in her name a memorial laboratory in the Cornelia Clapp Laboratory Building, at Mt. Holyoke College.

Dr. Miller's death occurred on June 15, 1928, at Brattleboro, in the seventy-first year of his age. His passing was a source of very great sorrow to the community at Brattleboro which had come to know him so well through years of intimate relationship, to admire his fine traits, and love him as its own. Highly competent and devoted in his profession, he was also deeply interested in every worthy movement for the progress and welfare of the community, whether civic or benevolent in nature, always ready to lend a hand in its work, giving generously of his time and substance on occasions too numerous to mention. A firm believer in the good to be derived from sports, he was particularly interested in athletics at Williams College and contributed to their support. Recalling his years of service to the community, the people of Brattleboro do well to honor his memory and preserve his name for the generations which are to come.

**J. H. STEDMAN, M. D.**—The patronymic Stedman has been distinguished in varied fields of endeavor in New England, and is particularly and honorably associated with affairs of Brattleboro, where Dr. J. H. Stedman practiced medicine and surgery through many years. In Brattleboro also for many years lived Dr. Stedman's son, D. B. Stedman, who attained to note in journalism of a cultural and widely beneficial type. The family is one of the oldest in New England.

(I) John Stedman, Revolutionary ancestor, was born in 1740, and married Mary Frances Hotchkiss, December 17, 1763. They had eight children, of whom one was:

(II) Salmon Stedman, born at New Britain, Connecticut, March 21, 1779; he married, in December, 1803, Lucina Hotchkiss. She was a daughter of Josiah Hotchkiss, of Plainville, Connecticut.

(III) J. H. Stedman, son of Salmon and Lucina (Hotchkiss) Stedman, was born at Durham, New York, April 7, 1809. Interested in the profession of medicine as a life's work, he first secured a sound academic instruction, then entered medical college at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, from which he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1831. For twenty years he practiced the profession, successfully, in New York State, then removed to Cummington, Massachusetts, where he had offices, and in 1859 came to Brattleboro, here to join in professional association with Dr. Arms. He continued in the profession, less actively in later years, until the time of his death, August 29, 1894. Meanwhile he interested himself in diverse important movements, becoming a man of prominence in general affairs. He was one of the pioneer Abolitionists, working with Gerrit Smith, Frederick Douglass and others in New York State, taking an active rôle in the functions of the underground railway for fugitive slaves from the South. From 1846 to 1860 he was editor of the "True American," anti-slavery newspaper of great influence on North-

ern thought. Also, he was a pioneer worker for temperance, and spoke often in this cause. He was a contributor to the original fund for erection of the Brattleboro Home for Aged and Disabled, and engaged variously in benevolences. Dr. Stedman is recalled with deep affection by many who survive him in Brattleboro and elsewhere in New England and New York State. Of brilliant mind, he was a physician of note, a patriot to the cause of an undivided union, an humanitarian forcefully opposed to enslavement of men. His name will live among those of Brattleboro's honored dead.

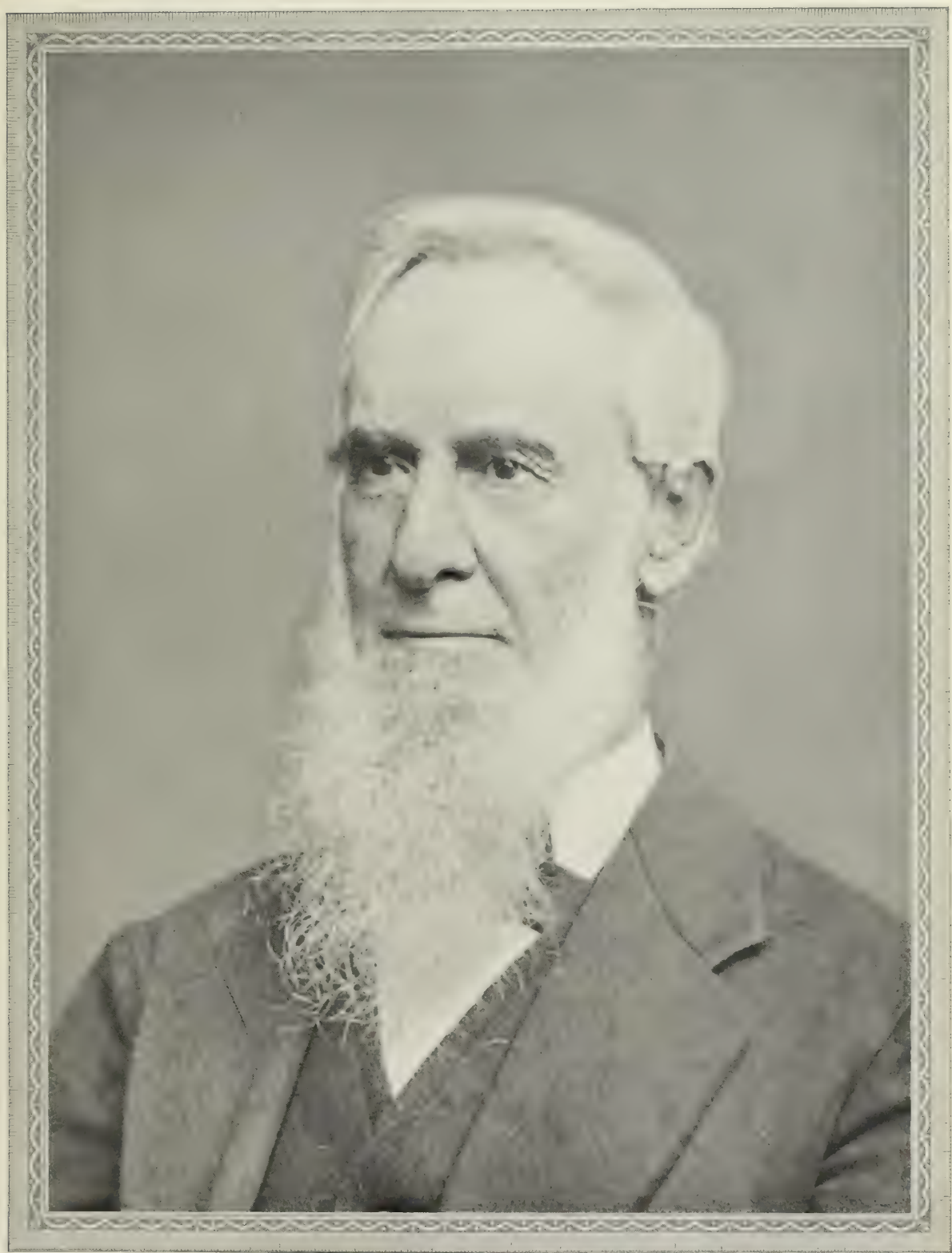
Dr. J. H. Stedman married Elvira Strong, at Ashland, New York. She survived her husband little more than a year, her death occurring December 13, 1895.

(IV) D. B. Stedman, third child and second son of Dr. J. H. and Elvira (Strong) Stedman, was born in Richford, New York, July 13, 1840, and completed his education in a special school in Covington, Massachusetts, his parents having come to this city when he was eighteen. In the employ of the "Hampshire Gazette" he learned the trade of printing. This paper was conducted at Northampton, Massachusetts, by H. S. Greer. In 1868, aged twenty-eight, he became editor and proprietor of the "Vermont Phoenix," of Brattleboro, associated therein with the Rev. Addison Brown and Mr. Prouty. Subsequently Mr. Stedman purchased the holdings of his two associates, and took into partnership O. L. French. Until 1888 he was actively engaged with conduct of the paper, contributing materially to the growth and prosperity and happiness of Brattleboro, then retired, and in 1892 making his residence in Springfield, Massachusetts. Aside from his record in newspaper publishing, his career was one of variety. Mr. Stedman served with the 12th Vermont Volunteers in 1862-63, and was wounded in the battle of Gettysburg. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, charter member and first secretary of the Brattleboro Liberal Association, which was organized for the purpose of discussing religious and philosophical subjects, and was active in other organizations. His death, which occurred October 7, 1923, occasioned wide sorrow, notably in Brattleboro, where he was looked upon as a native son.

D. H. Stedman married, January 27, 1866, Mary Frances Browne; and their children, who survive, are: 1. Harry W., Doctor of Medicine, of Meeker, Colorado. 2. Frederick C., who married, October 3, 1895, Mary Frances Shaw, of Springfield, Massachusetts; and they have two children: Ralph and Eleanor.

**ROBERT HUBBELL MERRILL**—For many years a leader in the business life of different cities in New York State, and at the time of his death connected with the General Electric Company, at Schenectady, New York, Robert Hubbell Merrill held an important place in the communities in which he lived and worked, as well as in the hearts of his fellowmen. In the course of a busy career he acquired a large number of faithful friends and loyal supporters, all of whom were sorely grieved to hear of his passing; so widely and favorably known was he, and so well-recognized his virtues and excellent qualities of character—willingness to help other people in times of need, kindness and tolerance of attitude, and thorough sense of integrity in all his dealings. There was no phase of the life of Vermont, his native State, and of Bennington, the town of his birth, in which he was not also interested; with the result that he was a most useful and public-spirited citizen in the eyes of the people of Vermont.

Mr. Merrill was descended from an old and highly-honored New England family, having been a son of James Seymour and Laura (Van der Spiegel) Merrill. The ancestry of the House of Merrill in this country has been traced back to Orsamus C. Merrill, the first of the family to come to Vermont. This ancestor was



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a native of Farmington, Connecticut, where he was born on June 18, 1775; and it was on April 5, in what is supposed to have been the year 1791, that he came to Bennington and learned the printers' trade under Anthony Haswell, while he also studied law under Andrew Selden, Esq. Orsamus C. Merrill was admitted to the bar in Vermont in June, 1804, and from that time was engaged actively in the practice of his profession; he long enjoyed the confidence of his fellow-citizens, and lived to a very advanced age. He was for several years postmaster, and was also a lieutenant-colonel in the United States Army, having received a commission during the War of 1812; he was also a member of Congress in 1817, 1818 and 1819, and was afterward a member of the Vermont State Council for five years, as well as a Representative to the State Assembly and Judge of Probate. In August, 1805, he married Mary Robinson, daughter of Judge Jonathan Robinson. He was also active in a journalistic way, having been editor of the "Vermont Gazette." A man of remarkable purity, elevation and urbanity of character, he was a noted public speaker, and was much interested in the development of the common schools, which he labored to advance in point of social usefulness; he was a conscientious Christian gentleman, and passed away on April 12, 1865, at the advanced age of ninety years.

James Seymour Merrill, son of Orsamus C. and Mary (Robinson) Merrill and father of Robert Hubbell Merrill, received his early education in the schools of Bennington, and for many years was employed in an executive position on the Troy and Boston Railroad. He married Laura Van der Spiegel, daughter of John and Laura (Hubbell) Van der Spiegel and grand-daughter of Deacon Aaron and Sarah (Dewey) Hubbell, as well as a lineal descendant of the Rev. Jedediah Dewey, of fame in the State of Vermont. John Van der Spiegel, Mrs. Merrill's father, was born in New York City on September 30, 1773, and came in 1810 to Bennington, Vermont; here he married Laura Hubbell, daughter of Deacon Aaron and Sarah (Dewey) Hubbell, on August 6, 1815. Laura Hubbell was a grand-daughter, on her mother's side of the house, of Captain Elijah Dewey, as well as a descendant of the Rev. Jedediah Dewey. Mr. Van der Spiegel died on November 24, 1848, after having been for a number of years a prominent and successful general merchant in Bennington, and also a worthy citizen, a respectable magistrate, and a man gentlemanly in his deportment, generous and liberal in his intercourse with his neighbors, and kind and affectionate to all in his domestic relationships.

Robert Hubbell Merrill, of whom this is a record, son of James Seymour and Laura (Hubbell) Merrill, was born in Old Bennington, Vermont, on November 20, 1859. He completed his education at Mt. Anthony Seminary, in Vermont, and then served for a time as clerk in local stores. He was connected with the W. A. Wood Company, of Hoosick Falls, New York, with which he became associated as the next step in his career; and with this organization remained for about thirteen years, at first having been with the foreign trade department, and then having gone with the purchasing department as purchasing agent. Failing in health at the end of this thirteen-year period, he returned to Bennington, where he operated a feed and coal business for about twelve years under his own name. At the end of that time he sold the coal business, and went into the transportation department of the General Electric Company, of Schenectady, New York, with which he continued to work until his death. For this corporation he did extensive traveling, and became widely known throughout the industrial and electrical world, while he was highly

esteemed and respected by the business leaders with whom he came into contact. Shortly before his death in 1920, he was placed in charge of the new large transportation building of the General Electric Company at Schenectady, and was busily engaged in his work in this connection up to the time of his passing.

Mr. Merrill married Lida Cammett, of California, who was a granddaughter of Z. Frost, an important citizen of Bennington, Vermont, in his day. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hubbell Merrill became the parents of two children: 1. Laura Van der Spiegel Merrill, who is a student at Smith College. 2. John Cammett Merrill, who studied at Phillips-Exeter Academy, where he is preparing for college.

The death of Robert H. Merrill, which occurred on December 20, 1920, with a suddenness that caused a widespread sense of sorrow and disappointment and practically stunned the community, took from Bennington and the State of Vermont one who, although he did not work here in his last years, was, nevertheless, a loyal citizen of this State and one who did much by his untiring industry and his exemplary conduct to increase the well-being of its citizens. Possessing a mind of exceptional versatility that fitted him for any sort of business activity, as well as for social gatherings and pleasant companionship, Mr. Merrill was a finished accountant by training and trade, and his thoroughness and exactness furnished him with an unusual ability for handling accounts on a large scale. Also noted for his excellent personal traits of character, he had many friends in Bennington and other Vermont cities and towns, people with whom he spent many delightful hours and whose lives were the better for his kindly companionability and friendship. He deserves a place in any history of Vermont, both for his contribution to the life of his State and for his qualities as a man.

**HON. DANIEL CHIPMAN LINSLEY**—A family which has long been prominent in the life of Vermont is that of Linsley, so ably represented in recent generations by the Hon. Daniel Chipman Linsley and his son, Joseph Hatch Linsley, M. D., whose contributions to the medical profession and bacteriological science are discussed in this work. The father was engaged throughout his life in scientific work, more especially in the field of engineering, and many of the railway systems in the United States today owe some part of their existence to the work of the Hon. D. C. Linsley. His death naturally caused profound sorrow among his many friends and acquaintances in Vermont and elsewhere; for he was a well-loved and highly respected citizen in his day.

The Hon. Daniel Chipman Linsley was born in Middlebury, Vermont, on April 17, 1827, son of Charles and Martha Linsley. The father, Charles Linsley, was a prominent figure locally, and served for one year as mayor of his municipality, from which office he retired after that time to go on with his other work. The Hon. D. C. Linsley received his early education in the public schools in his native community, and later became a student at Middlebury College. In 1847 he became engaged in work on a survey of the Rutland and Burlington Railroad, with which he was associated for three years; and then, in 1851, he supervised construction of the Illinois Central Railroad. In 1855 he completed this work, and returned to Vermont, where he wrote a book on Morgan horses, on which he was an outstanding authority. He then issued a paper called the "Vermont Stock Journal," and after he had started that enterprise he received the appointment as superintendent of the Government Building at Windsor. In 1859 he built the Central Vermont Railroad Company's branch road between Burlington and Winooski, and at the same time built a tunnel north of the lumber yards, having been the



first man ever to construct a tunnel through the sand. He built the Central Vermont Depot, and also the station at St. Albans, and superintended construction of the Montreal, Vermont Junction and Lebanon Springs road. In 1870 he was elected mayor of the city, in which capacity he served until 1871, when he retired from that office, went to Minnesota, and there constructed a portion of the Northern Pacific Railway, which extended into both that State and what was then the Territory of Dakota. After three years in the West he returned East, and here constructed the Canada Atlantic road from Ottawa to Capolle. Some years later he went to New York City, where he was the originator and constructor of the rapid transit road between Boston and New York City. For two years he remained in New York, and at the time of his death was engaged in planning a gigantic elevated railroad in that city, but never lived to complete the task. In 1858 he married Martha Hatch, daughter of ex-Mayor Joseph Denison Hatch, who was for seven years mayor of Burlington, Vermont. They had one son, Joseph Hatch Linsley, an account of whom accompanies this biography.

The death of the Hon. Daniel Chipman Linsley occurred on October 7, 1889, and was, indeed, a cause of great sorrow in the community in which he had lived for so many years in Vermont. His acquaintance was wide in engineering circles, and in the course of a busy career he acquired a large number of friends, who, needless to say, were sorely grieved to hear the news of his death, realizing that he had done much to usher in an age of scientific and engineering development which even then was only beginning to approach the stage of fruition represented by the great industrial era of today. The Hon. Mr. Linsley was a man who saw ahead of his times, and so was a thoroughly useful and valued citizen.

**JOSEPH HATCH LINSLEY, M. D.**—One of the foremost medical authorities in Vermont in his day was Joseph Hatch Linsley, of Burlington, who practiced his profession in this city for a number of years, and was active here in all organizations and movements designed to improve the health of the community and to bring about in some way or other a betterment of conditions among his fellowmen. Kindly and gentle in temperament, public-spirited in his attitude toward his city and State, he was a man who won a host of friends during his very useful career; and all of these regretted deeply the loss that was occasioned to Burlington and Vermont by his death.

Dr. Linsley was born at Windsor, May 29, 1859, son of Hon. Daniel Chipman Linsley (see accompanying biography) and Martha (Hatch) Linsley, and a grandson of the late Hon. Joseph Denison Hatch. He received his early education in the public schools of Burlington, and afterward read medicine with Dr. A. P. Grinnell, a graduate of the University of Vermont in the class of 1880. Next he became associated with Dr. S. W. Thayer, with whom he remained for a year. Then he practiced medicine in Burlington until 1887, when ill health caused him to take a much needed rest. He was appointed instructor in clinical microscopy in the New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital, and one year later was made director of the laboratories of histology, pathology and bacteriology. He was also pathologist to the New York Post-Graduate Hospital and the New York Infant Asylum, while at the same time he did the work in pathology for the St. Luke's and Presbyterian hospitals for the greater part of the year 1889-90. After that he went to Berlin, Germany, where he took a special course in bacteriology under Koch. He also was a delegate to the Tenth International Congress held in Berlin in August, 1890, to bring about a furtherance of hygienic education, being the representative at that congress of

the New York Post-Graduate Medical School. He obtained special training from Dr. Koch while in Germany; and then came back to New York City, where he gave the first address on the lymph treatment for tuberculosis at the New York Academy of Medicine before the Medical Society of the County of New York. Severe labor in the laboratories again caused his health to fail, with the result that he spent a summer in the Adirondacks. Then he was made professor of pathology and bacteriology at the University of Vermont. He was chairman of the committee on admission and ethics of the New York Pathological Society, and was active in a number of other medical groups and societies.

Dr. Linsley belonged to the New York Pathological Society, the New York County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Association, the Vermont State Medical Society and the American Medical Association; while he was connected also with the medical department of the University of Vermont for a period of thirteen years. He served as city physician and health officer for three years. It was in connection with the Vermont Laboratory of Hygiene, however, that he did the greater part of his work of the last three years of his life. His previous experience along this line of activity had led him to a complete appreciation of the need for such an institution in Vermont, and in 1897 he interested the State Board of Health in the project, as a result of which it was decided to open a laboratory capable of doing a small amount of work in an experimental way. A small sum of money was turned over to Dr. Linsley to carry on the work; and he, believing the enterprise one which would eventually be crowned deservedly with success, gave extensively of his time and physical energy for the furtherance of the project, and took the necessary apparatus out of his own private laboratory, which contained many costly fittings that he had obtained while abroad and in New York City. The work was so successful from the outset that before long assistants were found to be necessary. The summer of 1898 he devoted to a canvas of the State, and, as a result of this and his previous efforts, the Legislature of that year passed an act creating a State bacteriological laboratory, and authorized the State Board of Health to equip it for the examination of suspected water and milk dangers, as well as food supplies. It was also to conduct examinations in diphtheria, typhoid fever, tuberculosis, malaria and other infectious or contagious diseases. Since that time the laboratory has proved one of the State's most useful institutions, and it is now a recognized department of the work of the Board of Health. It was originated and brought to the stage of successful operation by the efforts of Dr. Linsley alone; and it has often been truly said of him that, had this been his only work of note, which it was not, it would have placed the people of the State under an obligation to him which they could not easily fulfil. The laboratory today stands as a monument to his keen knowledge of the value of the work that he undertook in it, and of the place that it ought rightfully to fill in the life of his community and State; while it also testified to the unselfish devotion that he gave to the branch of science for which it stands.

In addition to his other activities, Dr. Linsley was a writer on medical and bacteriological subjects, and his opinions were respected and in contributions to several professional magazines and publications read with interest. His translation of Fraenkel's "Grundriss der Bakterienkunde" was published in 1891, and was found to have a ready sale in medical and scientific circles.

In 1880, Dr. Joseph Hatch Linsley married Nettie L. Ray, daughter of Harman A. and Lucy (Flanigan) Ray. By this marriage there were two children: 1.



Pattie Hatch Linsley, who died November 11, 1923.  
2. Daniel Ray Linsley, born June 20, 1886.

The death of Dr. Linsley, which occurred on February 17, 1901, came as a profound shock to his many friends in the community in and near Burlington and in the medical profession and in all walks of life both in this State and other parts of the world which he had covered in the course of his studies and travels. Everyone who knew him was aware keenly of the rare good qualities of the man, his ability to think out the details of the great projects that came to his mind and to put them into effect, and, above all, his desire and eagerness to do what lay in his power for the improvement of the state of man. It is the goods works of such soundly practical, and yet visionary, men that bring about the world's most valuable accomplishments; and the contribution of Dr. Linsley, as well as the motives which prompted him in his activities, render him as individual whom Vermont and the medical profession will long remember.

**CHESTER A. INGALLS**—One of the best known men in Vermont in the field of electrical engineering, Chester A. Ingalls is also active in fraternal circles where he has attained to the highest degrees in Masonry, and in business and civic organization work. In recognition of his ability, he has frequently been entrusted with offices and committee work and invariably he has discharged the duties involved with the efficiency and dispatch he displays in handling his personal interests. As division manager of the Middlebury Electric Company and Public Service Corporation of Vermont, Mr. Ingalls ranks as one of the really important business men of the town.

Mr. Ingalls was born September 17, 1883, in Cambridge, Vermont, the son of Orrin and Nellie F. (Horton) Ingalls. The mother, whose death occurred in 1912, was a native of Clarendon and the father was born in Waltham, Massachusetts. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served with the First Vermont Regular Volunteers and later in the 22d Regiment, New York Cavalry. Captured at the second Battle of Bull Run, he was incarcerated at the notorious Andersonville prison for a time. Returning from the war he resumed his trade of mechanic which he followed until his death in 1893. The subject of this sketch was educated in the public grade and high schools of Rutland, Vermont, and the United States Navy's electric school in Brooklyn, New York. For four years, from 1904 to 1908, he served in the Navy as chief electrician in charge of the wireless apparatus on battleships. Returning to Rutland in 1909, Mr. Ingalls became associated with the Rutland Railway Light and Power Company, being made superintendent of the power houses for this concern the following year. In 1911 he left the Rutland concern to become traveling representative of the Lombard Governor Company of Ashland, Massachusetts, in which capacity he remained for two years. The Pittsford Power Company offered him a position with them as construction superintendent and here he remained for four years, leaving the connection to become general superintendent of the Horton Power Company in 1917 where, in 1920, he was made assistant manager. In 1926 Mr. Ingalls' record as an electric man received recognition in the form of an appointment to the position of division manager for the Public Service Corporation of Vermont. It was in 1927 that he became division manager of the Middlebury Electric Company.

Mr. Ingalls is a member of the Middlebury Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce, serving the latter as chairman of the industrial and commercial committee and member of the committee on aviation. He

is also a member of the committee on aviation of the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce, as well as member of the board of directors. In the work of the Vermont Society of Engineers and the Vermont Electrical Association, Mr. Ingalls plays an active part. His fraternal affiliations include Centre Lodge, No. 34, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Davenport Chapter, No. 17, Royal Arch Masons; Washington Council No. 10, Royal and Select Masters; Kellington Commandery No. 6, Knights Templar, of which he was captain general; Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of which Mr. Ingalls is chief director; Orion Grotto of which he is Past Monarch; all Scottish Rite bodies including the Vermont Consistory, and Rutland Lodge, No. 345, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Ingalls attends the Congregational Church of Middlebury. With hunting, fishing, trap-shooting and outdoor sports his chief recreations, he holds memberships in the National Riflemen's Association, the United States Revolver Association and the Middlebury Skeet Club. Mr. Ingalls is Republican in his political leanings. Among civic services he has rendered was a term as member of the school board in Salisbury, Vermont, during his residence in that place.

Mr. Ingalls married Belle S. Noyes, of Ferrisburg, Vermont, in 1909. Born to them have been four children, Belle C., Virginia R., Dorothy M., Bradford W.

**AARON LEWIS HUBBELL**—One of the outstanding families in the history of Vermont and its growth and development is that of Hubbell, whose representatives in the different generations since the War of the American Revolution have taken an important part in the affairs, both wartime and peacetime, of their country. A member of this house, who stood high in the estimation of his fellowmen was Aaron Lewis Hubbell, whose life span covered the years from 1811 to 1869. He was a leader in the affairs of Bennington, Vermont, his birthplace, and participated extensively in the civic and social aspects of the life of his town. His daughter, Katherine J. Hubbell, is the only living member of the Bennington branch of this family; and she is deeply interested in the story of her town's development and justly proud of the part played in it by the members of the House of Hubbell.

Aaron Lewis Hubbell was a son of Aaron and Lucinda (Moody) Hubbell and a grandson of Elnathan and Mehitable (Sherwood) Hubbell. Elnathan Hubbell was born in Old Stratford, Connecticut, September 14, 1757, and, emigrating to Vermont from his native State, settled in Bennington, and here became a farmer. During the War of the American Revolution, Elnathan Hubbell was a member of the Vermont Council of Safety at the time when word was received of the capture of Remember Baker, and was in the party that overtook the enemy and returned Remember Baker to his home in Arlington. Elnathan's son, Aaron, was, at the age of twenty years, a soldier in the battle of Bennington, having been a member of the company of Captain Samuel Robinson. Later he was raised to the rank of lieutenant. A man who was held in great respect, he was noted for his thorough-going integrity and his good judgment in times of emergency. He was a justice of the peace in Bennington and a devout Christian in his religious beliefs. He was appointed a deacon of the Old First Church at Old Bennington on December 15, 1834, and died on December 25, 1844. He married (first) Sarah Dewey, daughter of Captain Elijah Dewey, who was also the granddaughter of the Rev. Jedediah Dewey, who was the first minister of the first meetinghouse ever established in the State of Vermont. Captain Elijah Dewey was in



charge of one of the two Bennington companies of the American Army under General Stark at the battle of Bennington. He was the proprietor of the tavern at Old Bennington, and was one of the early committee of the southern portion of the State to represent the people at the conventions during the year 1776. Deweyburg, Vermont, was named for Captain Elijah Dewey, who was also a member of the Second Council of Censors elected in 1792, as well as one of the Presidential electors who cast their votes for John Adams for President and again an elector in 1800. Aaron Hubbell married (second) Lucinda Moody, on March 11, 1798; and their son, Aaron Lewis, was the man of whom this is a record.

Aaron Lewis Hubbell was born in Old Bennington, Vermont, April 29, 1811. After he received his early schooling, he was employed on the home farm of the Hubbell family in Bennington. Also active in public affairs, he was a selectman for many years, and at different times served as a member of important committees and as an administrator of estates. He followed in his father's footsteps by becoming a leader in the life of the church, especially in the work of the choir, in which he was most interested. This church, the same that his father had attended before him, was, as noted above, the first meetinghouse in the State, the present structure having been dedicated on January 6, 1806, by the architect, Sir Christopher Rinz.

Aaron Lewis Hubbell married, in Bennington, Vermont, Lucretia Edgerton Hinsdill, daughter of Deacon Stephen Hinsdill, one of the pioneer manufacturers of cotton goods in Vermont; it was this same Mr. Hinsdill who built the old Stone Church for his employees in 1833. Mrs. A. L. Hubbell was a highly educated, refined woman, and their home life was ideal. They were the parents of three children: Albert C., who died at the age of eighty years; Robert Lewis, died, aged sixteen years; and Katherine J.

The death of A. L. Hubbell, which occurred on December 4, 1869, came as a great shock and disappointment to his many friends and acquaintances in Bennington and this region of Vermont, where he had lived and worked for so many years. A genial, intellectual man, possessing a keen sense of humor, he had contributed much to the life and welfare of Bennington and had been an excellent friend and companion to those whose privilege it had been to know him well. Ready at all times to act in behalf of his town and his townspeople, he did much to advance the prosperity of Bennington and Vermont, and materially added to the services rendered by his family to this State. It is highly fitting that he should occupy a place of importance, along with his ancestors, in the story of Vermont, and that his daughter, Katherine Jeannette Hubbell, should today hold the position of historian of the local chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution, which was organized August 16, 1893, and to which position her fellow-members in Bennington elected her many years ago by unanimous vote.

**GEORGE A. HALLADAY**—The florist establishment started by George A. Halladay in Bellows Falls a quarter of a century ago has developed into a business of considerable magnitude. It is recognized as the leader in its line in that community, and is the only one there operating its plant under its own glass. Since the death of the founder, the business has been conducted by Mrs. Halladay under a reorganization, and styled Halladay the Florist.

George A. Halladay was born in Bellows Falls, November 6, 1888, the son of Albert A. and Sarah Emma (Sanders) Halladay; the former, born in Rockingham, has for many years been a fruit-grower; the mother a na-

tive of Bellows Falls, is deceased. The public schools of his native town afforded the son, George A., an excellent practical education. He remained in the service of his father on the fruit farm until 1900, he then being twenty-two years of age. In that year he started his florist business, the beginning being small, with one greenhouse to care for the seedlings and growing plants, for which the young and ambitious merchant began to develop an increasing demand. As the patronage of the establishment was augmented from time to time, Mr. Halladay added to the plant and equipment, and when he passed away, December 16, 1925, there were four greenhouses as a monument to his business ability and the favor in which his offerings stood with the discriminating public to which he catered.

Mr. Halladay was affiliated with Bellows Falls Lodge, No. 23, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Falls Mountain Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, of which he was Past Worthy Master. He was an attendant of the Universalist Church, and a supporter of many good works in religious and community activities.

George A. Halladay married, September 12, 1908, Mary E. Farnsworth, daughter of Charles A. and Mary E. (Greenwood) Farnsworth, of Brattleboro. Children: 1. Dana F. 2. Frances G. 3. Nelson R.

On the death of her husband, Mrs. Halladay took over the proprietorship and management of Halladay the Florist, as the business has since been known, and her ability in that direction has been fully demonstrated by the uninterrupted success that has attended her efforts.

**GEORGE M. CLAY**—For many years George M. Clay has been engaged in the insurance business at Brattleboro, Vermont, with offices now located at No. 4 Elliot Street. Widely experienced in this field as well as in general business activities, Mr. Clay took over one of the oldest agencies in the vicinity and through his own efforts and ability built it up to a highly prosperous condition. Now it ranks as one of the important business enterprises in Brattleboro, handling all types of insurance and it is greatly to Mr. Clay's credit that he has supplied the community with a service of the highest type.

Mr. Clay was born at North Thetford, Vermont, August 4, 1869, a son of Benjamin M. Clay, who was born at Danbury, New Hampshire, and of Ellen (Heath) Clay, born at Reading, Massachusetts, both parents being now deceased. The father was a farmer and later a mechanic for the Estey Organ Company, while he served with distinction in the Union Army during the period of the Civil War. He was a member of the 3rd Light Battery of Vermont Volunteers, holding the rank of sergeant, and upon his return to civil life, took an active part in the affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic, being a member and for a number of years Commander of Sedgwick Post, No. 8, of that organization.

George M. Clay attended the public schools of Brattleboro, coming here as a child, and was later graduated from the Brattleboro High School. When he completed his academic education, he began work as a clerk in a local clothing store where he remained for a year's time, following which he was employed for a year and a half in the wholesale trimming business in Boston, Massachusetts. At the end of this time, however, he returned to Brattleboro, and for several years was connected with the Emerson and Son Furniture Company. In all these positions he manifested genuine ability and a strong desire to succeed which won him commendation for his work. About 1893 he entered the Boston office of the Estey Organ Company, where he remained for six years, engaged in various capacities, and finally, in 1899, after some work as a salesman, he first took up work in the field of insurance. In that year he entered the employ of the H. E. Taylor insurance agency at Brattleboro, where he soon gained an insight into all problems con-



*Geo A. Halladay,*











*Geo. W. Clay*

nected with the business and won advancement to positions of confidence and trust. In 1905 he was able to purchase the C. F. R. Jenne insurance agency, which had been established in 1867, and since that time he has conducted this enterprise independently with marked success. Mr. Clay writes all kinds of insurance policies and no man is more thoroughly acquainted with this work than he. From his Brattleboro offices he serves all the surrounding territory, and the demand for his policies is constantly increasing.

From 1891 to 1893 Mr. Clay served one enlistment in the Vermont State Militia, considering no less than his duty as a good citizen to do so. He is, politically, a member of the Republican party, standing high in local party councils. Mr. Clay is also a member of the Brattleboro Club, and of the Vermont Association of Insurance Agents, of which organization he was formerly president. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of Brattleboro Lodge, No. 102, and Past Master of this lodge, as well as a member of Fort Dummer Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Connecticut Valley Council, Royal and Select Masters; Beauseant Commandery of the Knights Templar, and all bodies of the Scottish Rite including Vermont Consistory. He is also in line in the Grand Commandery of the State. Mr. Clay has been thrice Potent Master of the Lodge of Perfection, and Past Sovereign Prince of the Connecticut Valley Council. He is a member of Wantastiquet Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. As can be seen from the record of his membership, Mr. Clay is much interested in the Masonic work and occupies a prominent place in the affairs of this order in Vermont. Aside from his other business connections he is one of the incorporators of the Brattleboro Savings Bank.

In 1896, George M. Clay married Maud R. Brown, who was born at Brattleboro. They became the parents of one child, Eleanor, who married Harry A. Plumb, the latter now associated with Mr. Clay in his insurance business. Mr. and Mrs. Clay attend the local Congregational church, in the affairs of which both are active, Mr. Clay serving as a deacon of the church.

**WILLIAM C. HOLLISTER, M. D.**—For many years one of the foremost physicians of Bennington, Vermont, and its environs, where he rendered valuable service to his fellowmen through a long career of usefulness, Dr. William C. Hollister was held high in the esteem of the residents of this place. Although a native of another State, he lived for so long and was so widely known in Vermont that this State might well claim him for her own. A kindly man, a thoughtful husband and a good father, he was loved and cherished in his own family circle and among his numerous friends and comrades in and near Bennington and wherever he was known; and his death caused widespread sorrow throughout the community and State.

He was born at Cohoes, New York, September 25, 1854, son of William H. and Maryett (Cleveland) Hollister and a descendant on his mother's side of the house from the same stock as that to which President Grover Cleveland traced his lineage. His mother, as a matter of fact, was a cousin of that Chief Executive of the United States. His father, William H. Hollister, was one of the most prominent and successful business men of Cohoes, New York, which long was the home of the family, and was a conscientious citizen and public-spirited bank official there; a most upright man, eager ever to do all in his power for promotion of the public good, he served for about forty-four years as a trustee of the Cohoes Savings Institution, in Cohoes, New York, and in the course of this long and valuable

career won a host of friends and considerable patronage for the bank.

The son, William C. Hollister, of whom this is a record, received his early education in the Military Academy of Saybrook, Connecticut, and then went to college in Buffalo, New York, and also to medical college. He taught school for a few terms at Manlius, New York, where he was an instructor in the St. John's Episcopal School, an institution under the auspices of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Then he attended the New York Homeopathic College, in New York City, from which he was graduated in the class of 1883. He was considered one of the best physicians in this region of the United States, especially in Vermont and in Bennington, where he spent so much of his life, and in the course of years came to enjoy a wide practice, as well as a professional reputation that might well be envied by his colleagues. Ideally fitted for the great work of caring for the ill and afflicted, both by his temperament and his thorough professional training and marked skill, he was an individual whose presence in the sick room was in itself a comforting influence upon any unfortunate sufferer and whose kindly words and deeds supplemented whatever course of treatment he gave his patients.

Dr. Hollister married, on October 13, 1880, Elizabeth Annette Shires, of Waterford, New York, and they had two children: 1. Mary Louise, a native of Bennington, Vermont; she died on February 8, 1903, while a student at the New York State Normal School. 2. Florence Elizabeth, born at Bennington, Vermont, and educated in the local schools here, New York State Library School at Albany, and Columbia University; she married Harry S. Moses, of Hoosick, New York, June 29, 1911; Mr. Moses came to Bennington in September, 1900, and has lived here practically all of his life, and now holds a responsible position with the Charles Cooper Manufacturing Company, for which he has supervision of installation and repair work of their product, the famous knitting machines.

The death of Dr. William C. Hollister, which occurred on January 8, 1892, was a cause of profound grief throughout the community in which he lived. For everyone who knew him—and his acquaintance was large—realized that his passing meant the loss of one of Bennington's ablest professional men, a most public-spirited citizen, and a companionable friend. His genial disposition attracted to him many friends, among them some of the most influential people of Vermont; and some of them, still living, feel in the memory of him a pleasant and inspirational force that emanated from the character of the man himself during his lifetime and is still manifest today.

**AYMER SETH COLUMBUS HILL, M. D.**—Although several other vocations occupied the time and talents of Dr. Aymer Seth Columbus Hill, of Winooski, including the profession of teaching and a term as a officer in the New Jersey State Reform School, Vermont Industrial School, and Minnesota State Training School, Dr. Hill ever kept in mind his desire for medical practice and eventually qualified himself for this profession. Since obtaining his degree of Doctor of Medicine he has practiced in various sections of Vermont, and now (1928) is one of Vermont's highly regarded physicians. Not only has he attained success in private practice, but in various hospitals of this section he serves as a member of the staffs therein. Many social, semi-professional, and fraternal societies have enrolled Dr. Hill in their ranks, and he has proved a conscientious and devoted member of all of them.

Dr. Hill was born December 24, 1876, on a farm,



in the town of Johnson, Vermont, son of Seth Columbus and Mary J. (Peck) Hill. Seth Columbus Hill was born in 1844, at Enosburg, Franklin County, Vermont, and lived to be eighty-eight years of age. He was a son of Warren and Rebecca (Hurlbert) Hill, the former born in Utica, New York, in 1797, and the latter born at Fairfield, Vermont, in 1807. Seth Columbus Hill devoted his life to agriculture, after returning from the Civil War. In this conflict he was attached to Company A, 8th Vermont Infantry, with the rank of orderly sergeant, and received his honorable discharge on June 28, 1865. He had enlisted on May 1, 1861, answering the first call and served for the duration of the war. He was wounded in battle at Cedar Creek, Virginia, and participated in the Battle of New Orleans; was under fire at Port Hudson, and was with Farragut in 1861-62, when he went up the Mississippi River. In July, 1864, he was assigned to Camp Texas, Mississippi, at one time was made a prisoner, later escaped and took part in all the battles under General Sheridan. Mary J. (Peck) Hill was born in Elmore, Lamoille County, Vermont, June 30, 1807, and died March 14, 1888, in Johnson, Vermont.

Aymer Seth Columbus Hill attended the public schools of his native district and took a preparatory course at the State Normal School. Thence he entered the People's academy at Morrisville, and after graduation therefrom returned to the State Normal School, completing an academic course in 1895. Mr. Hill then taught school in Hyde Park and Johnson, Vermont, until he was appointed to teach in the New Jersey State Reform School, at Jamesburg, New Jersey, where he remained during 1895-96. The following year he was located in Vergennes, Vermont, as relief officer in the Vermont Industrial School, and then entered Vermont University, where he took a medical course. In 1898, Dr. Hill was graduated from the medical school with his degree of Doctor of Medicine. Having been granted a license for practice by the Vermont State Medical Board, Dr. Hill located at Jericho Center. Here he practiced successfully from 1898-1902, and then came to Winooski where since he has remained and has won a high reputation and a large clientele as a consequence thereof. While devoting himself assiduously to his private practice, Dr. Hill assists materially at several local hospitals. He is a member of the staff of the Fanny Allen Hospital, Winooski, and holds a similar post with the Mary Fletcher Hospital and Bishop De Goesbriand Hospital, of Burlington.

As is to be expected of a man of Dr. Hill's calibre and progressive ideas, he maintains a close connection with the several organizations pertinent to his profession. He is a member of the Burlington Medical Society, the Chittenden County Medical Society, the Vermont State Medical Society, and is a Fellow of the American Medical Association. In fraternal ranks he is a popular member of Iroquois Camp, No. 8940, Modern Woodmen of America; Webster Lodge, No. 61, Free and Accepted Masons, of Winooski; Burlington Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, No. 3; Frances E. Stevens Chapter No. 54, Order of the Eastern Star, and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Dr. Hill married, June 19, 1899, Delia Adelaide Morgan, daughter of Joseph Spear and Julia E. (Freeman) Morgan, the wedding ceremony, which was held in Burlington, being solemnized by the Rev. George Y. Bliss. Dr. and Mrs. Hill are the parents of: Aymer Morgan, born August 26, 1902; graduate of Vermont University Medical College, class of 1926; served as an interne at the Children's Hospital, and Boston City Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts, and Fanny Allen Hospital; married Corinne Divino, of Winooski. He is a special-

ist in diseases of children, and practicing in Portsmouth, Ohio. Dr. Aymer S. C. Hill and his wife reside at No. 33 East Allen Street, Winooski.

**FRANK BLISS CARVER**—Throughout the active years of his life a prominent figure in the textile industry, Frank Bliss Carver was during his later years agent for the Holden Leonard Mills; and in the course of his work with these mills, both in this and in other positions, he did much to build up their efficiency and to inspire thorough coöperation among his employees and associates. There was no phase of the life of Bennington, Vermont, the home of the Holden Leonard Company and his own place of residence throughout his later life, in which Mr. Carver was not deeply interested, and so it was that he came to be highly esteemed and respected by a large number of the citizens of this town. His many friends were sorely grieved to hear of his passing, knowing as they did his kindness of character, his whole-hearted integrity and his devotion to the welfare and prosperity of his community.

Mr. Carver was born at Taunton, Massachusetts, September 30, 1856, son of Charles H. and Fidelia Elizabeth (Bliss) Carver, both of whom were descended from ancestors who were members of the old Plymouth Colony and among the earliest settlers of New England. Frank Bliss Carver received his own early education in the high school and the academy of Taunton, his birthplace, and there graduated. At the early age of nineteen years he began his apprenticeship in the woolen mills of Providence, Rhode Island, learning the textile trade thoroughly in all its departments and being rapidly promoted from one branch to the next. He went, at length, to the Aetna Mills, Bemis Station, Watertown, Massachusetts, as designer, and there remained until his advent to Bennington, Vermont, in 1891. In Bennington he took a position as superintendent of the Holden Leonard Mills, which, one year earlier, in 1890, had been purchased by John S. Holden and Charles Leonard. Until 1913 he continued in the capacity of superintendent, and in that year he became the company's agent, a position which he held continuously for the rest of his life. Mr. Carver's training in textiles and the problems of the mills was of an eminently practical sort, and his knowledge of details of mill operation and thorough understanding of the industry, together with his happy faculty of inspiring the coöperation, respect and affection of his employees, made certain his success and popularity. At all times he was the friend, advisor and confidant of those who were in his employ, and upon more than one occasion he helped them to solve knotty problems which, but for his advice and aid, might have caused considerable difficulty in their lives.

Eager to take part in public affairs and to do everything in his power for the advancement of his community and his fellowmen, Mr. Carver was affiliated with different organizations which long have been important to the life of Bennington. He was a constant attendant of the Congregational church and a great student of the Bible. He held important town offices from time to time, having been village trustee, a member of the school board and a member of the Board of Water Commissioners. He was a director of the Bennington County National Bank and a member of the Bennington Club. Into all of these varied activities he threw the full weight of his enthusiasm, as into the textile industry itself, and in this way came to be a leader in town affairs. One whose opinions on questions of the day were highly valued, he was frequently called upon to help the town officials to adjust some difficult matter that required expert attention.

He married Lena R. Batchelder, at Watertown,



Massachusetts, and their children were: 1. Dorothy Bliss, born at Bennington, January 27, 1893; she became the wife of John Kendrick Stafford, who is an electrical engineer of the General Electric Company, in Pittsfield, Massachusetts; and they have a child, Virginia Carver Stafford, born July 18, 1925. 2. Martha Dean, born at Bennington June 3, 1894, now living at home in this place. 3. Florence Roxanna Carver, born at Bennington August 29, 1895; she became the wife of Chauncey R. Mann, who is physical training supervisor of the schools of Troy, New York; they have a son, Frank Carver Mann, born September 29, 1922. 4. Frances Evelyn Carver, born December 4, 1901, at Bennington; she became the wife of Morgan F. Kreiss, of Troy, New York. 5. Elizabeth, born at Bennington, April 27, 1908, attending New England Designing School, Boston, Massachusetts. 6. Charles Herbert Carver, born at Bennington November 3, 1912, died in infancy.

The death of Frank Bliss Carver, the father of this family, occurred on December 27, 1919, and was a cause of widespread sorrow in Bennington and its environs, and wherever he was known. His acquaintance was wide throughout this State and elsewhere, and in his passing the town of Bennington suffered an especial loss, for his contribution to it had been an enormous one. Known for his charitable attitude toward his fellowmen and for the essential kindness and goodwill that emanated from his being, Mr. Carver had a faith in life and in men that was perhaps as well expressed as could be in a poem by James Russell Lowell, selected from that author's "Under the Old Rim" and read at the funeral services for Mr. Carver by the Rev. George Sherman Mills. This poem expresses in beautiful language the meaning of a certain type of living as it appeared to the poet:

The longer on this earth we live  
And weigh the various qualities of men,  
Seeing how most are fugitive,  
Or fitful gifts, at best, of now and then,  
The more we feel the high stern-featured beauty  
Of plain devotedness to duty,  
Steadfast and still, nor paid with mortal praise,  
But finding amplest recompense  
For life's ungarlanded expense  
In work done squarely and unwasted days.

His was the true enthusiasm that burns long,  
Domestically bright,  
Fed from itself and shy of human sight,  
The hidden force that makes a lifetime strong,  
And not the short-lived fuel of a song.

Modest, yet firm as Nature's self; unblamed  
Save by men his nobler temper shamed;  
Never seduced through show of present good  
By other than unsettling lights to steer  
New-trimmed in Heaven, nor than his steadfast mood  
More steadfast, far from rashness as from fear;  
Rigid, but with himself first, grasping still  
In swerveless poise the wave-beat helm of will;  
Quiet completeness, life without a fall  
From faith or highest aims, truth's breachless wall,  
Surely if any fame can bear the touch,  
His will say "here" at the trumpet's call,  
The unexpressive man whose life expressed so much.

**ELMER E. ROY**—After several years of retirement from active business life Elmer E. Roy in 1921 returned to the lumber business, on a small scale, as owner of an electric portable sawmill. Poor health made it necessary, back about 1918, that he sell his share of the Roy manufacturing business at Barnet, Vermont, but a few years of rest and recuperation placed him on his feet again, and he is now keeping from six to eight men employed. His mill is on Concord Avenue, in St. Johnsbury, and his long experience in the lumber business enables him to operate this business without too much tax upon his strength. Mr. Roy has been engaged in the lumber business during the greater part of his life, and the Roy concern, of which Mr. Roy

sold his share, is the largest manufacturer of croquet sets in the world.

The Roy family is of Scotch descent, and the branch to which Mr. Roy belongs traces back to Alexander Roy, great-grandfather of Elmer E., who settled in Barnet, Vermont, about 1775, and who is the ancestor of all of the Roy name in Barnet and vicinity. Alexander Roy, father of Mr. Roy, was born in Barnet, Vermont, and received his education in the public schools there. When he was twenty-one years of age he engaged in the mill business for himself and for many years followed successfully that line of business. During the later years of his active life, however, he was engaged in farming, and both he and his wife were highly respected among their associates. He married Eliza Gates, also a native of Barnet, Vermont, but of English and Scotch ancestry, and their children were educated in the local schools.

Elmer E. Roy, son of Alexander and Eliza (Gates) Roy, was born in Barnet, Vermont, March 7, 1864, and after attending the public schools of Barnet continued his studies in Peacham Academy, which he attended only during the winter months, working on his father's farm in the summer. When school days were over he remained with his father on the farm for two years and then "hired out" to various mills in the vicinity of Barnet, as a board sawyer. After having gained sufficient experience in the mill business, to which he had been more or less accustomed from early boyhood, he and his brother, John G. Roy, established a mill business of their own at Barnet. Later, as circumstances warranted, they became interested in the manufacture of bobbins and of other turned products, including croquet sets, and built up this business very successfully, their output of the last mentioned product increasing to such proportions that at the present time (1928) the Roy factory is known as the largest producer of croquet sets in the world. The business was established in 1888, and for thirty years Mr. Roy gave his whole energy and attention to the development of its interests. By 1918, however, his health was showing the effects of the strain, and he sold his interest in the big concern to Daniel W. Fulford. He then removed to St. Johnsbury, Vermont, where, until 1921, he lived retired. Rest and freedom from responsibility had the desired effect, and in 1921 he decided to return to active life, but to limit his activities to such proportions as would enable him to keep the gain he had made so far as his health was concerned. He therefore purchased an electric portable sawmill, which he operates with the help of from six to eight employees, and has established a successful mill business on Concord Avenue, in St. Johnsbury. The supervision of this business gives him enough responsibility to keep him busy without excessive strain on his delicate health, and he is quite happy in his new enterprise.

In politics, Mr. Roy believes that a man's vote should be concerned with the fitness of the candidate for office, rather than with party considerations, and he classes himself as an independent voter. He has never been an office seeker, but neither has he refused to share the burdens of public office, and for four years he served as a member of the board of selectmen of Barnet. He has always been deeply interested in local civic affairs and a warm supporter of all movements for the betterment of the village. He is a member of the St. Johnsbury Chamber of Commerce and is well known in this neighborhood. He and his family are members of the Methodist church, which he served as a member of the board of trustees, and both he and his wife are active in the general work of the church.

Elmer E. Roy is married to Louise Clement, who was born in New York State, daughter of John and



Amanda (Traver) Clement, and they have one daughter, Dorothy, who is a graduate of St. Johnsbury Academy and of Mt. Holyoke College, and is now (1928) a teacher in the school at McIndoes, Springfield, Vermont.

**H. GAYLORD FOOTE**—A capable and energetic member of the profession of optometry is H. Gaylord Foote who has chosen Brattleboro as his field of endeavor and has become a welcome addition to the city. He was born in Canaan, Connecticut, August 3, 1902, a son of Dr. J. Harvey Foote, who now practices dentistry in Brattleboro, but who is Massachusetts born, and Sarah Phelps (Gaylord) Foote, who was born in Connecticut. Mr. Foote has given a great deal of time to his training for his work with practical and theoretical. After his preliminary schooling, which was in the public schools of Burlington through the high school grade, he went to the Massachusetts College of Optometry, graduating from there in 1922. Immediately after taking his degree of Doctor of Optometry, he went to Worcester and into the firm of J. C. Freeman and Company, leading optometrists of Worcester; then to Burlington, having three years practical experience with the O. F. Prentiss Optical Company and then to New York City where he was associated with Dr. LeRoy Ryer and Dr. E. E. Hoatling in their optical practice. He remained there for three years and then came to Brattleboro to go into business for himself. While at College, Mr. Foote became a member of the Pi Omicron Sigma fraternity and he belongs to the Vermont State Optical Society and the American Optometric Association. Mr. Foote is a Republican in political thought and attends the Congregational church.

On June 27, 1928, H. Gaylord Foote married Charlena Thomas, of Brattleboro.

**FRANK D. WHITE** was born April 6, 1863, at Londonderry, Vermont, son of Denison Moses and Aurora (Davis) White. His preliminary education was obtained in the public schools of Rutland, followed by matriculation at Vermont Academy, and, after completing the course of this institution, he entered Brown University, and was graduated in 1887 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. At this time he entered Albany Law School, whence he was graduated in 1890 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

Previous to this, however, in 1872, he came to Rutland and became, in 1890, city court clerk. It was in 1890 that he was admitted to the bar and from 1890-92 he was a reporter in the State Legislature. This experience proved of value to him a short time later, for in 1894 he was elected State Senator. In 1898 the voters of his district chose him as one of the Presidential electors. During 1900 Mr. White was school commissioner and member of the House of Representatives. He has specialized in corporation law, and in this department of the law has been very successful. As a natural consequence of his practice, he has become closely allied with various industries in an official capacity. These enterprises include the Holmes Iron Works of Rutland, of which he is president and a director. He is also a director of the Lincoln Iron Works, the Colonial Marble Corporation, and treasurer and director of the Bardwell Hotel, of Rutland. He is a member of various branches of the Masonic Order; a member of the local chapter, Knights of Pythias; the Rutland Country Club, and Brown University Club of New York City.

Frank D. White married, in 1900, at Rutland, Frances Edgerton Woodfin, daughter of John N. and Caroline (Fisher) Woodfin. Mr. and Mrs. White reside in

Rutland, where they enjoy the companionship of a large number of friends.

**JAMES ALFRED MERRILL**—More than forty years ago a young lawyer came to Rutland and set himself up in the practice of his profession. He was industrious, untiring, alert to opportunity, faithful to trust and developed his mind as he progressed in his work. Success attended James Alfred Merrill, who today holds a place of conspicuous importance in the legal ranks of Vermont and counts his friends by his hundreds of acquaintances, for he has won a large circle and held them tenaciously. He has been called to public office of honor and distinction and has filled it with credit to himself and satisfaction of the electorate, a citizen of reputable character and engaging personality and of distinct value to the State of Vermont.

James A. Merrill was born in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, February 21, 1863, a son of George A., who served as president of the Howe Scale Company of Rutland and is superintendent of the Rutland Railroad, and began his educational work in the Rutland public schools, afterward attending Exeter Academy in New Hampshire and then Yale University, from which he was graduated in 1885. Three years later, he was admitted to the bar and at once began practice in Rutland, maintaining it ever since. From 1895 to 1899 he was city judge.

**VAN NESS I. PATNODE**—As agents for the Ford and Lincoln motor cars and the Fordson tractor, the V. I. Patnode Company, of Bristol, Vermont, enjoys one of the most enviable businesses to be found in this part of the State. In addition to the agency, the company has the largest automobile sales and service station in Bristol—such is its claim at the time of writing this history (1928)—and handles all sorts of automobile supplies and accessories. Since 1924 this company has been operating under its present name, Van Ness I. Patnode having severed his previous connection in that year and having gone into partnership with Ralph W. Shedrick.

Mr. Patnode, who has been engaged in this type of work for many years, was born in Troy, New York, July 24, 1888, son of James M. and Ida L. (Devens) Patnode, his father, a carpenter, a native of Putnam, Vermont, and his mother, now deceased, a native of Poughkeepsie, New York. Van Ness I. Patnode received his early education in the public schools of Sand Lake, New York, and then worked in the textile industry for eight years. Then, for two years, he was engaged in structural iron work, for five years was with the electric railways in the city of Troy, and in 1910 came to Brandon, Vermont, where for three years he was in the teaming business. It was in 1913 that he first entered the business which now occupies his attention—the automobile trade—having become, in that year, associated with the firm of Williams and Stokes. In 1914 he was made a member of the firm, whereupon the name was changed to Stokes and Company, a partnership which lasted until 1924. In 1917 the business was removed from Brandon to Bristol, and in 1924 Mr. Patnode purchased Mr. Stokes's interest, so that the firm came to be known as the V. I. Patnode Company. It was at that time that Ralph W. Shedrick was admitted to the business as a partner, and since that time the company has remained in the hands of Mr. Patnode and Mr. Shedrick.

In addition to his work with the V. I. Patnode Company, Mr. Patnode is active in the affairs of Bristol and the surrounding community. He has strong fraternal connections, being a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he belongs to the Lebanon



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Lodge, No. 47, of which he is Past Master, and to all Scottish Rite bodies, Orion Grotto, and Cairo Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also holds memberships in the Bristol Recreation Club; the Bristol Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a past president; the N. H. Munstell Hose Company, of which he is chief; the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce, of which he was formerly vice-president; and the Vermont Automobile Club. He is keenly interested in civic and political developments of his community, being prominently identified with the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he regularly supports. His hobbies are hunting and fishing. Mr. Patnode's religious faith is that of the Protestant Episcopal church.

In 1913 Van Ness I. Patnode married Caroline M. Fowler, a native of Benson, Vermont. By this marriage there have been two children, Ralph M. and Frances W.

**PHILIP MAX MILLER PHELPS** was born June 12, 1886, at Fair Haven, son of Erastus Hibbard and Mary (Miller) Phelps. The father practiced law in Fair Haven, from 1872-75, thence entering the First National Bank of Fair Haven as a cashier. The Phelps family has long been prominent in this section and the younger Mr. Phelps has in his possession the original muster roll of the company which was recruited here for service in the War of 1812. It is of interest to note that this document was written by Mr. Phelps's great-grandfather on his mother's side, William Miller, captain of the company, and among the signatures of volunteers appears the name of Private Elnathan Phelps, his great-grandfather.

Philip M. M. Phelps attended Cushing Academy, Ashburnham, Massachusetts, being graduated therefrom in 1907. In 1908, he matriculated at Chicago Law School, remaining one year. The following year he entered Albany Law School where he graduated in 1910 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Since coming to Fair Haven, in 1910, he has followed general practice successfully and has given much time to public work. Mr. Phelps was elected to the State Legislature, from 1915-19, and was State's attorney for Rutland County in 1919-21. He holds membership in the Society of the Sons of the Revolution and attends the Congregational church. Among his fraternal affiliations are the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Knights of Pythias, and Union Chapter Delta Chi, at Albany.

Mr. Phelps married, July 22, 1913, at Foxboro, Massachusetts, Alice Gertrude Starkey, a native of Foxboro, and daughter of Augustus Thomas and Emily (Black) Starkey. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps have one daughter: Hazel, born August 31, 1918, now attending school in Fair Haven.

**WILLIAM INMAN REED**—Tender recollection of William Inman Reed is borne in the hearts of hundreds, in Vermont and North Carolina. In the former State he attained to manhood and experienced his initial business enterprises; in the latter he came into full flower of his business direction, and was a figure of prominence industrially and financially. But it is in Vermont that his memory is cherished most, for here he left behind the friends of his early life, friends of a lifetime well employed in service to mankind.

William Inman Reed was born at Crown Point, New York, May 6, 1881, son of Henry and Clara (Patridge) Reed. He secured part of his elementary academic instruction in the schools of his native place, and in 1893, the year of his father's death, came with other members of the family to the city of Burlington. Here he reentered school, completed the grades, and graduated

from Burlington High School in 1900, with markings indicative of scholastic excellence. Having done with his preparation, he began at once a career of business, first as employee in the Howard National Bank, of Burlington, and following upon a considerable training in this banking institution, accepted a more advantageous position with H. M. Pool, of Buffalo, where he worked three years. At the conclusion of this period he went to North Carolina, and it was then that his undertakings began to assume large dimensions. By innate talent and training he filled large positions, and he became manager of the Montgomery Lumber Company, with offices in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. This enterprise was a great one. Under Mr. Reed's able direction it flourished to still greater scope, and prospered almost to the limit of direct possibility. Had his years been more numerous, it is safe to assume that the destinies of the Montgomery Lumber Company would have been still more auspicious; but such was not to be. Mr. Reed early attained to prominence in affairs of Rocky Mount. He was an outstanding figure in general affairs, and was president of the Child Welfare Board of Nash County. He was very active in church matters, a liberal donor to causes of charity and constructive effort directed toward advancement of the community, county and State as units and as a whole, interested himself in the Boy Scout movement as patron, benefactor and friend of the boys of Tar Heel Council; belonged with distinction to the Rotary Club, in the works of which he was a devotedly active member; and fraternally held identity with Orchard Park (New York) Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Lodge of Perfection; the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Council, Royal and Select Masters; the Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Sudan Temple, of Newbern, North Carolina, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. For a period Mr. Reed lived at Spring Hope, North Carolina, and of that community served as mayor, an office which he filled admirably, giving the municipality an administration marked for its efficiency and accomplishment along lines of business administration ably executed.

William Inman Reed married, December 30, 1907, Ruth Johannott, daughter of Fred and Harriett (Glover) Johannott, of Burlington, her father being a widely known manufacturer of leather. Of this union were born children: Frederick Johannott, William Inman, Jr., and Jean. Mrs. Reed survives her husband, and now (1929) makes her residence in Burlington, where she has many friends of long standing.

It was on December 21, 1925, that William Inman Reed died, at Spring Hope, North Carolina, following an illness the grave consequences of which were foreseen by those near him. Services were held at Rocky Mount, North Carolina, the Rev. F. N. Chraighill, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, in charge, assisted by the Rev. Frank Dean, Episcopal minister, of Wilmington, North Carolina. Interment was in Burlington. Tributes were many, one of which, from Robert B. Davis, president of the Rocky Mount Rotary Club, is here given in part:

The only standard by which he can be measured is that of a true fine Christian gentleman. His high sense of honor, his particularity in matters of duty, his warm generous nature seemed to me to blend the finer qualities of the sturdy New Englander with the chivalry and tenderness of our own dear Southland. His home was his castle. In it abounded excellence and gladness. . . . To his wife he was all devotion; to his children he was father, fellow, friend. In his church he was both well-spring and main-spring. His business career was marked by strictest fidelity to every trust. With friends, he both gave and received the best that was in him and them. In matters affecting community life and in all affairs of government, he did more than one man's share, and did it well.



Passage of years will scarce dim the memory which friends bear of William Inman Reed. His life was successful in its fulness, in its generosity, and in its good exerted on mankind generally.

**JAMES DRUMMOND TANNER, M. D.**—A man of extensive contacts with men and women in the world of affairs, widely traveled, and possessed of rare mental qualities and intellectual attainments, Dr. James Drummond Tanner was, nevertheless, modest and retiring, with a gentle and loving disposition that made him beloved by family and friends alike. The problems of humanity constituted his chief interest, and, sympathetic and understanding, he managed to so temper his pity with intelligent commonsense that many people were aided to right the tumbled wreckage of their lives through paying heed to his sane and kindly advice.

Dr. Tanner was born in Waupun, Dodge County, Wisconsin, February 4, 1860, the son of Lyman and Mary (Forrest) Tanner. The mother, who was born in New York City, was of pure Scotch ancestry, and Lyman Tanner's father, James Dunbar Tanner, had a Scotch mother, Mary Dunbar, born in Aberdeen. The family had come to Wisconsin from Chenango Forks, New York, about 1845, but returned to the East to make their home in Burlington, Vermont, when the subject of this sketch was still a boy. Dr. Tanner was graduated from the Burlington High School, and enrolled in the Medical College of the University of Vermont, where he received his Doctor of Medicine degree with the class of 1891. He began the practice of medicine in Winooski and continued there until he became the private physician of the late Henry Wells. In this capacity he was both proficient and well-beloved, and was credited with having prolonged the life of Mr. Wells for at least fifteen years after his patient had first commenced suffering severe heart attacks. With Mr. and Mrs. Wells, and accompanied by his own wife and little daughter, Dr. Tanner traveled year after year through Europe, Asia and Africa. In his travels he met many noted and distinguished people, many of whom he was called upon to attend. When, later, Mr. Wells took up winter residence in Miami, Florida, Dr. Tanner frequently was asked to consult with southern physicians since he was the only doctor for miles around who was able to diagnose scarlet fever, pneumonia, erysipelas and other diseases practitioners of Florida had had little experience with. For such services he made no charges, but was often presented with expensive and rare honoraria. Dr. Tanner retired from medical practice following the death of Mr. Wells in 1911.

For years, Dr. Tanner was a communicant in St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church in Burlington, serving faithfully for two terms as church treasurer and for many years as a vestryman. For five years he was a member of the board of trustees of the Vermont Episcopal Institute, and was sent as a delegate to the General Convention at New Orleans in 1925. A man of high integrity and ability, Dr. Tanner also gave freely of his time to conducting the affairs of the Burlington Humane Society in which he was deeply interested, serving as president of the organization for many years.

Dr. Tanner was one of the leading Elks of New England. He was a Past Exalted Ruler of Burlington Lodge, No. 916, where his counsel was always sought and where for years he worked untiringly to build up the lodge. It was due largely to Dr. Tanner's efforts that Burlington Lodge secured its beautiful new home. In tribute to his accomplishments in behalf of the order, the Elks of Vermont elected him District Deputy Past Exalted Ruler in 1925 and 1926. His other fra-

ternal affiliations included Washington Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Burlington Chapter, No. 3, Royal Arch Masons; Burlington Council, No. 5, Royal and Select Masters; Burlington Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar; Haswell Lodge of Perfection; J. W. Roby Council, Princes of Jerusalem; Delta Chapter Rose Croix; the Vermont Consistory, thirty-second degree; Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was also a member of the Ethan Allen Club, and of the Phi Chi Fraternity. He was held in high esteem by business men of Burlington, and had acted as one of the incorporators of the Winooski Savings Bank, as well as being a director of the Burlington Building and Loan Association.

Dr. Tanner married Helen A. Cole, daughter of Ormond Cole, founder and for many years president of the Winooski Savings Bank. To this union was born one daughter, Mary Cole Tanner, who became the wife of Harrison A. Cooke, of Burlington.

Dr. James Drummond Tanner died May 17, 1928, his death marking the passing of an exceptionally upright and public-spirited citizen. He was devoted to his family, and expended his fine talents and personality freely in the service of his friends as well, and he will long be acutely missed in the community that constituted the warp and woof of his life's pattern. Serene and poised in his outlook on life, he helped many a troubled mind to acceptance of a workable philosophy; efficient in the handling of details and able to secure the coöperation and loyalty of other men, he brought order out of chaos frequently in organization matters that so constantly interested him; a skilled physician and heart-specialist, he made a definite contribution in the relief he administered to actual human sufferings.

**LESLIE A. ROGERS**—A leading factor in the prosperity of Vermont has been the great demand for dairy products and the consequent centralization of plants for the efficient operation of this industry. Occupying a valued position in this branch of modern business, Leslie A. Rogers is manager of the H. P. Hood Creamery at St. Albans and is one of the younger men of this community, who has achieved an important place in the commercial affairs of this city. Mr. Rogers has been connected with his present concern ever since starting upon his business career, and he worked his way up by his ability and energy until in 1923 he was made manager in recognition of his valuable service.

Mr. Rogers was born in Newport, in 1898, son of Frank and Ada (Bennett) Rogers, his father, who is still living, having also been born in Newport, and his mother, who is deceased, a native of England. Frank Rogers is now connected with the Fairbanks Scale Company at their St. Johnsbury plant.

Leslie A. Rogers was educated in the public schools of Vermont and after high school, entered the employ of the H. P. Hood Creamery, in 1917. He applied himself diligently to his work and learned all its various details, interested and willing at all times to do more than was expected of him. His pleasant manner and thorough knowledge of the plant and its operation won him various promotions until in 1923, he was honored by being appointed manager of this plant and, in this capacity, he has since continued to direct its affairs with outstanding success. The original plant was built in 1905 by the Van Camp Packing Company and operated by that concern until 1915, when the H. P. Hood Company purchased the establishment. Twenty-four men are employed to handle the work of this splendid, modern and efficient creamery and condensery. A private railroad siding provides prompt service for outgoing materials, their average shipment of sweet-







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ened condensed milk being one carload a day. The plant has a capacity of 170,000 pounds of milk per day, while all cream which is separated from milk is shipped to the city markets. In local activities, Mr. Rogers is a popular figure, being a staunch supporter of the principles of the Republican party and a valued member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Leslie A. Rogers married, in November, 1927, Thelma Phelps, of Milton.

**WILLIAM PLATTNER**—As town manager of Brattleboro, Vermont, William Plattner devotes to service in the public interest the same fine knowledge and ability which won him wide reputation throughout New England as an engineer and public utilities expert. Though educated to the law and maintaining a connection with this field as a member of the Massachusetts State Legislature, Mr. Plattner has been engaged in engineering work, through almost all of his active business career filling many responsible positions and discharging many important tasks with the greatest efficiency. His services as town manager at Brattleboro have proved of the greatest value in giving the community a thoroughly honest, capable, and business-like administration.

Mr. Plattner was born on June 14, 1883, at Bluffton, Ohio, a son of Henry Plattner, born in California, and now deceased, and of Emma E. (Hauenstein) Plattner, born at Paulding Center, Ohio. His father was a member of the generation of '49ers in the West and was widely known as a large cattle raiser.

William Plattner attended the public schools of his birthplace and was graduated from Bluffton High School. Later he attended Bluffton College and spent two years in the Illinois College of Law. When he completed his academic training, Mr. Plattner took up engineering work in the employ of the General Electric Company at Chicago, with whom he remained for a year and a half, after which he worked for the Chicago Edison Company for about one year. At the end of this time he became connected with the Northwestern Elevated Railroad as foreman in the railroad shops, continuing in this position for approximately eighteen months. Upon his resignation he became superintendent of the board of public works for the city of Bluffton, Ohio, and from 1906 to 1908 devoted his time and attention to the duties of this position. Finally he came to New England and for a period of ten years, from 1908 until 1918, he was manager of the electric light and waterworks at North Attleboro, Massachusetts.

In 1917, in addition to holding this position, Mr. Plattner became manager of the Taunton Municipal Electric Light Company, at Taunton, Massachusetts, where he remained for a number of years. During all this period not only was he giving the fullest satisfaction in serving the communities whose official representative he was, but he was also engaged in private engineering work of considerable magnitude and importance, especially in the difficult field of appraisal and valuation, and of rate regulation. Under Mayor James H. Kay of Fall River, he worked on the question of the Fall River Gas Works rate, while he was also connected with the appraisal and valuation of the Rockland, Massachusetts, Electric Light Company. In the town of Milford, Massachusetts, Mr. Plattner was retained as an expert to assist in fixing gas service rates, and appraising and evaluating the local electric light company, as well as determining the rates to which it was entitled. He also took under consideration the question of street lighting at Milford, and the question of the appraisal and valuation of the Milford Water Works. Mr. Plattner also worked on the service rates at Westfield, Massachusetts, in connection with the Municipal Light and Power Company of that place, and he was employed by the Spencer Gas Company to

undertake investigations of gas and electric light service and to determine a fair charge on these commodities. His work on valuations and appraisals at South Hadley Falls, Massachusetts, was taken before the Supreme Court of the State between 1914 and 1924, and his findings were confirmed by that body.

Mr. Plattner was retained as special engineer by the Holyoke Water Power Company, of Holyoke, Massachusetts, and following the conclusion of this service was engaged by the City of Leominster in the same State to work on appraisal of the Worcester Consolidated Street Railway Company. During this period also he did special engineering work for C. D. Parker and Company, bankers, of Boston, Massachusetts. Finally, in 1924, he was appointed town manager of Mansfield, Massachusetts, and the manner in which he solved all the difficult problems connected with the functioning of the town government attracted wide-spread attention and brought him extensive reputation throughout all New England. For a period of four years he continued in this capacity, resigning in 1928 to take over the position of town manager at Brattleboro, Vermont, in which he has since remained. At Brattleboro, he has initiated and put into effective execution many progressive policies which have resulted in great savings to the community and an increase in the efficiency of all the machinery of government. The universal commendation for his efforts shows the high esteem in which he is held by Brattleboro residents, both personally and as a skilled municipal executive.

Politically Mr. Plattner supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party, and as the standard bearer of this party, he was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1918 from the First Bristol District. He served as a member of this body until 1922, and during this period of four years was a member of the following important legislative committees: The Power and Light Committee, of which he was chairman, and the Committee on Constitutional Law on both of which he rendered extremely valuable service to the State as a whole. In addition, in 1919, he was elected electric light, water, and sinking fund commissioner for the town of North Attleboro, Massachusetts, serving in this position until the year 1925.

In an extremely busy life Mr. Plattner has still found time to be interested in every worthy civic movement for the growth and progress of the communities in which he has made his home, contributing liberally to their work as well as to the work of many benevolent enterprises. He is past president of the North Attleboro Chamber of Commerce, in Massachusetts, and of the Congregational Men's Club of Mansfield, as well as past chairman of the program committee of the Mansfield Rotary Club, having taken a prominent part in the work of all these organizations. He is a member of the International City Managers' Association, the Brattleboro Country Club, the Sheriff and Police Officers Association of America, and past president of the North Attleboro, Massachusetts, Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Plattner is affiliated fraternally with Bluffton Lodge, No. 432, of the Free and Accepted Masons, at Bluffton, Ohio, and in this great order is also a charter member of Rabbani Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, at North Attleboro; Bristol Commandery, No. 29, Knights Templar, at Attleboro; and Aleppo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of North Attleboro Lodge, No. 1011, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Much of his leisure time, Mr. Plattner devotes to automobiling and baseball, which may be considered his hobbies, while with his family he worships in the faith of the Episcopal church.

On April 22, 1911, William Plattner married Bertha Sheldon Byram, who was born at North Attleboro, Massachusetts. Of this marriage there are three children: Dorothy Sheldon, William Byram, and Elizabeth Anne.



**JOHN W. RYAN**—One of the outstanding men in the municipal government affairs of Vergennes, John W. Ryan has twice served this city in the office of mayor, while in other branches of civic administration he has ever occupied a prominent place. Mr. Ryan has been a resident of Vergennes since 1892 and has always been deeply interested in its advancement and development since that time. He is one of this city's leading business men, being a partner in the firm of J. W. and D. E. Ryan, which conducts a thriving trade in hardware and plumbing and heating contracting.

Mr. Ryan was born in Orwell, October 22, 1874, son of John and Katherine (Green) Ryan, his father having been born in County Limerick, Ireland, and his mother, now deceased, was also born in that section of Ireland. John Ryan has been actively engaged in agricultural work for many years and is a respected member of his community.

John W. Ryan was educated in the public schools of Orwell, and upon the completion of his formal education, came to Vergennes where he became connected with the plumbing, heating and hardware business of Robert Hudson. From 1892 until 1909, he remained with the Hudson organization and obtained a splendid foundation and expert knowledge of the working details of this type of trade. In 1909, Mr. Ryan and his brother, David E. Ryan (see accompanying sketch), formed a partnership and purchased the business from Robert Hudson, continuing it since that time under the firm name of J. W. and D. E. Ryan. They have built this enterprise up into one of the foremost establishments of its kind in this section of Vermont, having acquired a large, substantial patronage by their willingness to serve and their readiness to oblige. All work done under their supervision is of the highest type, while all accessories and materials used in their activities or sold to retail customers are guaranteed as to quality and dependability. They have established a splendid reputation throughout this vicinity by reason of their policy of courtesy and service. In public affairs, Mr. Ryan has always maintained the most sincere, constructive interest. He served eight years as alderman of Vergennes, and was town auditor for four years. Since 1920, he has served as a member of the Vergennes District School Board, while for two years he was honored by election to the city's highest office, the chair of mayor. During his administrations as chief executive, he worked earnestly for the good of his community, accomplishing much of value in municipal operation and working at all times with a view to future requirements. His fraternal affiliation is with the Catholic Order of Foresters, while in politics, he is an active member of the Republican party. He is a member of the Vergennes Chamber of Commerce, of which he is past president; the Vergennes Country Club; and the New England Hardware Dealers Association. His religious adherence is given to St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church. His hobby is automobiling in which he finds great pleasure.

John W. Ryan married, in 1911, Margaret Valina, who was born in Canton, New York, and their children are: Ralph W., Margaret T., Walter J., Charles F., Alice L., Frances E., and Lawrence H., who is deceased.

**DAVID E. RYAN**, of Vergennes, is one of the leading business men of this section of the State, being partner in the well-known firm of J. W. and D. E. Ryan, which is the foremost plumbing, heating and hardware concern of this vicinity, and the only enterprise of its kind in this city. Mr. Ryan first came to Vergennes in 1909 when he took over the present establishment in connection with his brother, John W. Ryan (see accompanying sketch). He has since taken a

valuable part in municipal affairs, having occupied the mayoralty chair for two years, while he has held other important civic offices, in all of which he has always labored for the best interests of his city and the welfare of its people.

Mr. Ryan was born in Orwell, October 14, 1883, son of John and Katherine (Green) Ryan, both of whom were born in County Limerick, Ireland, his mother being now deceased. John Ryan has been active all his life in farming pursuits and is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of his community.

David E. Ryan was educated in the public schools of Orwell and after completing his formal education, became associated with the creamery business in Orwell and remained in this activity for seven years. In 1909, he came to Vergennes and became associated with his brother in the purchase of the hardware, plumbing and heating establishment of Robert Hudson, with which his brother, John W. Ryan, had been connected for some years. Forming the concern of J. W. and D. E. Ryan at that time, they have continued to conduct this business along lines which have brought them steady, consistent success and increased trade. They operate one of the largest organizations of its kind in this part of Vermont and the only plumbing and heating enterprise in this city. Mr. Ryan is a valued member of the Vergennes Chamber of Commerce while in his fraternal affiliations, he is a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters. Politically, he is an adherent of the Republican party and exerts a prominent influence in local affairs. He served for three years as lister of this city, and two years in the capacity of alderman, while for two years he was mayor of Vergennes and gave to this city an administration which fostered municipal progress and secured many advantages for the community in the way of civic advancement and development. He was an exemplary head of the city government and truly deserved the unqualified support and loyalty which he received from the entire populace. He attends St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church.

David E. Ryan married, in 1907, Laura Aunchman, who was born in Shoreham, and their children are: Thomas F., Katherine F., Robert J., David L., Edward W., and Raymond F.

**HENRY CRAIN TINKHAM, M. D.**—For more than four decades his native State and more particularly its largest city, Burlington, were the scene of the late Dr. Tinkham's successful professional activities as a physician and surgeon. Throughout his entire career he was intimately associated with the School of Medicine of the University of Vermont, his own *alma mater*, and as the result of his unusually long service as a teacher and as dean of the Department of Medicine his influence on the development of medical education in Vermont has been of very great importance. He was especially highly regarded as an anatomist and for many years was also prominently active in hospital work.

Henry Crain Tinkham was born at Brownington, Orleans County, December 7, 1856, a son of Samuel Stone and Clarissa (Richmond) Tinkham. He prepared for college in the public schools of his native town and at Derby Academy. He then took up the study of medicine at the University of Vermont, Burlington, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1883. In the same year he established himself in practice as a physician and surgeon in Burlington, in which he continued with much success until his death in 1925. Immediately after graduating from the University of Vermont, he became a member of its medical faculty. At first he was for



a number of years a demonstrator of anatomy. In 1895 he was made adjunct professor of anatomy and in 1910 professor of clinical surgery and applied anatomy. From 1899 until his death he was dean of the University's School of Medicine and in this position left his impress on hundreds of young Vermonters, who came to the State University to study medicine. For many years he was attending surgeon at the Mary Fletcher Hospital, and consulting surgeon of the Fanny Allen and the De Goesbriand hospitals. He was a member of the American College of Surgeons, the American Medical Association, the New England Surgical Society, the Burlington Clinical Society, and the Vermont State Medical Society, of which latter he served at one time as president. For eight years he was a member of the Board of Education of the Public Schools of Burlington and for seven of these eight years its president. He was also a member of Champlain Lodge, No. 2, Knights of Pythias, and of the Ethan Allen Club of Burlington. His religious affiliations were with the College Street Church. During the World War, he was a member of the District Board for the State of Vermont by appointment of President Wilson, of the Selective Service System.

Dr. Tinkham married (first) Clara E. Day, of Coventry, Orleans County, who died September 4, 1896. He married (second) Elizabeth A. Richmond, of Burlington, who survives him and who has continued to make her home since her husband's death in Burlington at No. 46 North Winooski Avenue.

Dr. Tinkham died at his home in Burlington, December 6, 1925. His death removed one of the leading surgeons and physicians of Vermont, and was felt as a distinct loss by that State's medical profession. Especially was he missed by his associates on the faculty of the University of Vermont, the Medical School of which institution he had directed so ably as its dean for more than a quarter of a century. Having possessed not only an exceptionally wide knowledge and experience in his field, but also to a remarkable degree the ability to impart his knowledge to others, he will long be remembered gratefully by the large number of medical students whom he taught and in whom he instilled his own high principles of useful and unselfish service.

**CHARLES P. TULLEY**—In the public school system of Vermont, Middlebury is ably represented by Charles P. Tulley, principal of the high school of this city. Mr. Tulley was appointed to his present responsible position in 1928, having previously been an instructor in this high school for one year. He was one of the outstanding members of the teaching faculty and since acceding to the principalship has demonstrated his great ability as an executive as well as educator.

Mr. Tulley was born in Cornwall, February 8, 1895, son of Charles P. Tulley, who was born in Plattsburgh, New York, and Anna (Kiely) Tulley, who was born in Limerick, Ireland. Charles P. Tulley, Sr., is active in agricultural pursuits and operates an extensive farm at Cornwall.

Charles P. Tulley was educated in the public schools of Cornwall and the Middlebury High School. For a time, he gave his attention to farming, but deciding to enter the educational profession, he entered St. Michael's High School in 1922 and graduated with the class of 1923. From there, he proceeded to St. Michael's College, graduating from that institution with the class of 1926, receiving his degree of Bachelor of Philosophy, after which he took a post-graduate course at Middlebury College, from which he received the degree of Master of Arts with the class of 1927. Mr. Tulley then accepted an offer to teach in the Middlebury

High School and proved such a capable, efficient instructor that in 1928 he was promoted to his present office as principal of this city's high school. He has received the fullest cooperation from both teachers and pupils and has brought the affairs of this school to a new level of achievement. Modern and progressive in all his methods, he realizes the great necessity for adequate training for students in their formative years to prepare them for their places as the future citizens of this country. In civic affairs, Mr. Tulley is sincerely and constructively interested, and gives his support to all municipal projects and worthwhile movements. He is a member of the American Legion and of the Vermont State Teachers' Association. In politics, he is a member of the Republican party. His religious adherence is given to St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. During the World War, Mr. Tulley was a soldier in the service of the United States, being attached to the Mechanical School at Potsdam, New York, for a short time during the war. His hobby is sports and he acts as coach of athletics in the Middlebury High School.

**HERMAN WILLIAM VAUGHAN**—Rutland, Vermont, has no more enthusiastic or interested citizen than Herman William Vaughan, and since Mr. Vaughan is a successful business man of long experience and marked ability his efforts are directed by practical common sense and he is eminently successful. Mr. Vaughan came to Rutland more than a half century ago, and when, after forty years of active service in the business of the Hollingsworth and Whitney paper manufacturing company he returned to Rutland, Vermont, where he has built a beautiful home and where he had been spending his summers, he at once gave attention to public service of various kinds in Rutland. Indeed, his interest in the public welfare has extended to important State work, and for two years he served as president of the Rutland, Vermont, Chamber of Commerce. In 1922 he founded the Rutland Sash and Door Company, of which he is president, though he leaves the greater part of the responsibility of the business to his son-in-law, Wallace Myers Kirby.

Herman William Vaughan was born in Fort Ann, Washington County, New York, September 17, 1857, son of Julius Clinton and Sarah Augusta (Stevens) Vaughan, and a descendant of John Vaughan, who came to this country in the early Colonial days and settled in Newport, Rhode Island. He attended the public schools and academy in the town of his birth, and in 1873, when he was fifteen years of age, came to Rutland, Vermont, and secured a position as clerk in the hardware store of A. C. Bates and Son. There he remained for a period of four years, after which he became associated with Hollingsworth and Whitney, in their Boston office.

In 1881 he was sent to the New York City offices of the firm, and so well did he serve the interests of his employers there that in 1892 he was placed in charge of the New York business. Hollingsworth and Whitney Company are paper manufacturers, and thirty years Mr. Vaughan remained in charge of their New York business. In 1920 a slight break-down of health caused him to seek release from active management of the business, but since that time he has retained his interest as a member of the board of directors of the company. Some years earlier Mr. Vaughan had built a beautiful summer home in Rutland, Vermont, known as "Linden Terrace," and upon his withdrawal from the active management of the company's interests in New York City he returned to Rutland, where he has since been actively interested in all that pertains to the



welfare of the city and of the State of Vermont. In a business way, he also maintained an interest here by founding the Rutland Sash and Door Company, in 1922, of which he is president, but the active responsibility of its management he leaves largely to his son-in-law. He served as president of the Rutland Chamber of Commerce for a period of two years and also as a member of the board of directors of the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce for two years, and such was the general confidence in his ability and his integrity that Governor Proctor appointed him a member of the Lake Champlain Bridge Commission. At the end of one year of service in this capacity, however, Mr. Vaughan decided that the preliminary work which could be done to advantage by a layman had been completed and that from that time on a technician could render more satisfactory service. Another matter in which Mr. Vaughan is greatly interested is the matter of a testimonial to the memory of Paul P. Harris, founder of Rotary International, who is a cousin of Mr. Vaughan's wife. Paul Harris spent the greater portion of his early life in Wallingford, Vermont, and it is in that town that Mr. Vaughan is anxious to establish the testimonial. It is probable that the memorial will eventually be the building in Wallingford, which was erected in 1818 by James Rustin, great-grandfather of Paul Harris. In local government, in civic affairs, in business interests, and in the general moral and economic betterment of the city and of the State, Mr. Vaughan evinces the keenest interest, and his return to Rutland was a decided gain to the city. He is a member of the board of directors of the Central National Bank, where his extended business experience is proving to be of value. Mr. Vaughan is a member of the Union League Club of New York City, and of the Crescent Athletic Club of Brooklyn, New York, and he is an interested member of the Rutland Rotary Club, and Rutland Country Club, also a member of the Sons of American Revolution. His great-great-grandfather fought with the Green Mountain Boys in the war of the American Revolution. His religious interests are with the Tompkins Avenue Congregational Church of Brooklyn, New York, and the Congregational church in Rutland, Vermont, in the work of which he has taken an active part for many years, serving on the board of trustees, board of deacons and as chairman of the music committees. He is also a member of board of governors of the Mead Community House.

Herman William Vaughan was married, in Rutland, Vermont, November 12, 1884, to Mary E. Fox, daughter of Dr. George H. and Pamela (Harris) Fox. Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan have two daughters: 1. Mattie Fox Vaughan, born March 15, 1887; married Dr. Walter Wilson Griffin, of New York, a nose, throat and ear specialist, they have three sons, Herman Vaughan Griffin, Walter Wilson Griffin, Jr., and Theodore Harrison Griffin. 2. Wilmah Vaughan, born February 3, 1889; married Wallace Myers Kirby, of Brooklyn, New York, now vice-president and general manager of the Rutland Sash and Door Company, Rutland, Vermont. They have one daughter, Sybil Vaughan Kirby, born December 31, 1924. Mr. Vaughan has his executive offices at No. 127 Strong's Avenue, and makes his home on Grove Street, where he built his home known as "Linden Terrace."

**ARTHUR W. NORTON**—Mayor for two years of the city of Vergennes, Arthur W. Norton has held many other positions of public trust, and in discharging the duties of all of them he has displayed unusual good judgment and discretion. Furthermore, he is a business man who stands high in the esteem of his associates, for he has made an outstanding success of the grain

business founded by his father, which he has continued to conduct.

Mr. Norton was born at Shelburne, May 8, 1867, the son of Nathaniel G. and Lucretia (Sutton) Norton, the latter's death occurring in 1875. Both parents were natives of Shelburne, and the father, who was a grain dealer practically all of his life, started his business there in 1860, removing it to Vergennes in 1868 where he continued to be actively engaged in it until his death in 1899.

The son, Arthur W. Norton, attended the public schools and after his graduation from high school became associated with his father in the grain business. In 1890 he became a member of the firm, the name of which was changed to N. G. Norton & Sons. Following the death of the elder Norton the name of the concern was changed in 1900 to E. G. and A. W. Norton, which it remained until 1913 when E. G. Norton died. Since that time A. W. Norton has been the sole proprietor. His business success has given him financial position that has made it natural for him to enter the banking field and Mr. Norton is president of the National Bank of Vergennes. With Republican political affiliations, he has always played an active part in the affairs of his party and the community at large. Several terms he has served as alderman and for two years was mayor of the city, while in 1926 he was elected town representative. Mr. Norton's name is an important one on the rolls of the Vergennes Chamber of Commerce, he holds membership in the New England Grain Dealers' Association, and is fraternally affiliated with Pierpont Lodge, No. 37, Knights of Pythias, of which he is Past Chancellor. Of no small importance among the various public services he has rendered to his townspeople are the twelve years of membership upon the school commission. A deacon in the Congregational church, he is an earnest supporter of the work of that group.

Mr. Norton married L. Augusta Hindes of Burlington in 1893. They have three sons: 1. Donald H., served with the United States Expeditionary Forces in France as a second lieutenant, now a captain in the United States Reserve Corps. 2. Ralph G., served in the United States Navy during the World War as radio operator on a submarine. 3. Spencer E.

**KENNETH A. MEADE**—From his fourteenth year until his death Kenneth A. Meade was a faithful employee of the Western Union Telegraph Company, his genial disposition and likable, sincere personality making for the company as many friends as they did for their owner. For to Mr. Meade his work was an integral part of his existence, a part to be handled conscientiously and philosophically and to which he gave generously of his fine enthusiasm and industry. Of sterling moral caliber, Mr. Meade possessed a host of friends who admired him for his strict adherence to the principles of right as he interpreted them. Nevertheless, there was nothing of rigid intolerance and bigotry in his attitude toward others, for he recognized the right of each individual to govern his own life as he saw fit, and with regard to the shortcomings of others he was understanding and sympathetic.

Mr. Meade was born in Burlington, January 16, 1891, the son of Fred and Ida (McConnell) Meade. He attended the public schools there in his early youth but, the death of his father occurring when the son was only fourteen years of age, he was forced thus early to begin his own support. He secured a position as messenger boy with the Western Union Telegraph Company, devoting himself so conscientiously to his work that promotions soon came to him. In 1910, Mr. Meade went as an operator to St. Albans, where he located permanently, playing an active part in community life. As a







*J. H. Murphy*

member of the St. Albans Chamber of Commerce he was known to the business men of the town as a public-spirited citizen who could always be depended upon to do everything in his power to further causes looking toward civic betterment. In 1926 Mr. Meade succeeded C. L. Bingham as manager of the St. Albans local office and in that capacity he rendered excellent service.

Mr. Meade married, on October 2, 1924, Bertha Lavreau, daughter of Joseph and Clara Lavreau.

Mr. Meade's sudden death on September 2, 1928, came as a shock to his many friends who mourned not only that they had been deprived of the opportunity of association with so estimable a man, but also that the community had lost an extraordinarily useful and desirable citizen.

**RAMIE C. MARTIN**—The commercial activities of the town of Bristol have an energetic and progressive representative in Ramie C. Martin, proprietor of a builders' supplies business, the only one in the community devoted to those lines. In addition to having attained the name of a foremost merchant, he is a leader in the civic life of the town, having held at different times a number of official positions, notably those of school board member and town trustee.

Born in Grand Isle, Vermont, December 1, 1878, Ramie C. Martin is the son of Meader and Katharine (Duba) Martin, both parents deceased; the father, a native of the Province of Quebec, Canada, was connected with the Bristol Manufacturing Company until his death, while the mother had lived in Grand Isle from the time of her birth. The family having removed to Bristol, the son, Ramie, received his education in the grade and high schools of that town. He made an early entry in business life by taking employment in a local grocery. Here he worked ten years, and then became a traveling salesman, pursuing that occupation for two years.

Mr. Martin manifested his enterprising nature when, in 1907, he launched out in his own business in Bristol, establishing a store and yards in which he carries paints, oils, varnishes, shingles and roofing papers, among other things, in a complete line of builders' supplies. He has the field to himself, and as a wise and farseeing merchant, he is cultivating it in accord with modern methods. A large and desirable following in proportion to the size of the community served has helped him to attain a goodly measure of success.

As a member of the Republican party, Mr. Martin has been a source of strength to his organization on more than one occasion, and is still looked upon as a valued worker. Four years of service on the school board gave him opportunity to perform appreciated and constructive work for the local educational system. A similar length of term in the office of trustee of the town resulted in marked benefit to the municipal interests of Bristol as they came within his jurisdiction. He is a former vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce, of whose activities he is an earnest supporter. A member of the N. H. Munstell Hose Company, he served as its foreman for six years. He was one of the organizers of the Bristol Recreation Club, and its first president. His religious preference is the Roman Catholic faith, and he is an attendant of St. Ambrose's Church at Bristol. Fishing and hunting are his chief sporting recreations.

Ramie C. Martin married, in 1908, Luella F. Atkins, who was born in Lincoln, Vermont. They have an attractive home in Bristol, where hospitality reigns.

**FRED W. LEBEAU**—As proprietor and owner of the only restaurant in Vergennes, Fred W. LeBeau is well known to every resident of the city, but he has to his credit many years of successful occupancy of sev-

eral of the most important public offices the local government affords that have won for him the high esteem as well as the friendship of the entire citizenry. He is also a veteran of the World War and member of Vergennes Post, No. 14, American Legion, as well as member of a number of fraternal orders. Probably no man in the entire city is better known and liked than he.

Mr. LeBeau is a native of "the smallest city in the world," having been born in Vergennes July 16, 1887, the son of John LeBeau of Vergennes and Hattie (Lavaru) LeBeau, native of New Haven, Vermont. After his school days were over the subject of this sketch was employed on a yacht on Lake Champlain until 1908 when, with the savings from his earnings, he established the restaurant which he has since continued to operate. Mr. LeBeau is affiliated with many organizations. He is a director on the board of the Vergennes Country Club and a member of the Vergennes Chamber of Commerce, while he is fraternally affiliated with Burlington Lodge, No. 916, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Burlington Council, Knights of Columbus; and the Modern Woodmen of America, of which he is a member of the Council. Active in behalf of the Republican party, Mr. LeBeau is chairman of the town committee and has been delegate to several State conventions. On the Republican ticket he was elected mayor of the city and served in that important office for three years, serving, in all, eight years upon the Vergennes Board of Aldermen. Since 1913 he has served as deputy sheriff of Addison County. Mr. LeBeau enlisted in the United States Army December 1, 1917, and was assigned to the 4th Regiment of Heavy Artillery, 76th Division, being stationed at Fort Constitution until his discharge January 1, 1918. Mr. LeBeau ardently pursues outdoor sports of all kinds, hunting being his favorite pastime. With his wife he is a communicant in St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church.

On January 17, 1905, Mr. LeBeau married Katherine Ringer of Vergennes.

**THOMAS H. MURPHY**—Perseverance, industry and an unconquerable optimism carried from a position as a small tradesman in Burlington to a conspicuously successful hotel proprietor and amusement director Thomas H. Murphy, who was a native of the city and spent his life here. He was a man of estimable character, irreproachable in his code of business and social honor, devout in his religious attachments, and sincere in his fraternal affiliations. He had a fine conception of the duties of citizenship and carried out his part in the civic progress with full consideration for the welfare of the community as a whole, rather than for the prosperity of any individual. He worked hard and effectively and left a name that is written high on the honor rolls of the State of Vermont.

Mr. Murphy was born in Burlington, February 13, 1860, a son of Patrick and Anna (Hogan) Murphy. He received his education in the public and parochial schools, after which he entered the service of the Whiting brush factory, where he remained for ten years. With a small capital he invested in a cigar store and conducted it until 1893, when opportunity afforded him the purchase of the old Rowe Hotel. He bought, changed its name to the New Sherwood, remodelled it and successfully conducted it to prosperity. With capital at his command he built a theatre, named it "The World in Motion," and found still greater success his reward. He was a devout member of the congregation of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, and in his political faith a Democrat. He belonged to the old American Order of Foresters; to Champlain Lodge, No. 7, Knights of Pythias; Champlain Aerie, No. 793, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and Plattsburg Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order



of Elks. His death occurred in Burlington, January 4, 1917.

Thomas H. Murphy married, in 1889, Mary A. Barnard, daughter of Joseph G. and Julia (Cyr) Barnard, of Johnson, Vermont.

Mr. Murphy was the happy possessor of a most attractive personality and counted his friends by the circle of his acquaintances. Whether catering to the public in amusements or comfort of the individual he had the faculty of pleasing, while a ready humor and a convivial nature made him a popular companion and an esteemed citizen, whose work added greatly to the contentment of the people, while his passing was a real calamity to a large circle.

**EDWARD STEVEN LANE, M. D.**—The medical fraternity of Vermont is fortunate in having within it so able an exponent as Edward S. Lane, M. D., well known physician and surgeon, of Bristol. Dr. Lane enjoys high standing in his large and desirable practice and in the associational bodies of the profession as well.

Born in Jericho, Vermont, October 1, 1866, Dr. Edward S. Lane is the son of Edgar H. and Ellen M. (Pierce) Lane, both parents natives of Jericho and now deceased, the father having been a merchant until the time of his death. The son, Edward, attended the common schools at Jericho, then entered the Burlington High School, whence he went to Vermont Academy at Saxtons River, where he took his college preparatory course. He was graduated from the medical department of the University of Vermont in the class of 1893 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. His internship of one year was served at the Boston (Massachusetts) City Hospital.

Dr. Lane entered practice of medicine and surgery at North Ferrisburg, in 1894, and in 1896 he removed to Bridgewater, where he remained ten years approximately, growing in favor with the community and rendering an appreciated service to a desirable body of patients. In 1905 he returned to practice in North Ferrisburg and thus was engaged among the people of his earliest choice for some eighteen years, to the mutual benefit of physician and people. Dr. Lane became an important factor in the municipal government of North Ferrisburg, and served the town as its health officer for twelve years.

In 1923, Dr. Lane transferred his interests to the town of Bristol, where he has ever since met with cumulative success, having been cordially received by the inhabitants, to whom he ministers with his wonted skill and devotion. In testimony of his standing among his peers in the profession he has been elected to membership in the Vermont State Medical Society, the Addison County Medical Society and to the staff of Porter Hospital. Dr. Lane has enthusiastically taken his place in the community life of Bristol, and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. In politics he is a Republican. During the World War he rendered a fine service as a member of the Medical Advisory Board. He is affiliated with Washington Lodge, No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons; the Modern Woodmen of America, and Phi Chi (medical) Fraternity. He is an attendant of the Congregational church at Bristol.

Dr. Edward S. Lane married (first), in 1894, Iola A. Mallory, who died in 1914, survived by three children: 1. Mabel E. 2. Edward H., who served with the rank of sergeant in the United States Army during the World War. 3. Grace M. Dr. Lane married (second), in 1919, Gertrude Doe, who was born in Waltham, Massachusetts.

**HARRY CLARENCE HERRICK**—One of the oldest merchants, in point of time in which he has been in business in the place, of Vergennes, the smallest community in the world to be regulated by a city form

of government, Harry Clarence Herrick, clothier, furnisher and shoe dealer, is a figure of significance not only among his business associates but throughout the entire vicinity where he is known to a wide circle of people as a result of his activities in connection with a number of organizations, and his varied range of interests.

Mr. Herrick was born at Milton, February 29, 1868, the son of Edgar E. Herrick, a veteran of the Civil War in which conflict he attained the rank of lieutenant, and Sarah (Tyler) Herrick, a native of Westford. The father had been born at Milton and there engaged in farming. His son was educated in the public schools of Underhill and took a course at the Eastman Business College. He came to Vergennes where, for four years, he was employed at the Vermont State Industrial School then, in 1894, launched into the business world upon his own account with the opening of his clothing, furnishings and shoe store in Vergennes which he has ever since continued to operate. Politically Republican, Mr. Herrick interests himself in local civic affairs, and is affiliated with Dorchester Lodge, No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and with Pierpont Lodge, No. 37, Knights of Pythias, being a Past Chancellor of the latter. He is a member of the Congregational church and a leader in the affairs of that body, for he has been for some time a church trustee. Outside his business and community activities Mr. Herrick is chiefly interested in history and, pursuing the subject as a private hobby, has become a student of some attainment. A logical correlative of this study is the collection of antiques and Mr. Herrick is an authority on many phases of the field.

In 1895, Mr. Herrick married Nellie Carol Bristol, of Vergennes.

**ARTHUR B. KILBOURN**—Carrying a complete line of hay, grain, feed and flours, the A. B. Kilbourn Company is one of the foremost business enterprises of its kind in Bristol, Vermont, where it has existed under its present name since 1900. In that year Arthur B. Kilbourn, its proprietor, bought his former partner's interest in the firm, and began to conduct the business for himself. A native of this State and a man of sound practical ability, he has readily won the esteem of all who know him and has come to be regarded as a leader in the affairs of Bristol.

Mr. Kilbourn was born at Whiting, Vermont, on November 24, 1864, son of John R. and Helen A. (Barlow) Kilbourn. His father, who was born at Orwell, Vermont, was engaged as a farmer until his death, and was a veteran of the Civil War, having served in that conflict with the 1st Regiment of Vermont Volunteers; he was also a member of the Bristol Post of the Grand Army of the Republic. Helen A. (Barlow) Kilbourn, who was born at Bristol, Vermont, is now deceased. Arthur B. Kilbourn, of whom this is a record, received his early education in the public schools of Bristol, and when he completed his formal schooling began to work at farming. In this occupation he continued until 1890, when he took a position with the Bristol Manufacturing Company, with which he remained for three years, after which he worked for four years on the Bristol Railroad. It was in 1896 that he became associated with E. W. Smith in the firm of Smith and Kilbourn, dealers in hay, grain, flour and feed. This partnership lasted until 1900, when Mr. Kilbourn bought the interests of Mr. Smith. Since that time he has been sole proprietor, dealing extensively in these products and his is one of the outstanding organizations of its kind in this part of the State.

Mr. Kilbourn, in addition to his activities with this company, is identified with a number of fraternal and organizational enterprises in Bristol. He is a member



of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he belongs to the Lebanus Lodge, No. 47. He also belongs to the Brotherhood of Railroad Firemen, the New England Grain Dealers' Association, the Bristol Chamber of Commerce and the Bristol Recreation Club. In his political views he is identified with the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he regularly supports. Mr. Kilbourn also is a man of wide cultural training, and is much interested in antiques, especially of the early Colonial period. His religious faith is that of the Protestant church.

In 1891, Arthur B. Kilbourn married Mary Emma Le Rocque, a native of New Haven Mills, Vermont. His children are: 1. John A. 2. Francis L., who served with the United States Army during the World War, having been with the American Expeditionary Forces for nine and one-half months in France, with the 302d Field Artillery; he also saw service in the Saint Mihiel Sector. 3. George L., graduated from the University of Pennsylvania; now a dental surgeon in Newburgh, New York.

**THERON S. GREGORY**—Among the newer businesses in Middlebury, one of the most outstandingly successful is the Gregory & Johnson Garage which, established by Theron S. Gregory in 1926, has rapidly come to the fore as a leading concern of its kind in Addison County. Mr. Gregory has been in business in Middlebury since 1922 and enjoys the highest esteem of his business associates and the public that gives him patronage.

Mr. Gregory was born in New Haven, Vermont, October 22, 1893, the son of Thomas C. Gregory, a native of New York State, who was a traveling salesman throughout his life, and Theresa Amelia (Sturtevant) Gregory, who was born in New Haven. Theron S. Gregory attended the grade schools of his birthplace, Middlebury High School, Eastman Business College, and then went to the Bliss Electrical School in Washington, District of Columbia. Upon his graduation from this institution in 1917 he took a position with the Diehl Electric Company of Elizabeth, New Jersey, where he remained only a short time, leaving to become associated with the Colonial Power Company. After one year in this connection Mr. Gregory went to Quincy, Massachusetts, to become associated with the Submarine Boat Company. Here he remained for two and one-half years, leaving in 1922 to come to Middlebury and establish his own battery and electrical repair shop. After a year and a half in this work Mr. Gregory determined to enter the automobile business and associated himself with the J. R. Cartwell Garage in Middlebury. In 1926 he established his own garage, and the following year entered a partnership with Frank A. Johnson (see following biography). And as the Gregory & Johnson Garage, the concern has since been known. In addition to conducting an agency for Chandler Motor cars, Durant automobiles and Larabee trucks, the garage does general repair work and electrical welding, washes cars and carries a full line of accessories and provides storage. Providing the only electrical welding service in Addison County, the Gregory & Johnson Garage is also one of the largest in the county.

Mr. Gregory enlisted in the United States Army in May, 1918, and served as a private until his discharge in December of the same year. He therefore takes an active interest in the work of the Middlebury American Legion. He is a Mason of attainments, belonging to Hiram Lodge, No. 9, Free and Accepted Masons; Potter Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Middlebury Council, Royal and Select Masters; Calvary Commandery, Knights Templar. In addition to the Middlebury Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Gregory belongs also to the Vermont

State Chamber of Commerce. He is of the Baptist faith, and serves his church in the capacity of auditor. His political convictions make him vote Republican, ordinarily, although in local elections Mr. Gregory is prone to consider the caliber of the man rather than his party affiliations. Owning a motor boat, he spends most of his leisure hours in it.

Theron S. Gregory married, in 1923, Bertha Priem, born at Ripton.

**FRANK A. JOHNSON** is one of the best known members of the Masonic Order in his part of the State for he belongs to all the Scottish Rite bodies, including the Vermont Consistory. Becoming a partner in the Gregory & Johnson Garage business in Middlebury in 1927, Mr. Johnson has had much to do with that concern's rapid growth, for to the business he has given a tireless energy, and consistently displayed good judgment and cool-headed decisiveness.

Mr. Johnson was born in Monroe, New York, December 17, 1885. His father was Andrew Johnson, farmer and lumberman and native of Connecticut, and his mother, before her marriage, had been Ida Potter, born at Queensbury, New York. After completing the high school course offered in Saratoga Springs, New York, Mr. Johnson worked for four years in the dairy and lumber businesses. He then formed a partnership with his brother to operate a sawmill, in which connection he remained until 1917 when he bought out his brother's interests and for two years had sole proprietorship. During this period he managed a taxi service as a side line for two years. The year 1919 saw Mr. Johnson become a member of the A. Johnson Lumber Company in which he did business until 1923 when he became a millwright for his brother. He was in this work until he formed the partnership with Theron S. Gregory. (See preceding sketch of Theron S. Gregory for details about Gregory & Johnson Garage).

Mr. Johnson is affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 2, Free and Accepted Masons; Potter Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Middlebury Council, Royal and Select Masters; Mt. Calvary Commandery, Knights Templar; Orion Grotto, and all the Scottish Rite bodies. He is a member of both the Middlebury Chamber of Commerce and the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Johnson is Republican in his political leanings. He is a fisherman who makes of the sport a science, and fishing constitutes his chief recreation.

Mr. Johnson married Cora C. Cleveland, of Saratoga, New York, in 1908. To this union were born two children: Doris K. and Earl.

**JOHN B. BRYANT**—As a manufacturer of lock-cornered boxes in Middlebury, Vermont, John B. Bryant has held for years an important place in the business life of this town, where he is sole owner and proprietor of one of the largest manufacturing enterprises of this part of Vermont. At the same time he is active in the civic and political affairs of his community, and is highly esteemed by his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Bryant was born at Weston, Vermont, on March 23, 1866, son of John T. and Nancy M. (Baldwin) Bryant. His father was born at Cavendish, Vermont, and here was engaged for many years until his death in the lumber mill business; and his mother, a native of Weston, Vermont, is now deceased.

John B. Bryant received his early education in the public schools of Weston, his birthplace, and later studied at the Waterford Academy, of Waterford, Pennsylvania. Upon completing his academic work, he went into the wringer factory at Erie, Pennsylvania, where he was employed for two years, and then came to Weston, Vermont, where he went into business for himself as a manufac-



turer of toy novelties. In this work he continued until 1904, when he removed to East Middlebury and started to manufacture lock-cornered boxes. In the manufacture of these he continued from that time onward to the present day, winning the esteem and respect of his fellow-men and establishing himself firmly in the business life of this community. Here he today employs a number of men, and contributes not a little to the prosperity of his city and vicinity.

Busy as he is with the business duties involved in the conduct of this business, Mr. Bryant is active in the affairs of his town. He is a member of the Sarah Partridge Community House and also of the Associated Industries of the State of Vermont. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, in which his affiliation is with the West River Lodge. His political alignment is with the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he staunchly supports. His religious faith is that of the Universalist church, which he regularly attends. His summer home is in Weston, Vermont, and in addition to the time that he spends there Mr. Bryant devotes much of his time to travel.

On October 30, 1900, John B. Bryant married Maud Woods, a native of Danby, Vermont.

**SOLOMON B. AINES**—Today the owner of the largest variety shop in Middlebury, Vermont, Solomon B. Aines started in business as a clerk, and, growing with the business with which he was associated as time went on, established a store of his own in 1922. Since that time he has been one of the leading business men of Middlebury, and a man whose type of work is quite distinctive in this part of Vermont.

Mr. Aines was born at Salisbury, Vermont, on May 20, 1870, son of Zeb and Virginia (La Fare) Aines; the father, who was engaged in farming all his life, having been, as was the mother, a native of the Province of Quebec, Canada. Both of his parents are now deceased. Solomon B. Aines, of whom this is a record, received his early education in the public schools of Salisbury, Vermont, his birthplace, and also those of Middlebury, as well as in the Middlebury High School. He then went to Missouri, where he worked for a year as a telegraph operator. At the end of that period he returned to Middlebury, where he entered the employ of the G. E. Marshall Variety Shop. With this store he remained over a long period, from 1889 to 1922. In the latter year he went into the variety store business for himself, establishing his own place of business and making plans for building up one of the biggest and most unusual enterprises of its kind in this community. His store carries a complete line of china, wall paper, paints, stationery and silverware, and in the life of Middlebury fills a very distinct place of usefulness. Mr. Aines is a man who is well liked and whose acquaintance is wide, with the result that in the years in which he has been engaged in business independently his work has been hailed by those who have watched it closely as an enterprise which is destined to become one of the most important of its kind in the State.

Mr. Aines has at all times taken part to a considerable extent in the affairs of his community. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he belongs to Union Lodge No. 2; and also is prominent in the activities of the Middlebury Grange and the Middlebury Chamber of Commerce. In his political views he is a staunch Republican, and constantly supports the principles and candidates of his party. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal church, which he attends regularly and of which he is a trustee and steward, as well as chairman of the music committee. His favorite hobbies are gardening and flowers.

In 1894, Solomon B. Aines married Gratia Deane, a native of Elmore, Vermont. They have become the

parents of the following children: Pauline Beatrice, and Philip Deane.

**EDWARD T. BRADLEY**—Connected for many years with different important business enterprises of Swanton, Franklin County, in an executive capacity, Mr. Bradley is considered one of the leading, most successful and most substantial business men of that part of Vermont. He has also always taken an active and very effective part in the civic, fraternal, religious and social life of the community, where he enjoys to an unusual degree the respect and confidence of his fellow-citizens, who at various times have honored him by election to important and responsible positions.

Edward T. Bradley was born at Richmond, Chittenden County, July 28, 1860, a son of Thomas N. and Mary E. (Sartwell) Bradley. His father, who was a mechanic, was born in Essex, Chittenden County, and died in 1875, while his mother was a native of Swanton, and died in 1917. Mr. Bradley received his education in the public schools. He began his business career as a clerk in the hardware store at Swanton. After having acquired there a very thorough knowledge of that business, he established himself at Swanton in the same line under the firm name, Blake & Bradley. This undertaking met with much success, largely attributable to Mr. Bradley's energy and ability, and later was incorporated as the Wead Hardware Company, of which he became the treasurer. In 1898 he sold his interest in this company and accepted the position of salesman of the Robin Hood Ammunition Company, and later as sales manager. In this capacity he proved his ability, and later was elected general manager of the company, an office which he continued to fill very successfully until the business was sold to the Remington Arms Company, one of the leading firms in that field anywhere in the world. At that time Mr. Bradley, together with several other influential business men of Franklin County, organized the International Explosive Company, in the management of which he was prominently active until 1918, when the plant of the company was destroyed by an explosion. By that time he had made for himself such a high reputation in the ammunition industry that he was called upon to become manager of the fuse and explosive department of a similar plant located at Eddystone, Pennsylvania, a position which at that time, when the World War was in its most critical period, was of the highest importance and which he filled with great success until the end of the war. When, with the coming of peace, his services in that particular field were no longer required, he returned to Swanton, where he has been connected since then with various important business enterprises. Today he is president and treasurer of the Swanton Motor Company, owners of the Northern Bus Line, and president and treasurer of the Swanton Amusement Company. He also carries on a large and prosperous general insurance business under the firm name of E. T. Bradley & Company, with offices in the Town Building. For many years, Mr. Bradley has taken an active part in civic affairs. For several terms he has served as a village trustee and as president of this body, and during 1921 he represented Swanton in the Vermont House of Representatives, having been elected on the Republican ticket, of which party he has always been a staunch supporter. He is a member and Past Master of Seventy-six Lodge, No. 14, Free and Accepted Masons. He is also a member of the Swanton Board of Trade, of which he has served as president; the Taquahunga Club, and the Champlain Country Club, of which latter he was one of the incorporators. His religious affiliations are with the Swanton Congregational Church, of the business committee of which he is a member.

Mr. Bradley married, in 1882, Abbie M. Blake, of Swanton. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley are the parents of three children: 1. Ina J., who married A. O. Gates. 2. Mil-



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dred V., who married H. E. Bliss. 3. William H., who married Gladys Wheelock, and who served with the American Expeditionary Forces during the World War with the rank of first lieutenant.

**TRUMAN L. BUTTERFIELD**—Indubitably one of the most influential and far-visioned citizens of Middlebury is Truman L. Butterfield, superintendent of the Middlebury schools since 1926. Educated in the best universities of the East, Mr. Butterfield spent his earlier years as a teacher and school executive in the western part of the United States, with the result that he has comprehensive, first-hand information on the varied aspects of America's educational system, to which reading and study have added knowledge of foreign schools. Thus he has at his command an extensive range of methods from which to choose those best suited to local application. Mr. Butterfield visions the school system and specific education of the young as part of a social process the purpose of which is to secure broader outlooks, higher ideals and finer appreciations for both old and young in the community. Consequently, he interests himself in local organization work and can always be counted upon to lend his aid to projects looking toward civic betterment.

Mr. Butterfield was born at Patten, Maine, July 19, 1886, the son of Albert Butterfield, farmer and lumberman and native of Prentiss, Maine, and Theresa (Richmond) Butterfield, born in Patten. Grade work in the public school was followed, for the subject of this sketch, by years spent at Kent's Hill Seminary in preparation for entrance in Miami University. From this institution he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1915. Later, he took summer school courses at Harvard University and an extended graduate course in Columbia University's School of Education. There followed eleven and one-half years' school work in the West, Mr. Butterfield acting most of that time as superintendent of schools with which he was connected. Early associations drew him back to the East eventually, however, and he came to Middlebury in 1926 in the capacity in which he has since continued. Mr. Butterfield keeps in contact with organization work of school men and is a member of the National Education Association, the New England Superintendents' Association, and the State Teachers' Association. He is a member of the Middlebury Chamber of Commerce and has served efficiently and faithfully as chairman of the Middlebury Chapter of the Red Cross. Mr. Butterfield is Republican in his political leanings, and is fraternally affiliated with Union Lodge, No. 2, Free and Accepted Masons; the Modern Woodmen of America, the Middlebury Grange; the Order of Eastern Star, and Pi Gamma Nu Fraternity. Outdoor life attracts him during his infrequent hours of recreation and Mr. Butterfield is a hunter and fisherman of some attainments. With his family he attends services at the Congregational Church.

Truman L. Butterfield married, in 1918, Florence E. Gates, born in Montgomery Centre, Vermont. Their three children are: Lloyd Gates, Hazel Edna, and Albert Truman.

**ALLAN T. CALHOUN**—In the business life of Vermont, Allan T. Calhoun, of Middlebury, is an outstanding representative of the plumbing, heating and hardware trade, conducting in this city, the largest enterprise of its kind. Mr. Calhoun has been identified with this line of endeavor ever since engaging upon his business career, and with his thorough, expert knowledge and capable personality he has built up a trade which is second to none in this section of the State. The work of his organization has come to signify the finest obtainable, while all materials and accessories handled in his

retail business can be depended upon for their excellence of quality and absolute reliability.

Mr. Calhoun was born in Troy, New York, September 22, 1875, son of Allan Calhoun, born in Paisley, Scotland, who is now deceased, and Lucy Ann (Egan) Calhoun. Allan Calhoun came to the United States and was engaged in the plumbing, heating and hardware business from 1886 until his death in 1926, being the founder of the firm of A. Calhoun and Son, and one of this city's revered and esteemed citizens for four decades.

Allan T. Calhoun was educated in the public schools of Middlebury, and after high school, entered the Albany Business College. Completing his college course, he went to Vergennes in 1897 where he conducted an independent business in plumbing, heating and hardware until 1900. At that time, he returned to Middlebury and entered into active association with his father, and together they operated the firm of A. Calhoun and Son. This partnership was continued with steadily increased success until the elder Mr. Calhoun's death in 1926. Since that time, Mr. Calhoun has directed the affairs of the organization and has built up the business until it is now the largest of this type in Middlebury. His splendid progress and expansion has been due to his continuance of the policies of satisfactory service and dependable materials which were traditions handed down from his father's prosperous operation of the business. Mr. Calhoun has ever taken a constructive interest in all municipal affairs, and is an ardent member of the Democratic party, having served as a member from Addison County to the State Democratic Committee. From 1913 to 1922, he served as postmaster of Middlebury and rendered to this community postal service of the finest and most efficient type. For several years, Mr. Calhoun was a trustee of the village of Middlebury, and in 1924 and 1926 was the Democratic candidate for the United States Congress. His fraternal affiliations are with Union Lodge, No. 2, Free and Accepted Masons; Potter Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Mt. Calvary Commandery, Knights Templar; Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and Orion Grotto, Mystic Order Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm. In civic and social organizations, he is a valued member of the Rotary Club; the Middlebury Fish and Game Club, the Green Mountain Club, the Addison County Agricultural Society, of which latter he is the vice-president; the Middlebury Chamber of Commerce, Vermont State Chamber of Commerce, New England Hardware Dealers' Association, and of the Shipping Board of New England. A factor in the financial life of this community, he is a prominent director of the Addison County Trust Company. His religious adherence is given to the Episcopal church. During the recent World War, Mr. Calhoun rendered valued and distinctive service to the cause of liberty and democracy through his activities as chairman of the Draft Board of Addison County and by his zealous work in behalf of all campaigns for men and funds, Liberty Loans and Red Cross drives.

Allan T. Calhoun married, in 1899, Mary Mabel Jones, who was born in Ottawa, Canada, and their children are: Lucy Isabella, and Clifton Allan.

**JAMES R. CARTMELL**—One of the leaders in the automobile industry in Vermont, James R. Cartmell, of Middlebury, was a pioneer in the sale and distribution of motor cars in this vicinity and is today the oldest dealer in Buick cars in point of service in the entire territory of New England. Mr. Cartmell is a man of great vision and foresight and when the automobile was introduced to a critical generation, he sensed its immense possibilities and decided to devote his interests to its sale. He now acts as representative for several makes of machines, in addition to which he is agent for farm



tractors and machinery and conducts an excellent general repair service and garage.

Mr. Cartmell was born in Eaton, Province of Quebec, Canada, July 24, 1869, son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Kirby) Cartmell, both of whom were born in England and are now deceased. Isaac Cartmell was engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life.

James R. Cartmell was educated in the public schools of Eaton and in Sherbrooke, Canada, attending the Sherbrooke High School. After completing his formal education, he entered the florist business and was associated in greenhouse operation for four years, after which he came to Middlebury to accept the position of engineer and mechanic with the Green Mountain Pulp Company, remaining in that post for ten years. Mr. Cartmell was then promoted to be manager of the entire plant and he directed its active operation for a number of years, purchasing the company outright in 1916 and running it successfully for two years, disposing of the plant to the Horton Power Company. As early as 1905, Mr. Cartmell had been appointed agent for the Buick Motor Car, which agency he has ever since retained. One of the first to realize the value of the motorcar, he held steadfast to his original venture and has met with well merited success in recent years. In 1916, he added the Chevrolet motor car to his agency, and since 1919 has been distributor and representative for the International Harvester Company's products, having a direct influence on agriculture in this vicinity through the sale of tractors, ploughs and harvesting machines. Mr. Cartmell also maintains a general garage and repair shop and specializes particularly in servicing Buick and Chevrolet cars, although all types of automobiles are competently handled. All mechanical work done by his enterprise has the guarantee of first-class workmanship and absolute dependability of all materials used. In the life of this city, Mr. Cartmell has ever exercised a deep and constructive interest, being a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party, while he has served as village trustee for four years. His fraternal affiliations are with Union Lodge, No. 2, Free and Accepted Masons; Potter Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Middlebury Council, Royal and Select Masters; Mt. Calvary Commandery, Knights Templar; Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and Orion Grotto, Mystic Order Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm. He is a valued member of the Middlebury Chamber of Commerce and of the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce. His religious adherence is given to the Episcopal church. His hobbies are fishing and hunting, and he is an enthusiast in all outdoor sports. In military service, he has had five years in the Canadian Militia.

James R. Cartmell married Marion Oldfield, who was born in England, and their children are: Gladys K., Marjorie D., Dorothy, Edith, and Robert J.

**HAROLD E. CASE**—Engaged in the drug business first in Baltimore, Maryland, then in Middlebury, Vermont, Harold E. Case is now sole owner and proprietor of the Park Drug Store, one of the oldest drug store sites in this city, there having been a pharmacy at this location at all times for the last one hundred years. Here he enjoys a large and lucrative business, and is justly esteemed one of the careful and reliable druggists of the community.

Mr. Case was born at Naumburg, New York, on June 20, 1890, son of William C. and Mary (Eldred) Case, both natives of Watertown, New York, where his father was a banker and later was manager of what is known as the Canton Electric Company at Canton. He received his early education in the public and high schools of Canton, New York, and afterward studied at St. Lawrence University, from which he was graduated in the class of 1915 with the degree of Bachelor of

Science. He then worked with the E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company for a short time as a chemist, after which he became identified with the General Chemical Company, with which he remained for several years. He then went into the drug business, which has engaged his attention since that time, starting at Baltimore, Maryland. There he continued until 1925, when, seeking better opportunities for development of his talents as a pharmacist, he came to Middlebury, Vermont, becoming associated with E. A. Frost, with whom he worked until 1927. In that year he purchased the business of his employer, and has since continued it under the name of the Park Drug Store, which is one of the foremost business enterprises in this city and is rapidly gaining still further headway under the able guidance of Mr. Case.

It is perhaps only natural that a man who has taken such a prominent part in the business affairs of Middlebury should become connected with several organizations which are important to the life of this community. He is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce and of the Vermont State Pharmaceutical Association. In his political views he is identified with the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he has consistently supported. He belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is affiliated with the Union Lodge, No. 2, and with the Order of the Eastern Star; also is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. While in college he joined the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, which he still supports by his membership as an alumnus of St. Lawrence University. Mr. Case is an attendant at the Congregational church. His favorite pastime is baseball, and he keeps in constant touch with developments in this great American sport.

Harold E. Case married, in 1920, Agnes Taylor, born at Blue Mountain Lake, New York, and by this marriage there has been one child, Warren E.

**JUDGE FRANK L. FISH**—The late Judge Frank L. Fish, of Vergennes, was one of Vermont's foremost members of the judiciary and one of the most able men who ever sat on the bench in this State. Judge Fish, whose death occurred September 7, 1927, served in both the Superior Court and the Supreme Court of Vermont, having been third associate justice in the latter at the time of his passing. He figured prominently in all public affairs of his community and commonwealth and worked zealously in behalf of the public good and State advancement.

Judge Fish was born in Newfane, September 17, 1863, son of Frederick Appleton and Sarah Moore (Gates) Fish, both of whom are deceased, his father being a native of Athol, Massachusetts, and his mother born in Dummerston. Frederick Appleton Fish was engaged in the wheelwright business all his life. His mother was descended directly from William French, who fought in the Revolutionary War.

Frank L. Fish was educated in the public schools of Newfane, Leland Grey Seminary at Townsend, and the Vermont Academy at Saxtons River. Completing his academic course, he entered the ranks of the educators and taught in the district schools for several terms. He next became principal of the graded schools at South Londonderry, and while thus engaged, began the study of law in the office of Milon Davidson at Newfane. He later studied with Addison E. Cudworth, of Londonderry, and in 1887 became connected with the law office of Judge James M. Tyler, of Brattleboro, remaining there until Mr. Tyler was elevated to the Supreme Court. Mr. Fish later entered the office of Judge Lavant M. Read, of Bellows Falls, and while thus engaged, completed his legal studies, remaining with Judge Read until he was admitted to the bar of Vermont at the general term of the Supreme Court, in October, 1889. During his residence in Bellows Falls and while pursuing his legal







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studies, Mr. Fish acted as Register of Probate for the District of Westminster and also edited the local columns of the Bellows Falls "Times." In January, 1890, Mr. Fish came to Vergennes and opened his office for the practice of his profession, in which he continued for the rest of his life. In public life, he was particularly active and gave the best of his ability to any and every office he held. He was superintendent of the schools of Newfane during 1887-88; city tax collector of Vergennes from 1901 to 1905; State Attorney for Addison County, 1892 to 1900; National bank examiner 1900 to 1908; and served as superintendent of the Vergennes schools for a number of years. In 1908 he represented this district in the State Legislature at Montpelier and was responsible for the attainment of many valuable measures benefiting this section as well as the State at large. In 1912 he was appointed by Governor John A. Mead as sixth Superior Judge, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Alfred A. Hall. On August 20, 1921, Judge Fish was elected first Superior Judge, and on March 31, 1926, was appointed by Governor Franklin S. Billings to be fourth Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. On November 1, 1926, Judge Fish was made third Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, which position he held until he died. In educational and literary circles, he held an honored place, being a trustee of Middlebury College, and was the editor of a book entitled: "Horace Ward Bailey, Vermonter."

In fraternal circles Judge Fish was an active, valued member of Dorchester Lodge, No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Champlain Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Pierpont Lodge, Knights of Pythias. In politics, he was an ardent member of the Republican party. During the recent World War, Judge Fish served as a member of the legal advisory board and was one of the most vigorous, inspiring "four-minute" speakers in the State, traveling all over Addison County in the cause of his country, rendering invaluable aid during the great struggle. With his family he attended the Congregational church.

Judge Frank L. Fish married, in 1892, Mary Lyon, who was born in Waterbury, and their children are: 1. Sarah Katherine. 2. Frederick Lyon, who served in the United States Army during the World War, holding the rank of second lieutenant in the Aviation Corps, and participated in the actual fighting in France as a member of the American Expeditionary Forces. 3. Prudence Hopkins, an instructor in Middlebury College.

**WILLIAM H. FARRELL, JR.**, represents one of Middlebury's well established families, for not only is he a native born son of the town, but so also is his father. As proprietor of the largest men's furnishings business in Addison County, Mr. Farrell is a business man whose reputation has gone far beyond the county lines, and his voice carries weight in determining policies of the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce, of which he is an active member.

Mr. Farrell was born in 1893, the son of William H. Farrell, who was engaged by Middlebury College as custodian. His mother was before her marriage Nellie Worcester, of Cornwall. Mr. Farrell attended the public schools, but at the age of eighteen left school to go into the men's furnishings business with Clayton M. Hanks, of Middlebury. Here he continued from 1911 until 1925, in which latter year Mr. Farrell bought out all interests from Mr. Hanks. He has been sole proprietor of the business since that time, his business acumen developing it to the point where it is one of the leading stores of its kind in the entire territory. Mr. Farrell handles a complete line of men's furnishings and Bostonian shoes, specializing on quality merchandise, which he displays and disposes of by the best modern salesmanship methods. Mr. Farrell is an influential member of the Middlebury

Chamber of Commerce, as well as of the State body, and belongs to Father Daley Council, Knights of Columbus. He is a communicant in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Democratic in his political affiliations, he is chiefly interested in football and baseball as a means of recreation.

Mr. Farrell married, in 1916, Amanda Ferland, of Highgate, and to this union have been born three children: Robert F., Lucile A., and Roderick J.

**GEORGE P. CATLIN**—One of the most important, and certainly the most difficult county offices, is that of sheriff, inasmuch as the incumbent thereof not only is bound to maintain law and order in his jurisdiction, but also must oftentimes pass upon legal points that might prove troublesome to many lawyers. That George P. Catlin is well qualified to fill the rôle of sheriff of Franklin County is readily proven by the fact that he has held this office continuously for more than ten years, and now (1928) undoubtedly has a record that is surpassed by no other sheriff in this State. His career has included merchandising and farming, and previous to his assumption of the duties of sheriff he already had proven his worth in various town offices. Conscientious, honest, and firm in his official conduct, Sheriff Catlin has added to his accomplishments in Franklin County through zealous participation in the many walks of life foreign to his post as chief law enforcement officer.

Mr. Catlin was born October 25, 1870, at Burlington, Vermont, son of M. B. and Lucia B. (Phelps) Catlin, both natives of this State. M. B. Catlin was a farmer throughout his mature life, and a substantial citizen, possessed of many friends.

George P. Catlin received his formal education in the public schools, which was greatly enhanced by a thorough moral training by his parents, and early in manhood was engaged in the conduct of a merchandising establishment at Highgate, Vermont. Later, he was inclined to return to agricultural pursuits, in which his father had spent his life, and operated a farm of one hundred and fifty acres. He was quite successful as a farmer, and eventually purchased this estate. In 1918, however, Mr. Catlin had become so well and favorably known throughout his community, that he was sought by his political party to enter the race for sheriff of Franklin County. His election ensued, and so well pleased were Sheriff Catlin's constituents with his administration that they since have retained him in this responsible office. Each succeeding term has served to further Mr. Catlin's standing in the county, and if his achievements may be used as a gauge, they are all that could be expected of any man. A member of the Republican party, he exercises much influence in the local organization of this political division, and at the same time is a conspicuous figure in other spheres—civic, fraternal, and social. Mr. Catlin belongs to Franklin Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Lodge and Encampment, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having passed through the various chairs of this last-named fraternity. Deeply concerned with St. Albans' growth and progress, he works faithfully in the ranks of the local Chamber of Commerce, while his social affiliations include membership in the Owl Club and the Champlain Country Club. The sheriff and his family are communicants of the Methodist church, and otherwise are respected and popular in St. Albans.

George P. Catlin married, in 1901, Flora A. Marsh of Sheldon, and the children of this union are: 1. Shirley S. 2. Laura A., married Dr. Horton. 3. Guy M. 4. Herbert P., a graduate of Amherst College. 5. Florence E. 6. Esther E. Sheriff Catlin's headquarters are in the County Jail, located in this town.

**JOHN K. DYER**—Carrying a complete line of dry goods, women's ready-to-wear garments, carpets, rugs,



upholstery and curtains, J. K. Dyer is one of the foremost organizations of its kind in Middlebury, Vermont, where John K. Dyer has been its sole owner and proprietor since he took possession of it in 1914. There is scarcely any phase of community activity in which Mr. Dyer does not take part, for, having lived in this State for so many years, he is naturally interested to a great extent in the people and the affairs of Middlebury and the other places of Vermont.

Mr. Dyer was born at Centre White Creek, New York, on March 27, 1873, son of Gardiner I. and Mary Frances (Moseley) Dyer, both of whom were natives of Centre White Creek, New York. There Gardiner I. Dyer was engaged as a farmer, and was also a veteran of the American Civil War, in which he served with the 123d Regiment, Company I, of New York Volunteers; he was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and is now deceased; the mother is also deceased. John K. Dyer received his early education in the public schools and the high school of Cambridge, New York, and subsequently attended Burr and Burton Seminary. After he completed his formal education, he came to Middlebury, Vermont, where he went to work for the firm of Beckwith and Company, in the dry goods business in 1893, remaining with this organization until 1914. In that year he purchased the business, continuing as its sole proprietor ever since under the name of J. K. Dyer. This establishment, which carries dry goods and furnishings of various types described above, is considered one of the leading business enterprises in this part of Vermont, and under Mr. Dyer's able and efficient management it has grown to proportions that its founders did not dream of when they established it many years ago.

In addition to his connection with this company, Mr. Dyer takes a lively part in the public affairs of Middlebury, where he belongs to Union Lodge, No. 2, Free and Accepted Masons, and also to the Chamber of Commerce. His political views are those of the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he staunchly supports. His religious faith is that of the Baptist church, of which he is a trustee. His favorite hobby is golf, and in his spare time he enjoys nothing better than this game, although he is also fond of automobiling.

Mr. Dyer married Josie Galvin, a native of Middlebury, Vermont.

**HENRY WRIGHT CASWELL**—Senior partner and general manager of the Henry W. Caswell Company, automobile repairing, agents for several standard cars, and dealers in accessories and equipment, Henry Wright Caswell has made this enterprise one of the most important at Middlebury, Vermont, and the largest of its kind in the vicinity. Well grounded in general business principles and with a special knowledge of the automobile field acquired through years of experience, his ability has proved a decisive factor in the growth of the company and the establishment of a high grade automobile service at Middlebury.

Mr. Caswell was born at Fort Worth, Texas, on July 7, 1889, a son of Henry C. Caswell, who was born at Middletown Springs, Vermont, and was engaged for many years as a cattle and sheep dealer, and later as a dealer in real estate, and of Mary Ella (Wright) Caswell, who was born at Shoreham, Vermont. The father's death occurred in 1901, while the mother is still living at Middlebury.

Henry Wright Caswell attended the public schools of his birthplace, and then coming north, completed his education at the Middlebury High School, and Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie. Beginning his business career, he became a clerk in a Middlebury Store, and for six years continued in this work in several mercantile establishments of the city. Then for two years he was connected with the J. E. Crane Company,

and finally, in 1914, became associated with W. H. Stokes in the formation of the firm of W. H. Stokes and Company, Ford agents for Addison County. This enterprise was immediately successful, and the partnership continued in existence until the year 1920, when Mr. Caswell purchased the Stokes interest, and carried on the business under its present name, the H. W. Caswell Company, remaining himself as senior partner and general manager ever since. The Caswell Company are agents now in Addison County for the Hudson, Essex, Willys-Knight and Overland Whippet cars, and for Stewart trucks, while they also carry a complete line of all accessories and equipment, and supply a twenty-four hour repair service to automobile users of the vicinity. In short, with the increasing use of the motor car in American life, they have become an enterprise which is second to none in importance in the community.

In addition to his services to this company, Mr. Caswell is a director of the Middlebury Hotel Corporation, and has been chief since 1923 of the Middlebury Fire Department. Always much interested in community affairs, he has supported Democratic principles in politics, but has always aided every worthy movement for progress and advancement, irrespective of its origin. When the United States entered the World War, Mr. Caswell enlisted in the Aviation Corps of the Army, located first at Kelly Field, in Texas, and later at the Air Service Depot on Long Island. After meritorious service he was discharged at the conclusion of hostilities with the rank of sergeant. At Middlebury he is a member of the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce, also holding membership in the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce. He is a member and director of the Middlebury Country Club, while fraternally he is affiliated with the American Legion; the Knights of Pythias; and with Union Lodge, No. 2, of the Free and Accepted Masons. In this latter order he is also a member of Potter Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Middlebury Council, Royal and Select Masters; and Orion Grotto, of the Mystic Order Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm.

Henry Wright Caswell married, in 1919, Ginevra Harlow, who was born at Chester, Vermont, and they are now the parents of several children: John Questus, Richard Harlow, Mary Lillian, and Henry Wright, Jr. With his family, Mr. Caswell worships in the faith of the Congregational church.

**CARL O. FROST**—Believing that one of the first duties of a good citizen is to serve his community in public office as often as need be, Carl O. Frost, who has the longest period of years in the business of any druggist in Middlebury, has served three years as village trustee and was for two years a justice of the peace. A Republican in politics, he has been active in party affairs and was for four years chairman of the Middlebury Republican Town Committee. Mr. Frost is one of Middlebury's substantial citizens who, though having extensive private business interests involving several of the town's most important financial institutions, and with a number of organization responsibilities, still can be depended upon to give his time and attention to matters concerning the public welfare, not only in an advisory capacity, but by actually participating in the work involved.

Mr. Frost was born October 9, 1885, in Bridport, Vermont, the son of Charles H. and Julia (Potter) Frost, she a native of Bouquet, New York. The father had been born in Bridport, near which the farm he operated throughout his life was located. A veteran of the Civil War, during which he served as a member of the Vermont Volunteers, he held membership in the Bridport Grand Army of the Republic.

Mr. Frost attended the grade schools of Bridport and



Middlebury, and the Middlebury High School, then worked in a drug store of Middlebury, learning to be a pharmacist, until 1908. That year he went to Holyoke, Massachusetts, where he was in the express business a year, from whence he removed to Greenfield, Massachusetts, where he was associated for one year with the Greenfield Tap and Die Company. Returning to Middlebury, he was engaged in expressing until 1913, when he established the Frost's Pharmacy, where he has since done business. The date of establishment makes his store the oldest drug concern in Middlebury. Mr. Frost is a director of the Middlebury Savings and Loan Association and serves as a member of the finance committee; he is also a member of the board of directors of the Middlebury Hotel Corporation. He takes an active interest in the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce, to both of which he belongs, and is a member of Rutland Lodge, No. 345, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. With horseback riding and motoring as the chief recreation in which he participates, Mr. Frost is an ardent follower of football, and attends as many games as time will permit.

On November 3, 1908, Mr. Frost married Sedonnie Tennen, of Pittsford, and their one child is Helen T. Frost.

**ERROL C. GORHAM**—Only one other automobile dealer in all New England has handled Nash cars longer than Errol C. Gorham, whose business career in Middlebury began with the establishment of a meat and provision store which still continues as one of that town's most prosperous business houses, and is managed by Mr. Gorham in conjunction with his selling of motor cars. Taking a vital interest in civic affairs, Mr. Gorham served his townspeople as village trustee for three years. In the discharge of duties involved in the public office he displayed the good judgment, the keen insight, and the conscientious industry he devotes to development of his personal business.

Mr. Gorham was born July 22, 1884, at Addison, Vermont, the son of Luther J. Gorham, native of Addison, who bought and sold cattle in the country thereabouts throughout his life. His death occurred in 1924. Mr. Gorham's mother was, before her marriage, Edith MacKenzie, also born in Addison. The subject of this sketch received a grade and high school education in Middlebury, and, immediately after completing his school work, opened his own meat shop, where the business done has steadily increased throughout the years. In 1916, Mr. Gorham sensed a good opportunity in Middlebury for the establishment of a garage and motor sales concern and, hiring additional help in his provision store, he devoted most of his energies for a time to the new business. He handles Nash sales and service exclusively and, in point of service, is the second oldest Nash dealer in New England. Real estate interests Mr. Gorham and he is constantly buying and selling houses and lands.

Politically Republican, Mr. Gorham is an influence not only in his own party but also among people with other affiliations, for his judgment is relied upon in the matter of choosing capable men for local office without undue emphasis upon party. As village trustee, he was instrumental in forming constructive, forward looking policies for the community. Mr. Gorham is a member of the Middlebury Chamber of Commerce; of Rutland Lodge, No. 345, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and of Lake Dunmore Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He attends the Baptist church.

**LUCIA C. HINCKS**—Foremost among Vermont women who have achieved distinction in the business world, Lucia C. Hincks, of Middlebury, is also prominent in this vicinity for her activities in the political and governmental affairs of this town. Miss Hincks has

been associated in an active manner with the insurance business and is agent for various nationally known companies, writing a large volume of all kinds of protective policies, excepting life. She has been connected with public office for a number of years, being active even before the days of woman suffrage, and by her able handling and efficient direction of all matters relating to town management, she has vindicated the modern woman in politics.

Miss Hincks was born in West Rutland, daughter of James J. and Mary (Smith) Hincks, her father having been born in Waterford, Ireland, and her mother also a native of Ireland, both coming to America in their childhood, and dying at Middlebury, Vermont. James J. Hincks was engaged in the marble industry in Vermont for many years, and was one of the highly esteemed residents of this community.

Lucia C. Hincks was educated in the public schools of Proctor, and after high school, entered the Rutland Business College, where she studied the commercial course. Completing her studies, she accepted a position in the office of the town clerk of Middlebury, in 1912, and was identified with the work of that department of civic management until 1927, at which time she was honored by being appointed town clerk of Middlebury, which post she has since filled with great success. Her experience gained in the many years of her association with municipal affairs has proved of immense value, in addition to which she made a thorough study of town government and is adequately informed on every subject relating to its economic status as well as its material progress and development.

In politics Miss Hincks is an ardent Republican and is a member of the Vermont Republican Club. In addition to serving as town clerk since 1927, she has been clerk of School District No. 4 since July, 1927, and appointed and later elected village clerk in 1928, and paymistress of the village of Middlebury since 1918, filling all these responsible positions with equal ability and accomplishment. Aside from her civic duties, Miss Hincks conducts a prosperous insurance agency and has proved to be one of the most successful representatives in this section, placing many large policies and averaging a splendid total of business each year. She is a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her hobby is bridge whist and in this highly intellectual game is considered an authority.

**ARTHUR G. HINMAN**, as postmaster of Middlebury, Vermont, has played for several years an important part in the public affairs of this town and community; and, having been engaged before the period of his postmastership in different business enterprises in this State, has a record of business and civic service which places him among the leaders of this region.

Mr. Hinman was born at New Haven, Vermont, on February 10, 1881, son of Harvey Newton and Ellen A. (Chaffee) Hinman. His father, a native of New Haven, Vermont, is engaged in carpentry, the work which has occupied the productive years of his life; and the mother was born at Starksboro, Vermont.

Arthur G. Hinman attended the public schools of his birthplace, New Haven, and later became a student at the Albany Business College. Upon completion of his education, he went to work for the Vermont Marble Company for one and one-half years, and then for one and one-half years was engaged in farming. It was in 1908 that he first took a position in the local post office of Middlebury, having started here as a clerk. In 1916, he received the appointment of assistant postmaster, and then, in 1922, was appointed postmaster of Middlebury, in which capacity he has continued ever since that time. In his work as postmaster and in the different positions leading up to this one, Mr. Hinman has proved himself



a thoroughly efficient man, capable of organizing the work and the workers coming under his jurisdiction, and fully able to handle successfully all problems with which he meets in the course of his official duties.

In addition to his business activities and his work as postmaster Mr. Hinman has shown himself constantly willing and eager to participate in the affairs of his community and State. He is a member and director of the Middlebury Chamber of Commerce, and also belongs to the National Association of Postmasters and the Vermont State Association of Postmasters. In his political affiliations, he is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, whose policies and candidates have won and held his favor. Mr. Hinman also is an active member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which his affiliations are with Union Lodge, No. 2; Union Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and the Order of the Eastern Star. He is a regular attendant at the Congregational church, of which he is a trustee and in whose affairs he is most active. His favorite diversions are fishing and hunting.

Arthur G. Hinman married, on June 5, 1905, Grace Mead, a native of Middlebury, Vermont. Their children are: Marian G., and Floyd A.

**ROBERT D. HOPE**—Prominent in the field of higher education in Vermont, Robert D. Hope, of Middlebury, is active in scholastic circles in his capacity as assistant treasurer of Middlebury College, one of the country's most renowned institutions of learning. Mr. Hope has been identified with the progressive activities of this college since 1914. Here, in an atmosphere of splendid traditions, with some of the finest professors and instructors of the land, in a setting of unparalleled beauty and buildings which are gems of architectural perfection, the students cannot help but absorb all that is noble and excellent in education.

Mr. Hope was born in Middlebury, March 11, 1886, son of Demos D. and Matilda A. (Dudley) Hope, both of whom were born in Middlebury. Demos D. Hope was active for many years as a blacksmith and veterinary surgeon in this vicinity until his death in 1928.

Robert D. Hope was educated in the public schools of Middlebury, and after high school, entered Norwich University, where he studied for two years, proceeding from that school to Middlebury College, where he remained for one year. Mr. Hope next entered the law office of Ira H. LaFleur, in Middlebury, and there read law, applying himself to the intricacies of legal study with such determination to succeed that he was able to pass the required examinations and was admitted to the bar of the State of Vermont in 1914. In that year, Mr. Hope first became associated with the management of Middlebury College, being connected with the treasurer's office for some years, and in 1924 he was made assistant treasurer of the institution. Although he never practiced his profession, his study of law has been a valuable factor in the administration of his present duties. He has given himself whole-heartedly to furthering the interests of Middlebury College and is an acknowledged leader in scholastic circles of Vermont.

Mr. Hope is a member of the Vermont State Bar Association. His fraternal affiliations are with Alpha Sigma Phi and Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternities, and Father Daley Council, Knights of Columbus. In politics, he is an Independent, preferring to vote for the candidate who will best serve the people and State, rather than to align himself with any particular party. He attends St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His hobby is automobiling, and he finds great recreation in touring the countryside. During the recent World War, Mr. Hope rendered valuable service as a member of the legal advisory board of Addison County, being concerned chiefly with the drafted men who were called for service in the United States Army.

Robert D. Hope married, in 1925, Mae Brislin, who was born in Rutland, and their children are Roberta E. and R. Clement.

**CECIL K. HUGHES**—Appointed by President Coolidge in 1923, Cecil K. Hughes has been postmaster of Saxtons River since that time and has given the residents of this section an efficient régime as head of the postal service here. Mr. Hughes served as collector and treasurer of the incorporated village of Saxtons River until 1919. He has always given his best endeavors to promoting the best interests of his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Hughes was born in Saxtons River, March 8, 1882, son of Thomas H. and Jennie C. (Osgood) Hughes, both of whom are now deceased, his father having been a native of Spencer, Massachusetts, and his mother born in Swansey, New Hampshire; she died in 1910. Thomas H. Hughes, whose death occurred in 1926, was active in the tinsmith trade until his death, and was one of this community's grand old men. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served with the 49th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, and he was one of the most loyal members of E. H. Stoughton Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

Cecil K. Hughes was educated in the public schools of Saxtons River and also attended Vermont Academy. Upon completing his formal education, he entered the general merchandise business and was thus occupied for six years. In 1908, he became a partner in the firm of Farr and Hughes, conducting a general store in this town, continuing in this operation until 1919, when he became associated with the establishment of Simonds Brothers. Mr. Hughes remained with this organization until 1923, when he was appointed to his present government post as postmaster of Saxtons River, which office he continues to fill to the satisfaction of the entire community. He is a member of the National League of District Postmasters.

Mr. Hughes is prominently identified with the Republican party and is a vigorous supporter of the political principles of that organization. He attends the Baptist church. His hobbies are radio and the telescope business. During the World War, he served in Company M, Vermont State Militia, holding the rank of sergeant.

Cecil K. Hughes married, in 1910, Blanche M. Farr, who was born in Westminster.

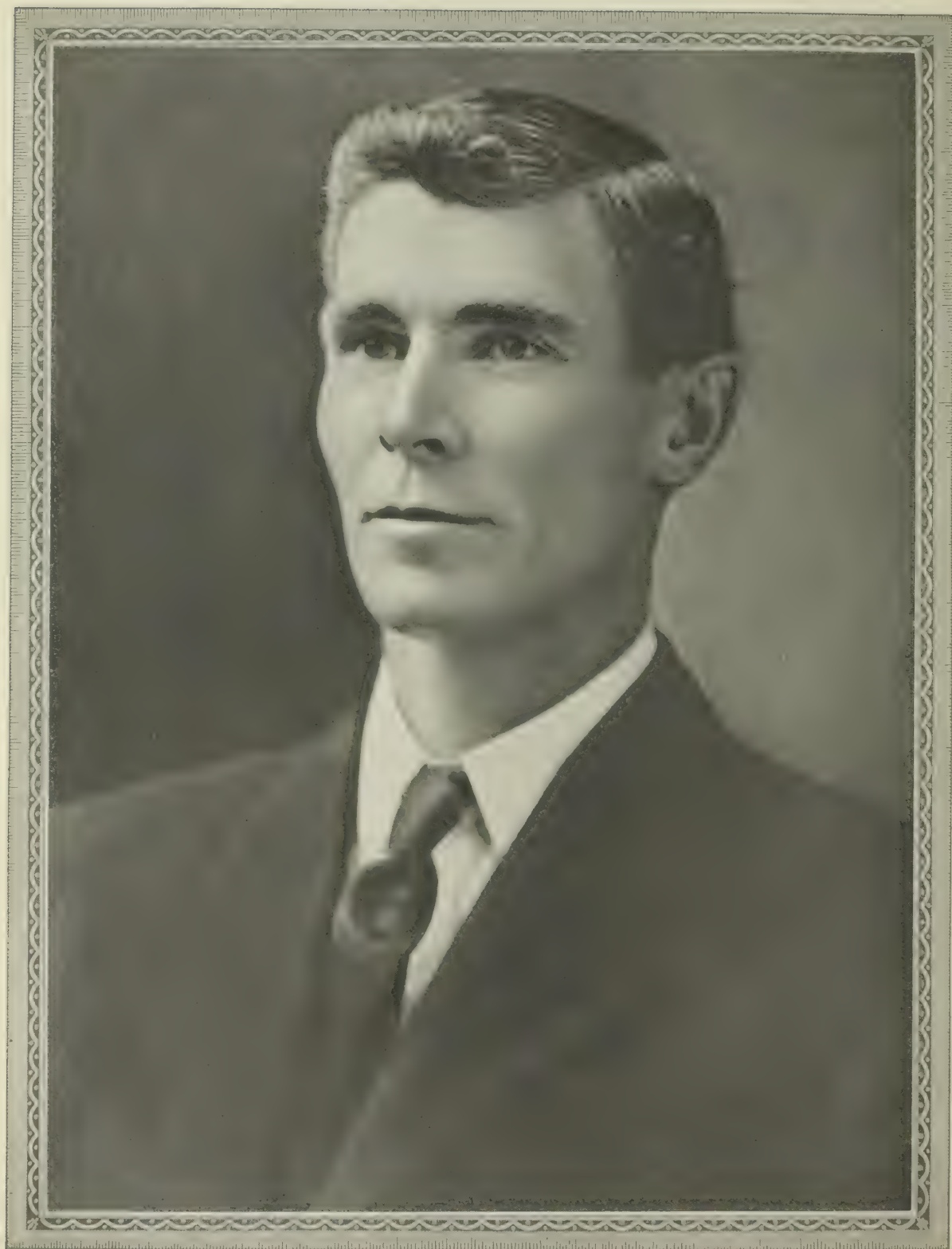
**THOMAS A. JONES**—In the commercial world, particularly concerning the affairs of the automotive trade, Thomas A. Jones, of Vergennes, is one of Vermont's foremost men. Mr. Jones is the owner and proprietor of the garage and sales agency which bears his name, this being the largest establishment of this type in this city. He has been actively identified with automobile activities since 1917 and since then has represented various dependable manufacturers as agent for their motor cars, in addition to which he also conducts a repair service affording work of the highest quality.

Mr. Jones was born in Berkshire, May 4, 1879, son of George A. Jones, who is deceased, and Alice (Dunbar) Jones, who was born in Swanton. George A. Jones was born in St. Johns, Province of Quebec, Canada, and was active in the milling business, producing flour and feed until his death.

Thomas A. Jones was educated in the public schools of Berkshire, and after completing his formal education, became a miller and was associated with the flour and grain business in Vergennes. For fourteen years, he was identified with the well-known concern of E. G. and A. W. Norton of this city, leaving that organization in 1917. Mr. Jones then went to Middlebury, where he entered the automobile business as partner in the garage of W. H. Stokes and Company, continuing that association until 1921. Returning to Vergennes in that







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year, Mr. Jones then founded an independent enterprise and became agent for the Dodge Brothers Motor Company which he represented until 1927. At that time, he received the agency for the Chevrolet motor car which has received his full attention ever since, both in the selling and servicing of this famous machine. In addition, Mr. Jones maintains a garage and repair department for all makes of motor cars and enjoys the confidence and patronage of the most exacting owners because of the general excellence and consistent quality of all work done by his mechanics. A complete line of tires, oils and gasoline, together with all kinds of modern accessories, is carried which makes his organization the most efficient as well as the most important in this vicinity. In the civil life of his community, Mr. Jones takes an active part and gives generously of his support to all municipal projects for progressive achievements. He is a staunch Republican, and has served two years as alderman of this city. In his fraternal affiliations he is a valued member of Pierpoint Lodge, No. 37, Knights of Pythias, and Champlain Lodge, No. 58, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce and of the Vergennes Country Club. He attends the Methodist church. During the recent World War, Mr. Jones served in Company D, Vermont State Militia. His hobby is hunting, and he is one of the leading sportsmen of his community.

Thomas A. Jones married, in 1923, Harriet Sprague Phillips, who was born in New York City.

**ROBERT HARVEY KETCHAM**—One of Addison County's best equipped business men, Robert Henry Ketcham, of Vergennes, is the owner and proprietor of the progressive furniture organization which bears his name. Mr. Ketcham is a man of modern commercial ideas, which he successfully has coupled with the splendid traditions and background of his long established business, which was founded by his father many years ago. He has been active in its direction since 1920 when he returned to this, his native city, especially for this purpose, remaining here since that time and rising to prominence in the city's trading activities.

Mr. Ketcham was born in Vergennes, July 17, 1885, son of Harvey Ketcham, born in Whiting, and died in 1920, and Helen Emily (Day) Ketcham, born in Derby Line, and died in 1910. Harvey Ketcham was one of the outstanding citizens of this section of the State, being for many years engaged in the manufacture of furniture and later opening a retail furniture and undertaking business. In public affairs he was an ideal citizen and took a prominent part in politics, serving for one term as mayor of the city of Vergennes and also several terms as alderman.

Robert Harvey Ketcham was educated in the public schools of Vergennes and after high school, became associated with his father in the furniture and undertaking business, remaining in that connection from 1904 to 1916. He then went to New Orleans, Louisiana, where he engaged in the insurance business for three years, leaving that southern city to go to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he was identified with the machinery business for a year. In 1920, Mr. Ketcham returned to Vergennes and, upon the death of his father, took over the furniture establishment of the latter and since then has continued in this line of business, which is the only activity of its kind in Vergennes. In local affairs, Mr. Ketcham is actively connected with the Chamber of Commerce and has worked earnestly for the good of his city, both industrially and culturally. He is well known in fraternal circles, being a member of Dorchester Lodge, No. 1, Free and Accepted Masons; Jerusalem Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Burlington Lodge, No. 916, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and Pierpont Lodge, No. 37, Knights of Pythias. In politics, he is a valiant Re-

publican and an ardent advocate of that party's principles. His hobbies are hunting and fishing, as he is a great lover of the outdoors, finding the needed recreation from active business cares in following these sporting pursuits.

**WILLIAM FIELD CUNNINGHAM**—Scion of a line of sturdy New England agriculturists and business leaders, William Field Cunningham was a worthy representative of his forebears and lived a life of value to the State of Vermont. He was a producer as well as a dispenser of material essential to the prosperity of civilized man and gave to his work the complete powers of an industrious nature and an alert mind. He was interested in everything that appeared to be of value to the general welfare and served his town when called upon with a devotion not second to that he gave to his private affairs. In St. Albans, where he lived for many years, he was esteemed and popular, for he was both a man of much personal attraction and a very progressive citizen. He believed in coöperation and understood the benefits that come of organization in industrial effort, his own success standing as a guide to others, and lived in accordance with the best precepts of religion and humanitarianism.

He was born in Fletcher, Vermont, July 2, 1871, and was educated in the public schools, following which he became engaged in farming and for fifteen years operated in Franklin County an establishment devoted to grain and feed, under the firm name of W. F. Cunningham Feed Company of St. Albans. He served the town as a selectman and justice of the peace and was elected by the Republican party of St. Albans to the State Legislature, where he served during 1910 and 1911. He was a vice-president and director of the Welden National Bank; a trustee and director of the St. Albans Hospital; a member of the St. Albans Coöperative Creamery Association and also a member of the Grange. In religion he was a Methodist. Mr. Cunningham's death occurred January 15, 1924, in St. Albans.

William Field Cunningham married, October 22, 1902, Mary L. Prindle, of St. Albans, daughter of Alvah W. Prindle and Alice (Ray) Prindle. Their children are: 1. Alice Ray, a graduate of St. Albans High School and Baypath Institute, now a resident of New York City, New York. 2. Marion Prindle, graduate of St. Albans High school and Brown's Salon Studios of New York City; married James M. McTiernan, now a resident of Mount Vernon, New York. 3. William F., graduate of St. Albans High School, now at home with his mother. 4. Helen Wilson. 5. Robert Stewart. 6. Florence Elizabeth. 7. Alan Winslow.

**IRA H. LA FLEUR**—An important figure in the life of Middlebury, Vermont, for many years, Ira H. La Fleur is a lawyer of wide local reputation and extensive practice. Despite the constant demands which his profession makes upon him, however, he has been active in many other phases of the community life both in commercial and civic affairs, and is highly regarded throughout this section for the fine spirit of public service which he has displayed.

Mr. La Fleur was born at Prescott, Province of Ontario, Canada, on March 30, 1870, a son of Israel La Fleur, who was born in the Province of Quebec, and of Dolphin (Bowen) La Fleur, who was born at Ogdensburg, New York, and died in 1908. The father was a blacksmith in the Dominion and in Northern New York until the time of his death in 1898.

Ira H. La Fleur attended the public schools of Massena, New York, and following graduation from Massena Academy in 1889, entered Middlebury College, at Middlebury, Vermont, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Science at the completion of his course of study in 1894. Since the time when he first entered college, Mr. La Fleur has been a constant resident of this



city, sharing in its growth and prosperity. He early determined upon a legal career, and when he had finished his general academic training, began to read law in the office of Judge Slade and A. P. Tucker, being finally admitted to the bar of the State in 1898. For several years previously he had practiced at Middlebury, however, and here he continued in his profession. Quickly winning the confidence of the community he gradually built up his practice to flattering proportions, scoring many notable victories in the courts for the causes which he espoused. His thorough training and sound judgment brought him into frequent consultation with large local interests, and now, in addition to his practice, he is a director of the Middlebury Savings and Loan Association.

Mr. La Fleur is a hearty supporter of Republican principles and candidates in politics, and as the candidate of this party was elected to the Lower House of the State Legislature in 1917 and 1918, and to the State Senate in 1919 and 1920. He was a member of the Vermont State Public Safety Committee, while at Middlebury he served as village trustee and village attorney for several years. He has also been a member of the Middlebury School Board for twenty-seven consecutive years, and has filled the office of justice of the peace since 1896. Mr. La Fleur has always maintained a vital interest in civic affairs and in the welfare of the community and State, contributing liberally of both his time and substance to all worthy causes. During the period of the United States' participation in the World War he acted as chairman of the legal advisory board of Addison County, while he has been active in the work of the Middlebury Chamber of Commerce and the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Vermont State Bar Association, and is affiliated with Middlebury College Chapter of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity; with Rutland Lodge, No. 345, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Father Daley Council of the Knights of Columbus; the St. Jean Baptiste Society, and the Modern Woodmen of America. The hobby of his leisure moments is fishing, while with his family he worships in the Roman Catholic faith, attending St. Mary's Church at Middlebury.

In 1893 Ira H. La Fleur married Josephine E. Dudley, who was born at Middlebury. They are the parents of three children, the first two of whom are twins: 1. Philip H., who served during the World War as a sergeant in the Aviation Corps of the army, stationed first at Kelly Field, Texas, but later transferred to the Bureau of Aircraft Production at Washington, D. C. He is now assistant corporation counsel for the city of Hartford, Connecticut. 2. Gertrude M. 3. Dolphin E. Mr. La Fleur's offices at Middlebury are situated in the Battell Block.

**H. MacGREGOR LOUHOOD**—The H. M. Louthood Drug store in Middlebury is not only one of the largest drug stores in Vermont, but it is the largest Rexall store in the State and is upon the roll of honor of that drug company, and the store's attainment to and retention of the position of supremacy are due to one cause: the business acumen of the proprietor, H. MacGregor Louthood. With extensive fraternal affiliations and memberships in business and pharmacists' associations, Mr. Louthood is well known throughout the State, and everywhere his ability, industry, keen business judgment, and comprehensive grasp of fundamental causes and effects in the economic system are recognized.

Born at Three Rivers, Quebec, Canada, November 26, 1871, Mr. Louthood was the son of Alexander Louthood, auditor of the Canadian Pacific Railway and a native of Three Rivers, and Henrietta (Hemming) Louthood, of Quebec. Their son was educated in the public schools of Three Rivers and upon completion of his high school course entered the drug business with Hoerner & Wil-

liams, of Three Rivers. Here he remained for three years, then went to Rock Island, Quebec, where he was engaged as a druggist for eleven years. Coming to the United States, Mr. Louthood went to Newport, Vermont, where for thirteen years he was junior partner in the Bigelow Pharmacy. In 1922 he severed this connection to open the business in Middlebury of which he has since been the proprietor. Free to exercise his own initiative to the fullest extent, and making use of his rich experience derived from many years in the drug business, Mr. Louthood has been able to build up the business at a prodigious rate. The store carries an extensive and diversified line, being agent for the United Drug Products, the United Cigar Stores, the National Cigar Stands Company, the Eastman Kodak Company, and for the Remington, Royal, Corona and Underwood typewriters, as well as carrying a complete line of magazines and news periodicals.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Louthood takes an active interest in civic affairs of his community. He is a member of the Middlebury Rotary Club and of the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce, as well as being a director of the local Chamber of Commerce body. Mr. Louthood plays an active part in the work of the Vermont State Pharmaceutical Association, the American Pharmaceutical Association, the National Association of Retail Druggists, and the International Association of Rexall Clubs. He is a member of the Green Mountain Club, and the Scott Fish and Game Club, the latter indicating his favorite form of recreation. A Mason of noteworthy attainments in fraternal work, Mr. Louthood is a member of Union Lodge, No. 2, Free and Accepted Masons; Potter Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Middlebury Council, Royal and Select Masters; Mt. Calvary Commandery, Knights Templar; all Scottish Rite bodies, including the Consistory, and the Modern Woodmen of America. With his wife, Mr. Louthood attends the Congregational church.

In 1894 H. MacGregor Louthood married Ellen J. Larabee, of Derby Line, Vermont.

**PHILIP S. MURRAY**—Beginning his connection with the railroad business as caretaker of the Leicester Station, Philip S. Murray has risen to the position of station agent at Middlebury. Furthermore, he is a station agent with the energy and initiative to conduct a business on the side that is entirely independent of his railroad connection and he is proprietor of the Middlebury Opera House, the only theater in the town. With the two connections in which he has constant contact with the public Mr. Murray has become one of the best known figures in Middlebury and, possessed as he is of a pleasant geniality of temperament, he is not only highly respected but also thoroughly liked by those who know him.

Mr. Murray was born at Leicester Junction January 4, 1885, the son of Joseph E. and Alphonsine (Lesperance) Murray, both of whom were natives of St. Pierre, Canada, the father being a farmer and grocery merchant. Mr. Murray received a public school education and attended Brandon High School, continuing study through the medium of correspondence courses after it became necessary to forsake classroom study and begin self-support. In the employ of the Rutland Railroad he began work in 1904 as janitor in the Leicester Junction station and three years later was made station agent there. For one year he worked as spare station agent and relief man, then, in 1910, came to Middlebury where he has since continued as station agent. It was in 1922 that Mr. Murray entered the theater business by taking over the Opera House, which has proven an interesting as well as profitable side line for him.

A communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic church Mr. Murray is a member of Father Daley Council, Knights of Columbus, which organization he served one



year as secretary. He is also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Middlebury Chamber of Commerce, and the National Association of Telegraphers. Mr. Murray is Republican in his political affiliations and takes an active interest in local, State and National politics. His recreation hours he spends in the open, shooting during the hunting season and fishing in summer time.

Mr. Murray married, in 1928, Harriet Gaudet, of New Haven, Vermont.

**CHARLES W. NORTON**—First impressions of any community are usually obtained by visitors from the character and service of the local inns or hostelrys. Travelers stopping in Vergennes are certain to be impressed favorably by the well-known Stevens House, of which Charles W. Norton is the owner and proprietor. Mr. Norton has directed the management of this prominent hotel and of the Stevens House Garage since 1926, and the excellence of the service afforded by his organization has spread throughout the confines of this great commonwealth.

Mr. Norton was born in Vergennes, July 19, 1897, son of William H. Norton, who was born in Nortontown, and Mary Elizabeth (Le Beouf) Norton, who was born in Vergennes. William H. Norton was a prominent figure in the hotel business until his death in 1926, having been proprietor of the Stevens House and Garage for many years.

Charles W. Norton was educated in the public schools of this city, and after high school, became associated with his father in the latter's business. He received a thorough training in hotel operation under the tutelage of his father so that he was well prepared to take over the actual direction of this important establishment upon the death of his father in 1926. Since that time Mr. Norton has continued to attract the excellent clientele which had always distinguished this hotel. He has ever kept apace with modern progress and utilizes all the latest developments for the comfort and convenience of his guests. In the Stevens House Garage, he maintains a service station and repair department which enjoys the highest reputation for quality of materials and dependability of all mechanical adjustments. Mr. Norton is prominent in public affairs, being a valued member of the Vergennes Chamber of Commerce and a director in the Vergennes Country Club. His fraternal affiliations are with Burlington Lodge, No. 916, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Modern Woodmen of America; Vergennes Grange; and Vergennes Post, No. 14, American Legion. In the field of politics he follows the principles of the Democratic party; and his religious adherence is given to St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church. During the recent World War, Mr. Norton served in the United States Army, being active in the Ambulance Corps. His hobbies are automobiling and sports of all kinds.

Charles W. Norton married, in 1925, Luella Mary Evarts, who was born in Ferrisburg, and they have one daughter, Elizabeth Agnes.

**ELLIS PARRY**—Among the established business houses of Vergennes the Parry Pharmacy has a substantial rating and its proprietor, Ellis Parry, since launching into business for himself in the city in 1924, has come to hold a place high in the esteem of his business associates, the customers of his establishment, and the friends he has made in activities outside of business.

Mr. Parry was born at Poultney March 27, 1884, the son of Cadwallader and Jane (Roberts) Parry. The mother was born in Wales, Great Britain, and the father, who was engaged throughout his life in the slate business, also came to America from Wales. After education in the public schools of Poultney, plus private tutoring, Mr. Parry commenced his business career

working in a drug store in the town of his birth. After ten years in Poultney he went to Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts, where for four years he was engaged in the same line of business. Thence he removed to Glens Falls, New York, and after three and one-half years here established the drug business in Vergennes, of which he has since been sole proprietor.

Mr. Parry is affiliated with Champlain Lodge, No. 58, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; with the Masonic Order and Eastern Star; with the Rebekahs and the Vergennes Grange. He is a member of the Vergennes Chamber of Commerce, the Vergennes Country Club, the National Association of Retail Druggists, and the Vermont State Pharmaceutical Association, of which he is third vice-president. Republican in his political affiliations, he served for four years as a justice of the peace in Poultney. He attends the Congregational Church of Vergennes. Mr. Parry is an ardent fan of the American national game, baseball constituting his chief recreation.

Ellis Parry married, in 1907, Edith Sitzer of Cohoes, New York.

**BURTON G. PECK**—Postmaster of the town of East Middlebury, Vermont, for more than three decades, Burton G. Peck has made a record for himself in postal work, and is highly esteemed by his fellow-citizens in this community, partly because of his splendid achievements and partly as a result of the fact that he was born and has spent so much of his life here.

Mr. Peck was born on December 15, 1865, at East Middlebury, Vermont, son of Austin and Esther (Abbott) Peck, who were representatives of old and well established families in this region. His father, born at Topsham, Vermont, on January 7, 1832, was engaged for forty-four years as proprietor of the Sash and Door Company, of East Middlebury; he died in August, 1926, a veteran of the Civil War, having served in the 14th Regiment of Vermont Volunteers and having been a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. The mother, Esther (Abbott) Peck, was born at East Middlebury, Vermont, and is now deceased.

Burton G. Peck received his early education in the public schools of East Middlebury, his birthplace. Upon his graduation he went to work for his father in the sash and lumber factory in this town, continuing with the elder Mr. Peck in this establishment until May 24, 1897. In that year he was appointed postmaster of East Middlebury, and in that office has continued from then until this day. Fulfilling all the duties of this office in an admirably efficient manner, Mr. Peck is a man who has won friends here and in the surrounding community, not only as a result of his faithful work but also because of his courteous way of meeting his fellowmen and his genial personality.

Active in different phases of community life, he belongs to the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is a member of Union Lodge, No. 2. In his political views he is identified closely with the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he has regularly supported. He is a member of the Protestant church. His favorite hobbies are baseball and fishing.

In 1890 Burton G. Peck married Edna L. Roberts, a native of East Middlebury, and they have had the following children: Rena Dell, and Christie May.

**FRANK C. PHELPS, M. D.**—So marked have been the professional abilities demonstrated by Dr. Frank C. Phelps during the thirty-five years he has practiced medicine and surgery at Vergennes that his services have been sought by various institutions and he now is attending physician at the Vermont State Industrial School, a staff member of Porter Hospital at Middlebury, and surgeon for the New York Central Railroad. Dr. Phelps is a personage of importance in the life of the town, and



his fellow-townsmen have shown their appreciation of his aptitude for directional work and his deep interest in and understanding of civic problems by electing him mayor of Vergennes, an office he occupied for two years.

Born at North Adams, Massachusetts, October 18, 1870, Dr. Phelps is the son of Thomas Cooley and Hannah (Moore) Phelps. The father, a farmer, was born at Williamstown, Massachusetts, and the mother was a native of Goshen, Massachusetts. The public schools of North Adams and work in Drury Academy prepared the subject of this sketch for entrance in the Medical College of the Vermont State University, which granted him his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1893. That same year he established an office at Vergennes and has since continuously practiced there. Dr. Phelps is active in professional organization work, being a past president of the Addison County Medical Society, and holding memberships in the American Medical Association and the New England Association of Railroad Surgeons. He maintains extensive fraternal, social and business contacts, and is a member of Nu Sigma Nu Fraternity; Dorchester Lodge, No. 1, Free and Accepted Masons; Jerusalem Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Champlain Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Modern Woodmen of America; Pierpont Lodge, Knights of Pythias; the Vergennes Country Club, and the Vergennes Chamber of Commerce. A Republican in his political affiliations, Dr. Phelps has, in addition to his two years as mayor of Vergennes, served one term as alderman, and for twenty years has acted as health officer of the town, giving conscientious attention and his best abilities to the problems of public health. As an avocation Dr. Phelps lays aside his professional activities and goes into business, and he is to be found continuously dealing in real estate. He attends services at the Congregational church.

Dr. Phelps married, in 1894, Mary Lane, of Burlington, and they are the parents of two daughters: Marjorie B., and Helen F.

**PETER L. DOREY, M. D.**—For a quarter of a century Dr. Peter L. Dorey has been traveling through storms and darkness as well as pleasant weather to bring good cheer and relief from pain to the sick and afflicted in and about Middlebury, and during this period there are but few families in trouble that have not come to know and love his courageous personality, with his optimistic outlook and his quiet command of situations. Dr. Dorey is an influential personage in the community, quite aside from his medical practice, for he has served efficiently in many public offices, and as chairman of the prudential committee of the School Board plays a part in the serious management of the educational system while, at the same time, winning the liking and comradeship of Middlebury's young people through his athletic advisorship of the high school.

Dr. Dorey was born January 29, 1876, in Burlington, Vermont, the son of Louis and Ellen (Phalen) Dorey, both of whom were Canadians by birth. Their son attended the public schools in Underhill, Vermont, and, after preparatory work at the Underhill Academy, enrolled in the Medical School of the University of Vermont, from which he was graduated in 1904 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He came immediately to Middlebury and has since practiced continuously in that place. Dr. Dorey is a past president of the Addison County Medical Society, and is a member of the American Medical Association and the Vermont State Medical Society. His ability is recognized by members of his profession and he is on the staff of Porter Hospital, a member of the consulting staff of the Fannie Allen Hospital of Burlington, and consulting physician for the De Goesbriand Hospital, also of Burlington. While in college Dr. Dorey became a member of the Phi Chi fra-

ternity. He is also a fourth degree member of Father Daley Council, Knights of Columbus, of which he is a Past Grand Knight, and a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters. One of the town's financially substantial citizens, Dr. Dorey is on the boards of directors of both the Middlebury Hotel Corporation and the Middlebury Coöperative Savings and Loan Association. He plays an active part in the affairs of the Middlebury Chamber of Commerce and in the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce.

Democratic in his party affiliations, Dr. Dorey served as a member of the village board of trustees for four years, two years of this time being chairman of the body. Since 1918 he has served as a member of the School Board, giving wise counsel in matters upon which opinion is divided and devoting his time unstintingly to efforts to better the school system. Dr. Dorey's hobby is golf which he plays on the course of the Middlebury Country Club where he holds membership. He is a member of St. Mary's Parish.

In 1905 Dr. Dorey married Rose A. Leddy of Underhill, whose death occurred in 1920. To this union were born seven children: 1. Catherine E., died October 17, 1928. 2. Gerald L., student in the Medical College of the University of Vermont. 3. Muriel C. 4. Patricia. 5. Margaret L. 6. Ruth F. 7. Alice P.

**PAUL I. PEARL**—A native of Russia, but for some time a resident of New York City, Mr. Pearl came to Alburgh, Grand Isle County, some twenty years ago as a youth. Unusually ambitious and energetic, he established himself several years later in that town as a dry goods merchant, after having previously traveled throughout the county as a salesman. His Alburgh venture proved so successful that later he opened similar stores in Swanton, Franklin County, and in Rouse's Point, New York. The large business which these three stores now enjoy is largely the result of their owner's untiring industry, progressiveness and ability. His standing in the community is very high, and his strict adherence to fair dealing is generally recognized.

Paul I. Pearl, a native of Russia, was born September 15, 1892; he came to America as a young boy and was educated in New York City. He is a son of the late Elliott Pearl and Fannie (Levenson) Pearl. At the age of sixteen years, in 1908, he arrived in Alburgh and there established himself in the mercantile business. For the next six years he traveled over Grand Isle County selling dry goods and similar articles. In 1914, he opened a dry goods store in Alburgh, which since then has grown so that today it employs some twelve people and is the largest of its type in Grand Isle County. Mr. Pearl also opened two others stores, at Swanton, Franklin County, and at Rouse's Point, New York, both of which likewise have turned out profitable undertakings. During the World War he served in the United States Navy, being stationed at first on a receiving ship in New York City and later on the United States Ship "Pittsburgh." He is a member of Columbus Lodge, No. 13, Free and Accepted Masons, and of Hill Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. His religious affiliations are with the Jewish faith, and he is a member of the Burlington Temple.

Mr. Pearl married, July 3, 1921, Bertha Leibesman, of New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Pearl are the parents of two sons: Elliott, a pupil in the Alburgh Public School, and Norman Pearl.

**ROY B. BENJAMIN**—One of the most progressive young men in the automobile business of Vermont today, Roy B. Benjamin, of St. Albans, has met with astonishing success in the motor trade as agent for one of the most popular machines on the market. Mr. Benjamin operates a modern salesroom and service station on Federal Street in this city, where he deals exclusively in Chrysler



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cars, having built up a remarkable clientele for this one particular make. His success has been due principally to his superior gifts as a salesman, being able to interest prospective customers by his clear, concise description of the merits of the machine as a whole and the various outstanding features of its assembly. His courteous, pleasing manner is most attractive to buyers and he leaves nothing undone to satisfy their every requirement.

Mr. Benjamin was born at Woodbury May 15, 1902, son of Burt H. and Mary L. (Sabin) Benjamin, both of Woodbury. Burt H. Benjamin is now retired from active business pursuits.

Roy B. Benjamin was educated in the public schools of Vermont, and after high school, became associated with the J. Leo Johnson State Distributing Company and remained with that organization until June 26, 1927. At that time, he came to St. Albans and in association with a partner, established the firm of Westuck and Benjamin, for the operation of a motorsales agency and garage. Shortly after, he bought out his partner's interest and since then has conducted the business independently, making new records in automobile transactions and selling about a hundred machines per year. His patrons include the representative people of the city and vicinity, and the establishment, which he now operates under his own name, has taken its place as a valued unit in the progressive advance and prosperity of this community. Mr. Benjamin is a popular member of the Owl Club, the St. Albans Chamber of Commerce and the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce, and lends his aid and influence to every project guaranteed to further the best interests of his city.

Roy B. Benjamin married, in 1925, Marilla M. McKenna, of Montpelier, and they are the parents of one son, Roy B., Jr., who was born December 17, 1927. The family residence is located at No. 87 Main Street.

**RIGNEY DE FOREST MARVIN BEEBE**—One of the energetic and prominent figures in the county is Rigney De Forest Marvin Beebe, with his rather unusual scope of activities. He was born in Swanton on March 26, 1874, a son of Andrew Jackson and Addie (Marvin) Beebe. He spent his boyhood years on his father's farm and went through the local schools. When it was time for him to enter business, he started in the insurance field, and for nine years made a success in this line of endeavor. One of the important business interests of this country is insurance and it may well assume this prominent place in the social scheme, combining as it does a strong moral force with a sound economic one. Mr. Beebe was first an agent for the Metropolitan Life and later became assistant superintendent with that large company, being stationed at various parts of the New England territory. After almost a decade in the insurance business, he spent three years in business in Waterbury, Connecticut, and then returned to Swanton to assume control of his father's farm, a large one of over two hundred acres. There are forty heads of fine Jersey cattle on it, and the dairy produce is of a recognized quality in the county. The farm yields an unusually large crop of potatoes yearly besides the general produce. A hobby with Mr. Beebe has been the breeding and raising of Shetland ponies and he has sent stock from his farm all over New England. There are usually about twenty of this sturdy little breed at the farm, and the county fairs of the State always show an interesting entry on exhibit from Mr. Beebe's place. Mr. Beebe handles the local agency of the Eastern States Farmers' Exchange, handling feed, fertilizers and seeds, and he is a member of the New England Milk Producers' Association and president of the locale of that group. He is also a member of the County Farm Bureau. In logical line with the progressiveness of ideas of Mr. Beebe, one notes that

he and his sons cleared the ground for the newly created airport in Swanton and are lending every effort in furthering this newest industrial exploitation, one in which many of the progressive towns-people of Swanton are interested materially. Mr. Beebe belongs to the Swanton Board of Trade; is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. With his family he attends the Methodist church.

On April 15, 1897, Mr. Beebe married Bertha H. Chandler, daughter of George and Augusta (Hastings) Chandler, of Waterbury, Connecticut. They are the parents of a splendid family of four girls and four boys: Idella May, Ella De Forest, Dorothy Blanche, Hazel Chandler, Clayton LeRoy, Gaylord Warren, George Woodrow; and Robert Pershing, born November 15, 1918, who died at the age of two years.

**MILO W. BARNEY**—In the great industry in which Vermont leads the rest of the country, namely, the production of marble, Milo W. Barney of Swanton occupies a responsible place as superintendent of the Swanton works of the Vermont Marble Company, with which organization he has been connected since 1888. Mr. Barney also maintains an active interest in the financial and civic life of this community, while in the development of water power resources in this State and the production of electricity he has shown that he is a man of superior vision with the ability to foresee future requirements by his advocacy and practical support given to the utilization of these great natural gifts.

Mr. Barney was born January 14, 1868, at East Brookfield, Massachusetts, son of Rev. Miles R. Barney, who died in 1915, a native of Swanton, Vermont, and Anna A. (Lord) Barney, a native of New Hampshire, who died in 1908.

Milo W. Barney was educated in the public schools of Swanton, and after high school attended the Eastman Business College. Upon the completion of his formal education in 1888 he entered the employ of the Barney Marble Company, which was later purchased by the Vermont Marble Company and has ever since continued his connection with this organization. He advanced rapidly by his earnest study of the various operations of the industry and was promoted to positions of consequence as his ability and value were recognized and appreciated, until several years ago he was made superintendent of the Swanton works for this concern. This branch of the industry employs upwards of a hundred men and makes almost exclusively all the colored marble produced in this State. The various processes of taking the newly quarried marble to its final completion in all its marvelous beauty, finished and ready for shipment, requires two large plants, which are located on either side of the river. Mr. Barney also devotes much of his time to promoting the progress of the town by his enthusiastic interest in all local activities and by his unselfish efforts to bring to the community business organizations and reputable business men to increase the material prosperity of its people, and to give them the advantages of modern commercial opportunities. He is acknowledged by all as the leading spirit in town advancement, while in the field of public utilities he has won creditable recognition. Mr. Barney was one of the organizers of the Swanton Savings and Trust Company Bank in 1904, and has served in the capacity of vice-president of this substantial financial organization since its inception. In political affairs, he has always been to the fore, having been elected representative to the Vermont State Legislature in 1906, and returned to the capital in 1908 as a member of the State Senate. During his activities at the State Capital he won the esteem of all his confreres by his keen grasp of affairs pertaining to commonwealth operation and his intelligent support of all measures de-



stined to aid the prosperity and general good of his State and people. He has served as a member of the Board of Selectmen excepting four years since 1904, and formerly held the offices of village president, and has been trustee of Swanton village since 1916. In all his official capacities he has ever acted with no thought of self, but always working tirelessly for the public welfare. In fraternal affiliations, Mr. Barney is a member of the Swanton Lodge, No. 75, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a popular member of the Taquahunga Club and the Swanton Board of Trade. He has always maintained a deep concern in religious affairs, and is a valued member of the official board of the Methodist church, to which he gives his adherence.

Milo W. Barney married (first) in 1893, Clara L. Tupper, deceased in 1917. He married (second), in 1919, Elsie L. Pease.

**FRANCIS J. HILLERS** has served as assistant manager of the Vermont Marble Company's Swanton Works since 1922, and has occupied a place of prominent responsibility in that great industry which has made Vermont famous throughout the world. Mr. Hillers has ever been one of the popular officials of this great organization, being considerate of the employees under his charge at all times, while in the progress of the concern he is a valuable factor through his efficiency as superintendent and the ability to produce finished work of the highest quality.

Mr. Hillers was born in Danbury, Connecticut, September 7, 1900, son of Otto Hillers, and Eva K. (Klingenschmitt) Hillers, of Danbury, Connecticut. Otto Hillers has been engaged in the merchandising business for many years.

Francis J. Hillers was educated in the public schools of his State and then after high school, entered the Norwich University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1922, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science. For nearly a year he followed the profession of teaching, but gave up that work to become an employee of the Vermont Marble Company of Proctor and later transferred to Swanton as assistant superintendent of the Swanton Works of the Vermont Marble Company, in which capacity he has since continued. The duties of this position entail considerable responsibility as Mr. Hillers has the direct supervision of approximately a hundred employees, but he handles with increasing success this branch of plant operation, for which, as such a young man, he deserves the highest credit. He is a favorite with the entire personnel of his department who know and appreciate him as a true friend. Mr. Hillers takes an active part in the various activities of this town, being a member of the Taquahunga Club and the Swanton Board of Trade, while in his fraternal affiliations, he is a popular member of the Blue Lodges of Northfield and Swanton, Free and Accepted Masons, and also of the Alpha Sigma Pi Fraternity. His religious adherence is given to the Episcopal church. During the World War, Mr. Hillers served in the Students' Army Training Corps, and was later a member of the Officers' Reserve Corps.

Francis J. Hillers married, in 1927, Barbara Stilphen, of Swanton, daughter of Hiram C. and Fannie Stilphen.

**CLARENCE E. ALLEN, M. D.**—No single individual about Swanton has ever been better known or more beloved than Dr. Clarence E. Allen, who began his ministrations to the ill and afflicted of the community in 1886 and, year in and year out from that time until his death, gave freely of his indefatigable energies and splendid scientific knowledge for alleviating the sufferings of his fellowmen. In addition, he played an active part in civic affairs, and for many years was one of the

really influential citizens of the community, a 'constructive force when betterment projects were afoot.

Dr. Allen was born January 23, 1856, in the Province of Quebec, the son of Heman and Mary I. (Hutchins) Allen, the latter a native of East Farnham, Quebec. The father, who was a manufacturer and farmer, was a native of the Province of Quebec. Their son attended the public schools, then went to McGill University, where he was graduated with the class of 1883 with the degrees of Doctor of Medicine and Master in Surgery. Three years later he came to Swanton, there to become a significant figure in varying aspects of the town's life. Dr. Allen interested himself in the conduct of local governmental affairs, holding offices in the town when he conceived it his duty to do so. He was a member of the Board of Trade and Taquahunga Club, and fraternized with Swanton Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. Throughout his life he was active in the work of the Vermont State Medical Association and the Franklin County Medical Association, and among the members of his own profession he enjoyed a reputation for outstanding ability and conscientious attendance to duty. Long an influence financially, Dr. Allen was president for many years of the Swanton Bank and Trust Company, and his advice about wise investments was valued as highly by his fellow townsmen as were his prescriptions for health and physical well-being. His family were members of the Swanton Episcopal Church.

Dr. Allen married Mildred S. Drury, of Highgate, Vermont, in 1888, and they became the parents of three children: Horace E., Keith, and Dorcas I.

The death of Clarence E. Allen on October 14, 1928, marked the passing of a rarely fine character and a man of unusual abilities and versatility. His is a vigorous type that is fading from the American scene with the advent of highly specialized requirements of modern civilization. And it is to be deeply regretted, for with the extent and variety of Dr. Allen's contacts with life he gained an understanding of human nature and a sympathy for the shortcomings and frailties of those about him that are infrequently attained. Solicitous ever for the welfare and happiness of his family, he was dearly beloved by his wife and children. But the whole world was, in a sense, his family, and on those of both high and low estate with whom he came in contact in his professional, business, and civic activities, he lavished the overflowing kindness of his nature.

**JOHN C. WRISTON**—Having been engaged throughout practically all of his business career in the work of managing hotels, John C. Wriston is today one of the foremost men associated with this type of activity in the State of Vermont. Since September, 1927, he has been manager of the Middlebury Inn, one of the finest hosteleries to be found anywhere in the State.

Mr. Wriston was born at Beachmont, Massachusetts, on October 31, 1897, son of John and Fornie (Bartram) Wriston. His father, a native of Kincaid, West Virginia, is today a minister in the Methodist Episcopal church; his mother was born at Parsville, West Virginia. John C. Wriston, of whom this is a record, attended, as a boy, the public schools of Massachusetts, in the district of his birthplace, and subsequently became a student at the University of Vermont, from which he was graduated in the class of 1922 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Upon completion of his academic work, he became associated with the hotel business, in which he was successful from the start and has continued ever since that time. He began with the Poland Spring and Lake Poland Club, Sunapee Lodge, and Lake Placid Club, Williams Inn and Ashfield House, the latter two institutions serving as manager. He also served as purchasing agent at Prince George and Osceola, Grama-







Dr. J. P. Bryant

ton, Daytona Beach, Florida; as purchasing agent at the Lord Jeffrey, at Amherst, Massachusetts; and as manager of the Newport House, of Bar Harbor, Maine. In September, 1927, he came to Middlebury, Vermont, where he has been since then manager of the Middlebury Inn. This institution has long been one of the foremost hostleries in Vermont, but under the management of Mr. Wriston it has made still further strides in the direction of business gains and improvement of facilities offered to guests.

Mr. Wriston is a member of the Rotary Club of Middlebury, of which he is secretary; the Middlebury Country Club, of which he is president; the Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a director; the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce; the Middlebury Skeet Club; the Vermont State Hotel Association, of which he is president; the New England Hotel Association, of which he is a director; and of several other hotel associations—the New York Hotel Association, the New Hampshire Hotel Association and the Massachusetts Hotel Association. He also belongs to the American Legion. He is also a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he is affiliated with the Lincoln Lodge, No. 78. His political views are those of the Republican party, of which he is a staunch supporter. Active in the military affairs of his country during the late World War, Mr. Wriston enlisted, on April 7, 1917, in the United States Navy, just after the declaration of war against Germany by the United States; and in the Navy he continued to serve until December, 1919, when he was discharged with the rank of chief pharmacist mate. His religious affiliation is with the Protestant Episcopal church, of which he is a regular attendant. His favorite hobby is hunting.

In 1923, Mr. Wriston married Hildreth C. Tyler, born at Enosburg Falls, Vermont. By this marriage there have been two children: John C., Jr., and Cynthia.

**J. P. BRYANT, M. D.**—Brilliant physician and surgeon whose reputation, through long-continued practice in widely separated points in the United States, had become celebrated, notably in orthopedics, Dr. J. P. Bryant settled in the community of Rochester, Vermont, eight years before his death, and here he is recalled with deepest affection and highest regard, as practitioner, citizen and man. His record is one of large attainment; his life was of inspiration to scores of others; his memory is distinguished for service.

Dr. J. P. Bryant was born at Chesterfield, Massachusetts, March 15, 1828, member of a family old in the history of New England. After he had secured the common school instruction in the institutions available at that period, he became much interested in medicine as a career, and so pronounced did this tendency become indeed that he would consider no other work as a life's endeavor. Medical schools then were not so thoroughly organized as today, but under skilled preceptorships, with several able physicians and surgeons as his instructors, Dr. Bryant in due course was well versed in anatomy, and in those other requisites which prepared a man to be admitted to professional practice. He later graduated from a medical college in Philadelphia. He attained skill as a surgeon in later years, and practiced actively in New York City, New Orleans, San Francisco and other large cities, ever keeping abreast of medical science as it developed through the second half of the nineteenth century. When he came to Rochester, therefore, there were few men of the community engaged in the practice of medicine with a skill comparable to his own. He came here primarily to seek semi-retirement from the ardors and responsibilities which followed his practice in the great cities of his experience; and he found both quiet and contentment. It is recalled of Dr. Bryant that he performed many operations on crippled

children whose parents or guardians were unable to pay for his distinguished services. This was typical of his charitable spirit. He was a humanitarian in the broadest sense of the word, never sparing himself when he saw opportunity to be of service to mankind, particularly as that opportunity involved employment of his profession, to which he adhered with a true scientist's love until the very close of his life. During the eight years of his residence in Rochester he came to be one of the community's leading citizens, looked to constantly for support toward civic, economic and social advancement locally. His death, June 18, 1881, was universally deplored in medical circles where he had been a figure, widely in Vermont, in New York City's professional spheres, in New Orleans, and San Francisco.

Dr. J. P. Bryant married, October 24, 1877, Frances W. (Wires) Heald, widow of Dwight S. Heald, and daughter of Salmon (see following biography) and Sarah (Warnen) Wires, born in 1838. Mrs. Bryant now (1929) makes her residence in Burlington, where her friends are many, and where her family long has been represented.

Proficiency amounting to skill, this skill amounting almost to genius at his profession, brought to Dr. Bryant the highest honors of his profession. Distinguished in medicine and surgery, he was no less distinguished as a man of character and worthy undertakings outside the professional field. His laugh brightened care, and made the troubles of those who heard it easier to bear, as did his wise and considerate counsel in times of need. His handclasp was firm, his friendship something of lasting, real value, his word his bond, never broken. His name, which has lived with a renown hardly dimmed through nearly fifty years, will continue to live in the annals of New England's departed.

**SALMON WIRES**—Born May 10, 1807, at Cambridge, Vermont, Salmon Wires, late of the city of Burlington, secured a sound academic instruction in the schools available to him, then entered the offices of Asa Aldis, of St. Albans, son of Judge Aldis, who is recalled as having been consul to Nice, France, to commence preparation for a career at law. He completed this preparation with John N. Pomeroy, of Burlington, was admitted to the bar of Vermont, practiced first at Bakersfield in Franklin County, and soon thereafter removed to Lamoille County, where, with offices at Johnson, he practiced several years. In 1844-45 he was judge of the Probate Court for that latter county.

Desirous of a wider field for professional activity, Mr. Wires came to Burlington, in 1846, entering partnership at law with William W. Peck, and continuing with Mr. Peck until the latter's removal to New York City. Then he became associated in law with William G. Shaw, another talented barrister. His specialty was the insurance business, and in this, as regarded the legal applications, few men in New England were more adept. In a few years, because of the specialty, he became so well known that insurance firms came to him with enticing propositions, not all of which he was able to accept, through pressure of work and responsibility. At the time of his death, May 4, 1866, he was acting as general agent for Vermont, New Hampshire and Northern New York State—as general agent for several leading insurance companies, his work having been found invaluable.

In affairs of Burlington, Mr. Wires was deservedly influential. He was long a director of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, and always took a deep interest in community matters. Whatever tended to contribute to the interests of the city of Burlington had his hearty support. When the city was organized under charter, 1865, he was elected by a large majority to represent his ward in the Common Council, which body honored him with election to its presidency. But he was obliged to decline this important post due to ill health. He was not



a politician, yet his party predilections were well understood. Originally a Democrat, at one time he was candidate of this party for State Senator from Burlington. On the passage of the Nebraska Bill, in 1854, however, Mr. Wires at once became an enthusiastic supporter of the Republican party, with which he was identified during the balance of his years.

Bold in expression of his opinions, occasionally outspoken, constantly active, Mr. Wires was ardent in any cause that he favored. He "made his impress" on the Burlington community, and his demise was sadly felt here by persons in every walk of life. Hardly any public institution of the city but felt a deep sense of loss at his passing. In him the fire department lost a zealous and liberal friend, more especially this having been true of Ethan Allen Engine Company No. 4, to which he made frequent contributions. His untiring industry and rapt attention to business seriously impaired his health in after years. His was a life of hard work, wisely directed toward the greatest good to the greatest number of persons. Though suffering illness, spring weather of 1866 so encouraged him that he took a trip of a business character. It was his last. Death occurred at Concord; and his wife and son were with him as life departed.

Mr. Wires married Sarah Warnen, who was born in 1814. Of this union were born children: 1. Sarah D. 2. Frances W., widow of Dwight Smith Heald, who married J. P. Bryant, M. D., celebrated physician and surgeon, late of Rochester, Vermont (see preceding biography), and who now makes her home in the city of Burlington. 3. Rodney S., associated in young manhood with his father in the insurance business; he died as a young man.

As barrister, then as business man of extended reputation and fortune, and as a man among men, Salmon Wires had few peers in all New England. Vermont is the result of the cumulative endeavors of such figures as he; and his work on earth brought rich rewards not alone to self and loved ones, but to the communities in which he lived as well, notably to the community of Burlington. Tributes at the time of his demise were many, spontaneous and sincere. One dearly beloved had gone hence. Funeral services in Burlington were largely attended, and it was as if the spirits of still hundreds of others unable to be present were in attendance as silent hosts at these last rites. A local publication, printing an eulogy, said in conclusion:

By his cool judgment and careful foresight in business, he was emphatically a prominent and useful citizen, and Burlington has good reason to regret his death.

**LEO O. WISELL**—Part owner and general manager of Wisell Brothers Coal Company, at Middlebury, Vermont, Leo O. Wisell continues in a very successful way the business which was established originally by his father in the early years of the twentieth century. Though still a young man, he is already regarded as one of the most important and progressive members of the community in this city, and through his efforts has maintained the high standards always associated with his name as to the quality of both product and service.

Mr. Wisell was born at Middlebury, on January 7, 1903, a son of Emery E. Wisell, who was born at Shoreham, Vermont, and of Nellie (Aunchman) Wisell, also born at Shoreham, who died in 1926. The father's death occurred in 1924, bringing to a close the twenty-two years in which he had owned and operated his coal business at Middlebury.

Leo O. Wisell attended the public schools of his birthplace, and later St. Michael's High School, and, for one year, St. Michael's College. Removing to New York City at the end of this time, he worked for a short period in the office of the "New York Daily News," but

in 1924 returned to Middlebury and became associated with his father in the latter's coal business. In 1926, some time after the father's death, Mr. Wisell and his brother, Emery E. Wisell, took over the business which they have since operated under the firm name of Wisell Brothers Coal Company, with an extensive trade throughout all this section. Mr. Wisell has been manager of the enterprise as well as part owner of the firm, and its expansion and continued success have been due in considerable degree to his able direction of all affairs.

In politics a supporter of Democratic principles and candidates, Mr. Wisell has found time to be interested in many phases of the community life, civic, social, and fraternal, lending aid to all worthy movements for advance and progress. He is a member of the Middlebury Chamber of Commerce, and the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce, while fraternally he is affiliated with Rutland Lodge, No. 345, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the local lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America. In his leisure time he finds rest and relaxation in outdoor sports, being especially fond of baseball and football, while with his family he worships in the Roman Catholic faith, attending St. Mary's Church of that denomination at Middlebury.

Leo O. Wisell married, in 1924, Helen Kilbride, who was born at Waterbury, Connecticut, and they are now the parents of two children: 1. Helen A. 2. Leo O., Jr. The family residence at Middlebury is situated at No. 7 Elm Street.

**MYRON W. WILSON**, as printer and publisher, has played an important part in the affairs of Bristol, Vermont, where he is editor and part owner of the "Bristol Herald," a paper which originally was started by him and his brothers. There is no phase of the life of his community in which he is not deeply interested, as the editorial columns of the "Herald" demonstrate, and this publication, a weekly, is one of the foremost of its kind in this region of the State.

Mr. Wilson was born at Gouverneur, New York, on July 10, 1850, son of Myron F. and Caroline (Keyes) Wilson. His father, born at Westford, Vermont, was a printer by trade, was for several years foreman of the "St. Albans Messenger," a daily newspaper, and later was editor and publisher of the "Frontier Sentinel," a weekly; he is now deceased. The mother, Caroline (Keyes) Wilson, was born at Wilna, New York, and she is also deceased.

Myron W. Wilson received his early education in the public schools and the high school of St. Albans, Vermont, and after he had completed his academic education, followed the footsteps of his father and became a printer. Until 1879 he was engaged in the printing business for other firms in Vermont, New York, and Connecticut, but in that year he started the "Bristol Herald," which since that time has continued as an increasingly powerful and influential weekly publication. The partnership in the beginning consisted of Myron W. Wilson, Preston K. Wilson, James S. Wilson and Benjamin G. Wilson. At the time of writing this history (1928) only two members of the original firm are still engaged in the business—Myron W., who is editor of the paper, and James S. This is the only paper in the State, according to the justly proud claim of Mr. Wilson, which for fifty years has been conducted under the same management.

Mr. Wilson is naturally much interested in the affairs of his community, especially in political activities, which he as a writer and publisher, studies closely; and in his political views he is aligned with the Republican party, whose policies and candidates he has consistently supported in the county, State and National elections. In 1917, he was elected on this party's ticket to represent his district in the lower house of the Vermont State



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Legislature. He also is active in the fraternal and social life of Bristol, being a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is affiliated with the Green Mountain Lodge, No. 1, as well as with the Wardwell Encampment, of which he is Past Chief Patriarch; and of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he belongs to Washington Lodge, No. 3. Mr. Wilson also holds memberships in the Bristol Chamber of Commerce, through which he exercises a considerable influence upon the business affairs of his town and county; the Bristol Recreation Club; and the Vermont Press Association, of which he has served as vice-president. His favorite hobby is fishing, in which he indulges when his time permits. Mr. Wilson's religious faith is that of the Baptists, he being a member of the First Baptist Church, in which he is secretary of the Men's Bible Class.

On December 25, 1877, Myron W. Wilson married Mary Hillard, a native of Rutland, Vermont.

**DONALD J. WILSON**—Engaged for a number of years in the drug business in Bristol, Vermont, Donald J. Wilson has been regarded as one of the most useful citizens of this place, of which he is a native; and now he is postmaster of Bristol, having been appointed to this position in September, 1928. He is interested in all phases of community life in this part of Vermont, and there is no movement for betterment of conditions and improvement of prosperity, especially as they affect his town and county, which Mr. Wilson does not ardently support.

Mr. Wilson was born in Bristol, Vermont, on February 10, 1893, son of James S. and Martha Belle (Burritt) Wilson. His father, who was born at St. Albans, Vermont, is engaged in the publishing business with a brother, Myron W. Wilson, as publishers of the "Bristol Herald," and is one of the highly respected citizens of Bristol. The mother, Martha Belle (Burritt) Wilson, a native of Addison County, Vermont, is now deceased.

Donald J. Wilson received his education in the public schools and the high school of this town, and then went to Ohio Northern University, where he spent one year. At the end of this period of academic work, he returned to his native community and became engaged in the drug business. In this type of work he continued for thirteen years, until, in 1926, he was made a partner in the firm of Wilson Brothers, Printers. Mr. Wilson has been highly popular in Bristol throughout the period of his work in the drug trade, while his care and skill won numerous customers for him and made him a business leader of the town. In September, 1928, he added the postmastership of Bristol to his other duties, and in this work, as in all his other activities, he has been eminently successful, handling it at all times in a manner at once efficient and serviceable to his fellowmen.

It is only natural that a man such as Mr. Wilson should be called upon to take an important part in the fraternal and social life of his community. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order his affiliation is with Bristol Lodge, No. 43. He belongs also to the N. H. Munsill Hose Company, the Bristol Chamber of Commerce, the American Legion, and the Bristol Recreation Club—all of them organizations which have their place, and an important place, in the affairs of this community. Ever interested in civic affairs and in political developments as they affect his municipality, State and Nation, Mr. Wilson has been identified for many years with the Republican party, whose principles and candidates he supports by his influence and his vote. During the period of American participation in the late World War, Mr. Wilson was in the United States Army, having enlisted in May, 1918, following which he was assigned to the 151st Depot Brigade and was discharged in March, 1919, with the rank of private. His favorite sports are

fishing and hunting, in which he likes to indulge when time and opportunity permit. His faith is that of the Protestant church.

Mr. Wilson married, in 1918, Annie Blanchard, a native of Monkton, Vermont. By this union there has been one child, Donald Edward.

**BUDD W. WARREN**, of Middlebury, who is engaged in several different types of business activity in several Vermont cities and towns, has been identified continuously in this place with the boot and shoe trade. He now is engaged in the men's furnishings and boot and shoe trade for himself in Middlebury under the name of B. W. Warren, having started this enterprise in 1924, before which he managed a shoe store here.

Mr. Warren was born at Waterbury, Vermont, on April 9, 1890, son of Horace A. and Clara (Reed) Warren. His father was a native of Worcester, Vermont, and was engaged as a blacksmith, wheelwright and farmer by trade during his active career; while the mother, Clara (Reed) Warren, born at Cabot, Vermont, is now deceased.

Budd W. Warren received his early education in the public schools and the high school of Stowe, Vermont, and then began work as a clerk in the store which gave him his first business experience, in Vergennes, Vermont. There he remained for one year, at the end of which time he removed to Waterbury, where he was a clerk for five years in the dry goods and men's furnishings business. After that time he worked for one year on a farm, and then for a year in a general store at Stowe, Vermont, and then for a year and a half at Barre, where he received his first training in the shoe business. For six months he was in St. Petersburg, Florida, and then was engaged for one year in the meat and provision business at Waterbury. Subsequently, he was employed for a time at Essex Junction, Vermont, but in 1920 came to Middlebury as manager of the A. B. Rugg Boot and Shoe Store, with which he remained until 1924, the year in which he went into the men's furnishings and boot and shoe trade for himself in this place. Continuing as a merchant, trading under his own name, Mr. Warren has been eminently successful in all his work, and under his careful and studied guidance, the store in his charge has made rapid headway and promises to be before long one of the outstanding business enterprises in this region of Vermont.

Mr. Warren has naturally been deeply interested in the general business, political, civic and social activities of his State, where he has lived practically all his life, and so has become identified with a number of organizations which play important rôles in these different phases of Vermont affairs. He is a member of the Middlebury Post, No. 27, of the American Legion, in which he has served as adjutant and finance officer, and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce of Middlebury.

In his political views he has constantly maintained a non-partisan attitude, preferring to throw his vote and influence in favor of the candidates of his choice and the causes which he believes in his State's best interests rather than to follow a narrow partisanship. During the World War, Mr. Warren was active in the support of his country, having enlisted in the United States Army on July 15, 1918. He was assigned to the mechanical school at Burlington, Vermont, and later was transferred to the Coast Artillery Corps, with which he went to Portland, Maine. He was subsequently transferred again, this time to the 59th Ammunition Train Corps, at Fort Adams, Rhode Island, from which he was discharged on December 12, 1918, with the rank of wagoner. Mr. Warren takes a prominent part in the religious life of his community, being affiliated with the Congregational church. His favorite hobbies are fishing



and golf. His different affiliations, along with his record for community activity, place Mr. Warren among the leaders in civic and patriotic affairs, and mark him as a man of whom Middlebury may well be proud.

In 1921 Budd W. Warren married Sadie Bullock, born at Cornwall, Vermont. By this marriage there have been the following children: Avis T., Owen A., and Donald R.

**DR. VANCE W. WATERMAN** is a busy physician and surgeon whose wide practice in and about Vergennes makes the matter of finding time to handle it all a problem, and in addition he has a number of important hospital and professional organization connections, but his private interests do not prevent him giving due attention to his civic duties. For four years he served his city as an alderman, and upon his election as a representative to the State Legislature in 1923-24 proved a valuable exponent of the people's interests in that body. Furthermore, since 1917 he has acted continuously as one of the progressive members of the Vergennes School Board.

Dr. Waterman was born at Roxbury, Vermont, April 9, 1876, the son of Alverton L. Waterman, native of Roxbury and a professional musician, and Katherine M. (Mansfield) Waterman, native of Waitsfield, Vermont. After completing the grade and high school courses in Burlington, Dr. Waterman enrolled at the University of Vermont, receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine from the Medical College of that institution with the class of 1902. For six months he was connected with the New York Infant Asylum and Maternity Hospital, then, in 1903, opened an office in Vergennes for private practice of medicine and surgery. Besides his extensive private practice, Dr. Waterman is a member of the staff of Porter Hospital at Middlebury, and is eye, ear, nose, and throat specialist for the Vermont State Industrial School. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Vermont State Medical Society, and the Addison County Medical Society, of which he was secretary for two years. Dr. Waterman's fraternal and social activities are extensive, the organizations with which he is affiliated including Phi Chi Fraternity; Dorchester Lodge, No. 1, Free and Accepted Masons; Jerusalem Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Mt. Calvary Commandery, Knights Templar; Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Burlington Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Pierpont Lodge, Knights of Pythias; Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 58; the Vergennes Country Club; the Burlington Gun Club, and the Vergennes Chamber of Commerce. In the Episcopal Church of Vergennes Dr. Waterman is a junior warden. As is often the case with men whose professions require exacting application, Dr. Waterman has exacting recreations. He is a musician of marked ability and spends considerable time with his music, the remainder of his recreation hours going to shooting and improving upon his records as a marksman.

During the World War, Dr. Waterman served as a captain in the Medical Corps of the Vermont State Militia. He has been continuously active in the interests of the Republican party and was elected on the Republican ticket to the State Legislature.

In 1908, Dr. Waterman married Mary A. Riker, of Newark, New Jersey. Their two children are Julia and William Mansfield.

**JOHN H. STEWART**, of Middlebury, is a foremost business leader in this city, in addition to which he is prominently identified with municipal and political activities as well as being a popular member in fraternal and social organizations of importance. Mr. Stewart is the owner and proprietor of the well-known

firm, the John H. Stewart Hardware Company, conducting one of the finest business establishments of this city, which ranks high in the hardware trade of Vermont.

Mr. Stewart was born in Middlebury, March 13, 1860, son of Dugald and Sophia C. (Allen) Stewart, his father being a native of Middlebury and his mother born in Burlington, both being now deceased. Dugald Stewart was a member of the legal profession and served as county clerk of Addison County, being also auditor for the Rutland Railroad. He served one term in the Vermont State Legislature, and he was one of the outstanding men of this community until his death, in 1870.

John H. Stewart was educated in the public schools of Middlebury, and upon completing his formal education, became connected, in 1874, with Beckwith and Company, general merchants in Middlebury. With this firm he was associated until 1889, acquiring a thorough foundation in general merchandising and a valuable fund of experience in commercial work. Mr. Stewart was then appointed by the President to be postmaster of Middlebury, and in this governmental position he remained until 1893. He then entered into a partnership with Allan Calhoun and together they established a hardware business under the firm name of Calhoun and Stewart. This association continued successfully until 1901 when the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Stewart organized his present enterprise, which has grown to be a factor in the hardware field. Here he handles a complete line of modern hardware, carrying only the highest grade of materials, and in addition conducts a prosperous plumbing and heating business.

Mr. Stewart has earned distinction in the field of politics, having served two terms as selectman of Middlebury and two terms as a member of the Middlebury School Board, while as a noted Republican, he has been for several years chairman of the Republican Town Committee. His fraternal affiliations are with Union Lodge, No. 2, Free and Accepted Masons; Potter Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Middlebury Council, Royal and Select Masters; Mt. Calvary Commandery, Knights Templar, and Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce, the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, and the New England Hardware Dealers' Association. Active in financial affairs, Mr. Stewart is a trustee of the Addison County Trust Company. His religious adherence is given to the Congregational church. His hobbies are the theatre and automobiling.

John H. Stewart married, in 1883, Lucia C. Sutton, who was born in Stowe, and their children are: 1. Dugald, who served in the United States Army during the World War, having the rank of second lieutenant. He is now associated with his father in the latter's business. 2. Benjamin S., also associated with his father.

**ERNEST JOHN ALEXANDER**—Few men about St. Albans have ever enjoyed the wide-spread esteem and general friendship that was accorded to Ernest John Alexander, druggist and personage of note in fraternal circles who had been a citizen of the town since 1884. Mr. Alexander had made his way from a clerkship up the economic ladder to the place where he was recognized as one of the most substantial citizens and successful business men of St. Albans through sheer pluck and perseverance, industry and honorable dealings. Possessed of an admirable, likable personality and an optimistic disposition, he always had a cheery greeting for those who paid a visit to his store, making them feel his



E. J. Alexander





personal interest in them and his appreciation for their patronage.

Mr. Alexander was born April 26, 1863, in the village of Evansville, town of Brownington, Vermont, the son of Harris Joel and Sarah (Lamb) Alexander. He completed the work offered in the public schools of that place and began to learn the drug business at Bradford in 1882. After two years spent in Bradford he came to St. Albans, where he was to work out his business career and spend a long and useful life, with the exception of two years spent in Rutland in a clerical capacity in a drug store. For a number of years Mr. Alexander worked as a clerk in St. Albans, but in 1897—shortly after his return from the period in Rutland—he opened a drug store of his own in partnership with Eben E. McLeod, under the firm name of McLeod & Company. This partnership was dissolved after five years, Mr. Alexander continuing to operate the business alone until the time of his death, when his son took it over. Mr. Alexander was active in lodge work, being a member of Franklin Lodge, No. 4, Free and Accepted Masons; Champlain Chapter, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons; Lafayette Commandery, No. 3, Knights Templar; Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Columbus Council, No. 1, Royal and Select Masters.

On June 17, 1891, Mr. Alexander married Eva M. Woodard, daughter of Oscar B. and Amelia (Hurlburt) Woodard of St. Albans. To this union were born seven children: 1. Vera Gertrude, who died in infancy, April 26, 1894. 2. Harris W., who served with the American Expeditionary Forces in France in a dispensary connected with the 104th Field Hospital, 26th Division. 3. John Edward, a Yale University graduate. 4. Carleton Ernest, a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. 5. Robert Burton, a graduate of Yale. 6. Jack Kenneth.

The death of Ernest J. Alexander on February 12, 1918, occasioned wide-spread and genuine sorrow in the community where he had counted all as his friends and where everyone was glad to be accorded his friendship. He exerted an immeasurable influence for good upon the time and place in which he lived and his passing removed from St. Albans one of the strongest civic leaders the town has ever had. A man of upright attitudes and fair dealings, he was admired and respected by all who knew him, and his loss was felt keenly.

**CLEMENT C. SMITH**—One of the younger generation of men who is fast making a name for himself in the business world is Clement C. Smith, of Bristol, Vermont. He is now the superintendent of the Bristol Railroad Company, the responsibilities of which position he assumed in 1927.

Mr. Smith was born in Bristol, October 10, 1894, the son of Richard S. and Minnie (McGee) Smith, both natives of Vermont, his mother born in Bristol, and his father in the town of Bridgewater, Windsor County. Richard S. Smith is associated with the Drake-Smith Company, of Bristol, being one of its partners, and also general manager. His son, Clement C., filled the office of superintendent of this company before he was called to take up the duties of the office he now holds. After completing his education in the elementary and high schools of Bristol, Clement C. Smith matriculated at the University of Vermont, in Burlington, and graduated from this institution of learning with the class of 1916, at which time he had received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Engineering degrees. His scholastic training completed, he found employment with the Bryant Chuck and Grinder Company, of Springfield, Vermont, where for two years he served as designer and draftsman. Following this, he went to Brooklyn, New York, where he accepted a position with the

King's County Lighting Company. He remained with this concern for only one year, going from here to the Mengle Company of Jersey City, New Jersey. After two years in this employ he returned to his native Bristol and in due time he was elected a member of the firm of Drake-Smith Company, of which his father was also a member. In 1927 he accepted the position of superintendent of the Bristol Railroad Company and is today filling this office with efficiency and satisfaction to all concerned. Mr. Smith has ability of a rare order, and is highly regarded in the community in which he lives.

The great World War found Clement C. Smith among those brave young men who were willing to sacrifice with their life, if necessary, to uphold the principles of their country. He entered the United States Army, and in June, 1918, was honored with the commission of second lieutenant, which was the rank he held when honorably discharged in March, 1919. Mr. Smith is now a member of the American Legion. He is also a member of the Vermont Chamber of Commerce, and the Bristol Chamber of Commerce, of the latter of which he was at one time president; the Associated Industries of the State of Vermont; and the Bristol Recreation Club, of which he is a director. Mr. Smith is a lover of the outdoors, and enjoys nothing better than a game of golf after a strenuous day of business detail. He is also a devotee of tennis.

Fraternally, Mr. Smith belongs to a Kappa Sigma Fraternity; and to Libanus Lodge, No. 47, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a Past Master. He has the distinction of having passed through all the Scottish Rite bodies, including Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In politics he is an Independent, preferring to cast his vote for the candidate whom he believes to be best fitted to serve, rather than aligning himself with any party.

Mr. Smith married, in 1922, Marion Mullings, of Bristol, Vermont, who is the mother of one child, Douglas M. They are both affiliated with the Federated Church of Bristol.

**ALBERT W. BUTLER**—After serving the people of his native city in public life for a quarter of a century, Albert W. Butler discontinued the practice of law and spent two years in Florida regaining his health, previous to returning to Vermont and locating at St. Albans, where he since has resided. Mr. Butler started his public career early in life, stepping from the athletic field of his college, where he was renowned, into the life of the community. Four years after, he was drafted by the citizens of Jamaica to serve as town treasurer and clerk, and such were his accomplishments in these offices that for twenty years he regularly was returned thereto.

Mr. Butler was born at Jamaica, January 3, 1879, son of Wayne M. and Mary S. (Clarey) Butler. Wayne M. Butler, a native of Jamaica, for many years conducted a farm there. Prior to engaging in agriculture, he was a carpenter. In 1928, at the age of eighty years, he was residing in the village of his birth with his wife, Mary S., who, previous to her marriage, had lived in Massachusetts.

Although born at Jamaica, Albert W. Butler received his public school training at Orange, Massachusetts. He was graduated from Leland Gray Seminary, and completed his education in 1901, receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree from Vermont University. While pursuing his studies at the university, Mr. Butler was conspicuous in athletic circles, being a member of the 'varsity football team and the baseball nine, and receiving his letter in the former sport. He was elected captain of the class baseball team, and proved an in-



spiration for his teammates in completing a very successful season during the term of his leadership.

After completing his education, Mr. Butler entered the law offices of his uncle, Fred M. Butler, a former Justice of the State Supreme Court, and there perfected himself in his profession until 1904, when he passed the examinations and was admitted to the Vermont bar. He then returned to Jamaica, where he opened law offices under his own name, and enjoyed a flourishing practice until 1925, when ill-health forced him to seek rest. Relinquishing his practice, he went to Florida, where he remained until 1927. Returning to Vermont in January of that year, Mr. Butler made his home at St. Albans. He is a respected member of the legal profession here and has, in a comparatively brief time, built up a substantial practice. His excellent knowledge of law and his personal interest in community affairs was recognized before he had been a year in Jamaica, when he was chosen as his party's nominee for town clerk and treasurer. He was elected in 1905, and his achievements were instrumental in his return to that post until 1925, when he retired from politics. In the meantime, however, he had been sent as Jamaica's representative to the State Legislature, this occurring in 1921. While thus serving he acted upon the judiciary and other important committees. Various other offices of public trust have been bestowed upon him during his career. During the World War, Mr. Butler was chairman of the local Draft Board, gaining a host of friends through his careful and impartial handling of this important work, and his efforts in the many "drives" of that period were of value to the government. Mr. Butler's professional associations include membership in the Vermont State Bar Association, while he also is a member of Mt. Lebanon Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. His religious faith is that of the Congregational church.

Albert W. Butler married, in 1904, Minnie B. Livermore, of Townsend, and they have one son: Wayne L., born May 30, 1905; a graduate of Leland Gray Seminary.

**JOHN F. MAHONEY**—Chief of police at St. Albans, Vermont, for more than a quarter of a century, John F. Mahoney has guarded the interests of the community with the greatest efficiency, discharging all the duties of his difficult position most satisfactorily. He has gone through the various strike periods at St. Albans without once being forced to call for outside aid, and the record which he has achieved will stand comparison with any other made under comparable circumstances in the United States.

Mr. Mahoney was born on May 29, 1869, at Rutland, Vermont, a son of Daniel Mahoney, who was born in County Cork, Ireland, and died in 1903, and of Elizabeth (McKay) Mahoney, also born in County Cork, Ireland, who died in 1898. The father was a farmer by occupation throughout all the years of his life.

John F. Mahoney attended the Vermont public schools, and finishing his education at an early age, was engaged for a time in railroad work. Soon, however, he learned the trade of iron moulder, which occupied his attention for some little time, and in which he was very successful. About the year 1900, he decided to leave this field of endeavor, and shortly afterwards was appointed a patrolman on the St. Albans force. The connection thus formed has been continued since that time to the great satisfaction of the community which Mr. Mahoney serves. On May 1, 1903, he was made chief of police, and this office he still holds, the other chiefs being: B. F. Kelley, H. E. Perkins, and Eugene M. Blake. Quick, thorough, and resourceful, Mr. Ma-

honey has always been a faithful guardian of the peace, and of the security of St. Albans and its homes.

Active in the general life of the community, and a liberal supporter of all movements designed to promote the civic welfare and growth, he is associated with several local enterprises, including the St. Albans Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Mahoney is affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Columbus, and has been prominent in the activities of this great order, serving as a member of the Vermont State Council, Grand Knight, and now, State Warden. With his family he worships in the Roman Catholic faith, attending St. Mary's Church of this denomination at St. Albans.

In 1896, John F. Mahoney married Mary McCarthy, of St. Albans, and they are the parents of one son, John C., who saw service during the period of the World War as a member of the 212th Engineering Corps. He married Mary E. Riley, and they have two children, both daughters.

**DANA E. BUCKLEY**—Rated one of the leading business men of his generation in St. Albans, Dana E. Buckley was born April 11, 1903, at Concord, New Hampshire, son of Mert J. and Julia (Emerson) Buckley, both of whom are natives of New Hampshire, Mert J. Buckley being a foreman in the employ of the Central Vermont Railroad at the present time (1928). After he had completed his education in the public schools, Dana E. Buckley went into the insurance business, and during the years that have followed has built up a very substantial enterprise in this line, handling all kinds of policies, including life. He is a partner in the A. S. McKillof Multigraph Company, and secretary and treasurer of the Franklin County Board of Fire Underwriters. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, as member of Franklin Lodge. He belongs to the Owl Club, the Chambers of Commerce of St. Albans and Vermont, and is a communicant of the Congregational church.

Mr. Buckley's offices as insurance operator are at No. 13 Kingman Street. He resides at No. 106 North Main Street, St. Albans.

**WINSLOW D. HEALD**—One of the outstanding figures in fraternal circles of St. Albans is Winslow D. Heald, a native of this community, and a resident here all of his life. Prior to the automobile age, Mr. Heald for many years had conducted a livery establishment, but his career since has been devoted to operating one of Vermont's most modern and up-to-date funeral parlors in St. Albans. A "home boy" in every sense of the word, and personally acquainted with almost every resident of St. Albans, this has served to gain for him the confidence and trust of his fellow-citizens.

Mr. Heald was born October 19, 1874, son of Amos E. and Susan E. (Daniels) Heald, both parents having been natives of Franklin County; the father is deceased. Amos E. Heald was one of Franklin County's substantial farmers, and was an exemplary citizen during his lifetime.

Winslow D. Heald was educated in the public schools of St. Albans and here later entered into the livery business. He followed this pursuit for many years, until the demand for horses was practically destroyed through the extensive use of motor vehicles. Recognizing that the time had come to enter another line of endeavor Mr. Heald, in 1922, launched the undertaking business which since has been his main interest. He now (1928) has a large and commodious building, which is equipped with the latest and best implements and furnishings for his work. His service includes an ambulance as a feature thereof, and many other modern improvements combine to make this one of the best undertaking



establishments in the State. Mr. Heald's tact and sympathetic nature have been factors of note in his satisfactory business career.

Civic, fraternal and religious spheres have benefited through the good works of this public-spirited citizen, his affiliations with such fields including the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In this last-named organization he has held many high offices, including that of Noble Grand, and he is a member of St. Albans Lodge, the Encampment and the Canton. He also is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and a Past Chancellor of this order. The Chamber of Commerce looks upon Mr. Heald as one of its most helpful members, and he is affiliated with the Methodist church, serving on the official board.

Winslow D. Heald married Lottie E. Bliss, of Franklin County, and their children are: Herman, George, Frederick, Adelbert, Evelyn and Everett (twins), Raymond, Winifred, Robert, Alan and Paige. The Heald undertaking parlors are located at No. 34 Kingman Street, St. Albans, while the family resides at No. 10 Rugg Street.

**HAROLD P. LEDDEN**—Identified with the banking business throughout the greater part of his business career, Harold P. Ledden has been since 1920 assistant cashier and trust officer of the Welden National Bank of St. Albans. In all his work he has constantly made friends for both himself and the institution with which he is associated; and, along with his banking activities, is engaged in the insurance business under his own name, representing the National Life Insurance Company and the Sun Life Insurance Company in St. Albans. There is scarcely any phase of the public life of his community in which he is not interested and does not take an active part, being prominently identified with fraternal and business organizations.

Mr. Ledden was born December 18, 1891, at Montpelier, Vermont, a son of Patrick J. and Minnie A. (Bailey) Ledden. His father is a native of Quebec City and his mother of Montpelier. In his early days he attended the parochial school, and also went to the local high school, graduating in 1909. His first work was in the banking business, he having been associated for a number of years with the First National Bank of Montpelier in the capacity of bookkeeper and clerk. From 1917 to 1920 he was assistant national bank examiner, with headquarters in Boston, Massachusetts, under James D. Brennan, chief National bank examiner for New England. Then, in 1920, he came to the Welden National Bank at St. Albans, and at the time of writing continues with his work as assistant cashier and trust officer. His additional representation in the life insurance trade renders Mr. Ledden one of the foremost among the influential business men of St. Albans; while the manner in which he goes about his duties has endeared him to the hearts of all who have come to know him.

In addition to his work as banker and life insurance broker, Mr. Ledden is active in a number of organizations of importance in the community. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus, is a member of the St. Albans Chamber of Commerce, and is a communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

In 1918, Harold P. Ledden married Anna T. Miles, and by this union there have been the following children: 1. Howard P., born March 2, 1920. 2. Margaret A., born October 6, 1921. 3. John M., born January 3, 1925.

**CHARLES E. HALL**—Having the distinction of being appointed to office by four Republicans, Charles E. Hall has been the postmaster of Swanton for almost

a quarter of a century (1928) during which time he has given to the people of this town and its surroundings a postal service that has been distinguished for its efficiency and competence. Mr. Hall was first appointed to office by President William McKinley, and his subsequent appointments have come from Presidents Roosevelt, Taft and Coolidge.

Mr. Hall was born in Sheldon, October 25, 1861, son of Bryant Hall, of East Berkshire, who died in 1886, and Hannah A. (Prouty) Hall, of Sheldon, who died in 1889. Bryant Hall was a well-known attorney of this vicinity and was a valued member of the community.

Charles E. Hall was educated in the public schools of Sheldon, Vermont, and after high school, was appointed assistant postmaster by Jason P. Jewett, postmaster, which position he held for seven years. He was afterwards in railroad service, and then was a traveling salesman until he received his first postmastership in 1900. He also followed his commercial occupation during intervening years between his terms of office. In his many years of public service, Mr. Hall has acquired the esteem of his fellow-citizens for his capable direction of this town's postal service and for his courteous manner and sincere attention to the interests of the people. He takes an active part in all local affairs, being an earnest supporter of every project put forward for the betterment of public welfare or the advancement of the town. He is a member of the Taquahunga Club and of the Swanton Board of Trade. His religious affiliations are with the Congregational church. In fraternal circles, Mr. Hall is a well-known member of Seventy-six Lodge, No. 14, Free and Accepted Masons and of the Order of Eastern Star.

Charles E. Hall married, in 1887, Sarah H. Foster, of Swanton, and to this union were born three children: 1. Fannie L., who married F. B. Russell. 2. Foster B., office manager of the Buick Motor Company at Detroit, Michigan. 3. Altha E., who married John L. Snow.

**CHARLES A. KENNEDY**—Engaged in the florist's business throughout all of his business career, Charles A. Kennedy is one of the foremost citizens engaged in this type of work in his vicinity of St. Albans, Vermont. In addition to this activity, he takes part to a marked extent in the social and organizational work of his fellowmen in St. Albans, where he is a member of a number of societies and fraternal orders and is held in the highest esteem by all who know him.

Mr. Kennedy was born in Fairfield, Vermont, and in this State has spent practically his whole life. He received his early education in the public schools, and when he first started his career selected the florist's business as that which would be most likely to appeal to him. He first began work in 1913 as a member of the firm of Kennedy and Ledoux, which since that time has continued to be one of the leading establishments of its kind in this part of Vermont. Mr. Kennedy has several spacious and lovely greenhouses, enclosed in 32,000 square feet of glass. He employs from six to ten men continuously, and has as a market all the area in a radius of forty miles from his greenhouses. His firm is the largest enterprise of its kind in Franklin County; and most of its success, needless to say, is directly the result of the constant diligence and vision of Mr. Kennedy himself, who devotes himself tirelessly to the development of this organization.

In addition to his business activities, Mr. Kennedy has participated in many different branches of community life. He was at one time a member of Company B of the Vermont National Guard. He holds membership in the Knights of Columbus, in which order he is a Past Grand Knight, and is now president of the



G. K. C., and in the Catholic Order of Foresters. He also is active in the Rotary Club, the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce, and the St. Albans Chamber of Commerce. His religious affiliation is with St. Mary's Church.

Mr. Kennedy is a son of Thomas B. and Catherine (Honigan) Kennedy. His father, who was for many years prominent in political affairs in Vermont, having been elected to the Senate and to other public offices on the Democratic ticket, died in 1915.

Charles A. Kennedy's wife, to whom he was united in marriage in 1904, was Mary Donovan, of County Cork, Ireland. They have two children: 1. Charles M., a graduate of high school, now at Norwich, Vermont. 2. Catherine L.

**IRA ANDERSON VINCENT**—Operating a successful motion picture theater for more than sixteen years in Enosburg Falls, Ira Anderson Vincent had already built up a high reputation in the district as a business man and agriculturist and had become the owner of valuable farm property. He was a man of diversified talents, keen witted and industrious, far-seeing and of absolute integrity. In all his work he operated upon the principle that men are entitled to full value on their investments and to that end he gave the best in the market in groceries and meats, the best that his farm could produce and the best entertainment in his theater that money and judgment could attain. He was deeply interested in all public matters of importance and always ready to put his shoulder to the wheel of progress and do his utmost to achieve results for the benefit of the whole community. He was engaging in manner, and an estimable citizen whom Vermont could ill afford to lose, while to his many friends his decease was a personal affliction.

Born in Berkshire, Vermont, October 11, 1873, he was a son of George and Fideia (Anderson) Vincent, both deceased, his father having been a farmer. His education was acquired in the public schools of both Enosburg Falls and Brigham Academy, at Bakersfield. His first occupation was in the grocery and meat business in Enosburg Falls, in which he was associated with E. W. Towle, whose interest he purchased after several years. In 1911, he disposed of this establishment to engage in the motion picture industry, his first theater being the M. P. Perley Block, where he remained until 1924, when D. W. Ames built the playhouse which he turned over to Mr. Vincent and which the last named operated until his death. It is still being conducted by his widow, a woman of fine business ability and most gracious personality. Mr. Vincent was also financially interested with L. B. Thomas in the Community Shop, which specialized in radios and other electrical appliances, and had acquired a farm of one hundred and forty acres nearby, which became the property of Mrs. Vincent.

Mr. Vincent was a Republican in politics; had occupied the office of village clerk for several years; and was also collector of water and lights for the village at the time of his death. He was a member of the Protestant Episcopal church, while his wife attended the Methodist. His club was the Philomn. He died October 13, 1927.

Ira Anderson Vincent married, June 12, 1901, Minnie Thomas, of Enosburg Falls, Vermont, and they were the parents of Ira Anderson, Jr., now attending the local high school.

**REV. JOHN J. BOYLE**—Born at Gloucester, Massachusetts, August 15, 1863, Rev. John J. Boyle was ordained to the priesthood December 21, 1889, at Burlington, Vermont, by the Rt. Rev. Louis De Goesbriand. On August 1, 1919, he was assigned to St. Mary's, of St. Albans, where he has remained in charge down to the present (1928).

The history of St. Mary's dates back to 1847. It

was the first Roman Catholic church erected in Franklin County, and was founded by the Rev. George Hamilton, its first pastor. He was succeeded in the following order: by Revs. Thomas Shahan, Riordan, McCauley, McGowan, Clavier, Druon, and O'Sullivan, who, as noted, was succeeded by Father Boyle. The present church edifice was erected in 1849, just two years after the parish was founded. This parish was one of the first in Vermont to support a parochial school, and today numbers some three hundred souls.

Father Boyle was a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Knights of Columbus, and other societies. He is deeply interested in the church, and warm in the affections of his parishioners. His undertakings, with those of the parish collectively, have been of real value to the city of St. Albans.

**THOMAS D. KEERY**, chief of the fire department at St. Albans, Vermont, has been engaged in fire department work during all his life and was chosen for this important position at St. Albans because of the fine ability which he displayed and the distinguished record he achieved in the fifteen years of his service at Springfield, Massachusetts. The confidence of the community in him, which was evidenced in his appointment, has been more than justified by Mr. Keery's highly successful and efficient administration. Not only has he reorganized the entire department, placing it on a sound and systematic basis, but he has also initiated many progressive features in the fire service, and secured the finest equipment and apparatus obtainable.

Mr. Keery was born on February 16, 1883, at Holyoke, Massachusetts, a son of Thomas Keery, a millwright, who was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and died in 1888, and of Margaret (McCluskey) Keery, also a native of Glasgow, Scotland, who died in 1919.

Thomas D. Keery attended the public schools of Massachusetts and upon the completion of his educational work, began the business of life as a member of the Springfield Fire Department in 1912. Here he remained for a period of fifteen years winning gradual advancement for meritorious services, until at the time of his resignation, he was aide to the chief. In 1927, Mr. Keery was offered and accepted the position of chief of the fire department at St. Albans, which he has continued to fill since that time. Beginning with the year 1896, there have been several different chiefs of this department, all of whom labored for the upbuilding of the service. From 1893 to 1900, J. C. Leslie was chief; from 1900 to 1902, A. C. Coote occupied the position. During the two years following, W. E. Higgins was in charge, while from 1904 to 1906, Mr. Coote resumed his old position. From 1906 to 1910, G. P. Derrick was chief of the department; while from 1910 to 1927, Fred J. Guerin was chief, and he was succeeded in office by Mr. Keery. Recognizing the importance of an efficient fire machine, Mr. Keery took immediate steps for systematic reorganization of his department and began to introduce the very latest methods and ideas as they are employed in the largest cities. Entirely through his efforts the new fire prevention service of the city was inaugurated, while the apparatus and equipment were brought completely up-to-date. Included in the St. Albans fire service equipment are, the new 750-gallon La France engine with its crew, the apparatus of the Service Ladder Company, two hundred and eighty-four hydrants and thirty-seven fire boxes, the chief's car and various assistant cars—in short, everything necessary to make this department one of the finest to be found in Vermont. In considerable degree this high standing has been achieved through Mr. Keery's tireless efforts and able direction of affairs, and for this he has the thanks of the entire com-



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munity, which appreciates the true value of his services and honors him for his work.

In all other phases of civic advance and welfare Mr. Keery has lent his hearty support to worthy movements, gaining wide reputation as a public-spirited citizen. He has been far too busy to seek political office either for himself or others, but has never lost interest in problems of government and local administration of the law. Fraternally, he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and in this great order is a member of the Blue Lodge.

In 1925, Thomas D. Keery married Marcia I. Delamier. Mr. and Mrs. Keery reside on Kingman Street in St. Albans.

**ARTHUR M. POND** has been connected with dry goods and ladies' furnishings throughout most of his business career and, at the present time, is head of what is probably the oldest establishment of this type of merchandise, in Richford. He was born in East Berkshire, April 19, 1879, son of Addison P. and Fannie (Janes) Pond. The latter was born in Montgomery and is still living, aged eighty-five years, and the former passed away in 1907. Mr. Pond spent his younger days on the home farm, going to the school of the neighborhood. He entered business for himself in 1905, having an interest in the firm of Smith and Pond, which he later sold out and then started the M. W. Rounds Company, of which he was general manager and treasurer. In 1919 he withdrew from this concern and organized the present company. His success has been a result of unrelenting endeavor and keenness of foresight and is gratifying alike to himself and his fellow-townsmen. A town with progressive civic ideas recognizes worth and stability as needful factors in its corporate body, for a town, as well as a business partnership, depends for its prosperity and advancement on the component parts. Mr. Pond has held various public offices in town matters, and has served as trustee of the village of Richfield; as overseer of the poor, and as purchasing agent for the Bakersfield Poor Farm. He is affiliated with the Masons, belonging to Missisquoi Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; is a member of the Board of Trade, and of the Calumet Club. In church affairs, he actively assists in the welfare of the Episcopal congregation, to which he belongs, acting as a member of the vestry.

In 1907, Arthur M. Pond and Kate Crampton, of Berkshire, were married, and five children have been born to them: 1. Arthur J., born May 1, 1909. 2. Mabel A., born January 12, 1911. 3. Addison C., born December 7, 1913. 4. Homer R., born November 8, 1915. 5. Mary F., who was born on January 13, 1918.

**WILBUR A. JAY**, for many years connected with the granite and marble business, is widely experienced in this field and now as proprietor of his own company has built up a very successful trade, doing work all over Vermont, Northern New York, and New Hampshire. Mr. Jay is highly regarded in St. Albans, where he makes his home, and is a sound business man and dependable citizen.

Mr. Jay was born March 19, 1887, at Concord, New Hampshire, a son of Joseph Jay, who was born in England, and of Caroline (Olson) Jay, a native of Sweden. His father, who is also in the granite business, has been so engaged for almost fifty years.

Wilbur A. Jay attended the public schools of his birthplace, and at an early age began work in the granite and marble industry, in the employ of Cross Brothers, of Northfield, Vermont. Later, he was connected with the Woodbury Granite Company, and the E. B. Ellis Company, becoming thoroughly familiar

with every detail connected with the cutting and handling of granite and marbles. In 1919, he was able to establish himself in business at St. Albans, Vermont, to which place he had come in 1918. His sound training and general executive ability insured the immediate success of this venture which has continued to prosper in the decade following its establishment, and as Mr. Jay's reputation spread throughout the vicinity, the demands for his services and product constantly increased.

Far too busy to seek public office either for himself or others, Mr. Jay has not neglected his civic duty, maintaining a warm interest in the problems of government and the general welfare of the community. At one time he served as a member of Company F. of the National Guard of the State, while he has been associated with various movements and enterprises for progress at St. Albans. Mr. Jay is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is very active, being a member of DeWitt Clinton Lodge; of the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and the Council, Royal and Select Masters. He is also a member of the local branch of the Knights of Pythias. With his family he worships in the faith of the Congregational church.

In 1909, Wilbur A. Jay married Florence C. Staples, of Northfield, Vermont. Three children have been born of this marriage: 1. Orson W., born, January 26, 1910, who has achieved a fine athletic record in the St. Albans High School. 2. Clara E., born, May 26, 1912. 3. Lillian A., born, July 23, 1918. The family residence at St. Albans is situated at No. 66 Messenger Street.

**JUDGE MARSHALL H. ALEXANDER**—Few men in St. Albans, Franklin County, have had careers at law of such variety and interest as that of Judge Marshall H. Alexander. Through his profession, as a citizen, and in statecraft, he has contributed much to the advancement of this community, and is today a foremost figure in general affairs.

Judge Alexander was born in St. Albans, September 24, 1861, a son of Henry G. and Alvira S. (Greene) Alexander. His father, a native of the province of Quebec, Canada, was a farmer and man of progressive ideas, widely respected as a man and citizen. His farm in Georgia was where his son spent his childhood days. His death, which occurred in 1900, brought a deep sense of loss to the community. Alvira S. (Greene) Alexander was born in St. Albans.

In the public schools and from private tutors, Judge Alexander secured his academic instruction. Early he manifested a marked interest in the law as a career, and upon completion of his preparatory studies entered the law offices of Farmington and Post, under whose preceptorship he applied himself diligently to the case books. He was admitted to the bar of Vermont, April 12, 1883, at the age of twenty-one years. For some time he practiced under his own name and with good professional fortune in Jericho, Vermont, in 1891 removing to Burlington, where he practiced until 1896, in which year he went to New York City to become associated with the law firm of Peckham, Warner and Strong. After a while, however, always having had a special fondness for New England, and in particular for Vermont, he returned to Georgia and remained there until 1907 when he removed to the city of his birth, and has engaged in practice here through the years succeeding to the present (1928). His practice is of a general character, and Judge Alexander conducts it under the style of his own name, independently.

Distinctions in many fields have come to Judge Alexander, indicative of the confidence which the townspeople feel in his ability as a lawyer and man-of-affairs.



For two years he was superintendent of schools for the town of Georgia. In 1906, from that town he was sent to State Legislature as representative, and served as chairman of the Committee on Elections. From St. Albans he was returned to the capitol in 1919, and during his second term as representative served as chairman of the committee on appropriations and other important committees, including the judiciary. Thereafter, he was made the State's attorney, at which he served from 1921 to 1925, with distinction, and since 1925 has been municipal judge of St. Albans.

Judge Alexander is a member of the Vermont Bar Association, president of the King's Daughters Home, fraternally maintains affiliation with Franklin Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, and is a communicant of the Universalist church. During the period of America's participation in the World War, he was of valued service in the various campaigns of patriotic appeal, serving on several boards and committees charged with war work.

Judge Alexander has been twice married. His first wife, Bertha Atchinson, died in 1910. He now resides with his second wife, Cecelia Thorne Parker, and his daughter, Beatrice at No. 114 High Street. His offices are at No. 42 North Main Street, St. Albans.

**A. CODERRE**—Engaged at different periods in different types of work, beginning as clerk in a dry goods store, A. Coderre has attained the position of station agent at Richford for the Central Vermont Railroad. In addition to the duties which he performs in connection with this work, Mr. Coderre is active in a number of important fraternal organizations which play an important part in the life of Richford and the surrounding communities of Vermont.

Mr. Coderre was born at Webster, Massachusetts, September 27, 1887, son of Simond and Mary (Benoit) Coderre, the father, a carpenter by trade, a native of the Province of Quebec, and the mother of Putnam, Connecticut. A. Coderre, the son, received his early education in the public schools of his native place, and later attended a seminary. He began his business career as a clerk in a dry goods store, remaining as such for about three years. Then he went into the railroad business, which has occupied his attentions since that time. His first work in this industry was as telegraph operator, in which capacity he served in several different cities and towns, including Montpelier, Winoski, Bethel, Riverton, St. Albans, Iberville, Standbridge and others. He was in Sheldon Springs in 1915, and then, in 1917, was made station agent at Richford for the Central Vermont Railroad, succeeding Benjamin Joy. In this work he has been very successful, partly as a result of his thorough knowledge of his duties and partly because of his splendid personality and his adjustment to his position.

Mr. Coderre is, in addition to his railroad activities, a leader in fraternal work in Richford. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, in which he is Grand Knight of the Richford Council. He also belongs to the society of St. Jean de Baptiste, which he serves as president. He holds memberships also in the Calumet Club and the Richford Board of Trade.

In 1916, Mr. Coderre married Emma Comeau, of Farnham, Canada, daughter of Baptiste and Mary (Baussoleil) Benoit, widely known citizens of that place. By this marriage there have been born the following children: 1. Mary Jane, born October 3, 1917. 2. Cecile Theresa, born April 29, 1921. 3. Gertrude Getorgette, born August 3, 1927.

**CHARLES W. POWELL**—Twenty years as postmaster in one town will inevitably give a man a wide acquaintance in that vicinity, and make the peo-

ple of the town rather comprehensively acquainted with the postmaster, but in addition to rendering twenty years' service as postmaster of Franklin, Charles W. Powell has, throughout that period, played an active part in civic affairs of the community and unselfishly devoted much of his time and splendid ability to the work of local offices, with the result that probably no man in the entire county has a wider circle of warm friends than he.

Mr. Powell was born at Jericho, Vermont, August 16, 1861, just as the country had been plunged into civil war. His father was Solomon W. Powell, a native of Connecticut and a farmer, whose death occurred in 1908, and his mother, native of the same State, was Sarah A. (Ingalls) Powell, who died in 1872. The subject of this sketch was educated in the public schools, and during his earlier adult years engaged in mercantile operations at Franklin, under the firm name of C. W. Powell and Company. He sold the business in 1915, but had been appointed postmaster of Franklin by President William McKinley. He served continuously for sixteen years, then was replaced under a Democratic régime. But he was reappointed by President Calvin Coolidge and has held his position for over twenty years in all. Mr. Powell has continuously interested himself in the conduct of local governmental affairs, and served for eight years, from 1908 to 1916, as town clerk and treasurer of Franklin, and has also acted as clerk of the school board. Fishing and hunting constitute his chief recreations, and he holds membership in the fish and game clubs of the vicinity. Mr. Powell is a member of the Modern Woodmen of the World, and is active in church work, being clerk and treasurer of the board of trustees of the Congregational church.

In 1888, Mr. Powell married Elizabeth R. Gates, of Franklin. Born to this union were a son and two daughters: 1. Harold C., who served with the American Expeditionary Forces in France. 2. Anna L., wife of H. W. Hackett. 3. Mildred, a graduate of the University of Vermont, who teaches in the New Jersey schools.

**BRUNO PORTELANCE**—One of the leading business concerns in St. Albans is the Foundry Paint Shop of which Bruno Portelance is sole owner and proprietor. Mr. Portelance came to St. Albans in 1916 when he became connected with the Foundry Manufacturing Company of this city, remaining with that organization until 1920, when he founded his present establishment in partnership with M. E. Rochon and this continued until 1927, in which year he became head of the business by purchasing Mr. Rochon's interests. The Foundry Paint Shop conducts a lucrative business in automobile painting, also engaging in general repair work on automobile bodies, and since its inception, has received the unqualified approval and constant patronage of this community.

Mr. Portelance was born at St. Eugene, Province of Ontario, Canada, November 1, 1887, son of Stanislas and Melina (Villeneuve) Portelance, both of the Province of Ontario. Stanislas Portelance is a prominent citizen of St. Eugene, where he follows the trade of blacksmith.

Bruno Portelance was educated in the parochial schools of Quebec, and early learned the blacksmith trade, at which he was employed for some time in Montreal and Cedar Rapids, Province of Quebec. In 1916, he came to St. Albans and was employed with The Foundry Manufacturing Company for four years. Deciding to establish an independent business, he took as a partner M. E. Rochon, and together they formed The Foundry Auto Paint Shop, conducting a successful business in painting and repairing automobile bodies, their painting work being of a superior quality while all repairs made



were of the most satisfactory and dependable nature. In 1927, Mr. Portelance bought out Mr. Rochon's interest in the organization and has since continued to operate the business alone. He employs about ten men in the various departments of the enterprise which is expanding steadily due to the excellent work which they turn out. The expert care given every detail and the beauty and durability of the finished product have given the firm a reputation which makes it one of the leading plants of its kind in this vicinity. In local activities, Mr. Portelance is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the St. Jean de Baptiste Society. He is a member of the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce, and his religious affiliation is with the Holy Angels' Roman Catholic Church.

Bruno Portelance married, in 1909, Eugenia Rochon, and they have three children: Romuald, Paul Emile and Rene. The family residence is located at No. 9 Cedar Street.

**NOBLE JAMES SANFORD**—A resident of Middlebury, Vermont, for many years, Noble James Sanford is now high sheriff of Addison County and turnkey at the county jail. His administration of these important offices has given the completest satisfaction to the community and the county which he serves, and much credit is due to Mr. Sanford for the efficiency of his work.

Born at Shoreham, Vermont, September 19, 1876, Mr. Sanford is a son of Vloren Sanford, who was born at Shoreham, and of Phoebe Ann (Austin) Sanford, born at Salisbury, Vermont, both parents being now deceased. The father was engaged in agricultural pursuits at Shoreham for many years, and was a highly respected member of the community there.

Noble James Sanford attended the public schools of Middlebury, and following his graduation from the local high school, began the business of life as the owner of a horse and livery enterprise which he operated in a successful way for a full quarter of a century, from 1895 until 1920. A man of high standing and recognized ability at Middlebury, he was made deputy sheriff and turnkey at Addison County jail, continuing his livery business also for some little time thereafter. When the changing conditions of American life made it unprofitable to go on with this venture, he devoted all his time and attention to his duties as deputy sheriff and turnkey, and in February, 1927, was rewarded for years of efficient service in being chosen high sheriff of Addison County, in which office he has since remained. Mr. Sanford has run the county jail since his first appointment as turnkey, and this section owes him a debt of gratitude for the ability which he has shown in keeping the machinery of the prison running with the maximum smoothness.

Always active in all community affairs, Mr. Sanford is a member of the Middlebury Chamber of Commerce, and of the Vermont State Sheriffs' Association, of which organization he is past president. In politics he gives his allegiance to the Republican party, and for the last twelve years has served as poor master for the town of Middlebury. He is affiliated fraternally with the Rutland Lodge, No. 345, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, while with his family he worships in the faith of the Protestant Episcopal church. Much of his leisure time he gives to hunting and to his dogs, of which he is very fond.

In 1902, Noble James Sanford married Angeline Vassan, who was born at Cornwall, Vermont, and is still living. They are the parents of one child, Pauline Agnes, who makes her home in New York City.

**ATHERTON THAYER CURTIS**—Farming and its allied industries are scientifically conducted by one of the best-known agriculturalists of the Green Moun-

tain State, Atherton T. Curtis, manager of the Farmers' Feed and Grain Company, and director of the Coöperative Creamery at St. Albans. Mr. Curtis is the proprietor and operator of a farm of more than three hundred acres, and the major portion of the enterprise is given over to dairying purposes, for which he has half a hundred head of stock, while in the late winter season the place is a scene of great activity in the production of maple sugar from the sap taken from a stand of one thousand trees. Though a resident for some years now of St. Albans, where his helpful citizenship is highly prized, Mr. Curtis' home interests center naturally in the village of Georgia, of which he is a former selectman.

Atherton Thayer Curtis was born in Georgia, Vermont, January 9, 1872, the son of James K. and Martha (Allen) Curtis; the former, born in Burlington, was a farmer all his life until his death in Georgia; his wife, a native of North Hero, is deceased also. They were estimable folk who had the respect of the people of Georgia. The son, Atherton T., was educated in the public schools of his native town. He was reared on the parental acres, and after he left school was associated with his father and brothers on the home place for a few years. About 1908, he purchased, in the town of Georgia, the old home farm of three hundred and thirty-five acres, and at once launched out into agriculture on a large scale. While devoting a portion of the tract to farming purposes strictly, his chiefest attention is paid to the dairying end, which has been developed to large proportions. The farm supports fifty choice cows, and a high grade of milk and cream carefully handled and advantageously marketed gives the Curtis name and farm a good reputation. To this prestige is added the popularity attached to the maple products, for which the Curtis farm is widely known also.

In 1912, Mr. Curtis was persuaded to enter the strictly commercial field, which is yet closely akin to and is dependent upon agricultural resources. Having accepted the management of the Farmers' Feed and Grain Company, and a directorship in the Coöperative Creamery, both St. Albans concerns, he removed to that city in order to be on the scene of operations. His coming among St. Albans people has been of marked benefit to the business life of the city and the betterment movements in which many of the citizens are actively interested.

Mr. Curtis gives his political allegiance to the Republican party, which he has undeviatingly supported all his adult life. When a resident of Georgia, he was honored with election to the Board of Selectmen and was retained in that office for six years. The community's interests were both safeguarded and advanced during his membership in the town government. He is a trustee of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Atherton Thayer Curtis married, in June, 1905, Hattie Meigs, of St. Albans, who is now deceased, survived by four children: Marion L. and John M., graduates of the St. Albans High School; Helen Emily and Marguerite Louise, students at that school.

**LEROY RUSSELL**—In Middlebury, the legal profession is represented by Leroy Russell, who has been a member of the bar of this State since his admission in 1902. Mr. Russell has served as Municipal Judge since November, 1926, and has held a number of positions in the legal and political affairs of the State, representing Middlebury at the State Capitol in the Legislature of 1923.

Mr. Russell was born in New Haven, May 23, 1874, son of George S. and Ovanda (Carter) Russell, his father having been born in Shelburne and his mother in



Monkton. George S. Russell was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death in 1928.

Leroy Russell was educated in Beeman Academy at New Haven and at Middlebury College, graduating from the latter institution with the class of 1897, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science. After teaching three years in the State of New York, he read law in the office of Cushman and Sherman, at Burlington, until his admission to the bar. Mr. Russell then engaged in the general practice of his profession and continued in that direction successfully until 1926, when he was appointed clerk of Addison County. Since 1926 he has devoted his attention to his work as municipal judge and clerk, giving to the people of the county his best service. In politics, Judge Russell is a Republican and from 1904 to 1908 served as State's attorney of Addison County. His fraternal affiliations are with Chi Psi College Fraternity, and the various Masonic bodies; he is now Illustrious Master of Middlebury Council and past Commander of Mt. Calvary Commandery. Judge Russell is a member of the Episcopal church and has served as junior warden of the local parish since 1913.

Leroy Russell married, August 2, 1898, May H. Rockwell, who was born in Plymouth, Ohio, and they have one son, George L., who attended the United States Naval Academy, at Annapolis, and was graduated from that institution with the class of 1921. He is now a lieutenant in the United States Navy, assigned to duty in the Judge Advocate General's Office in Washington, D. C., and is attending George Washington University as a law student. Mrs. Leroy Russell is prominent in the civic life of Middlebury and a member of the Republican State Committee.

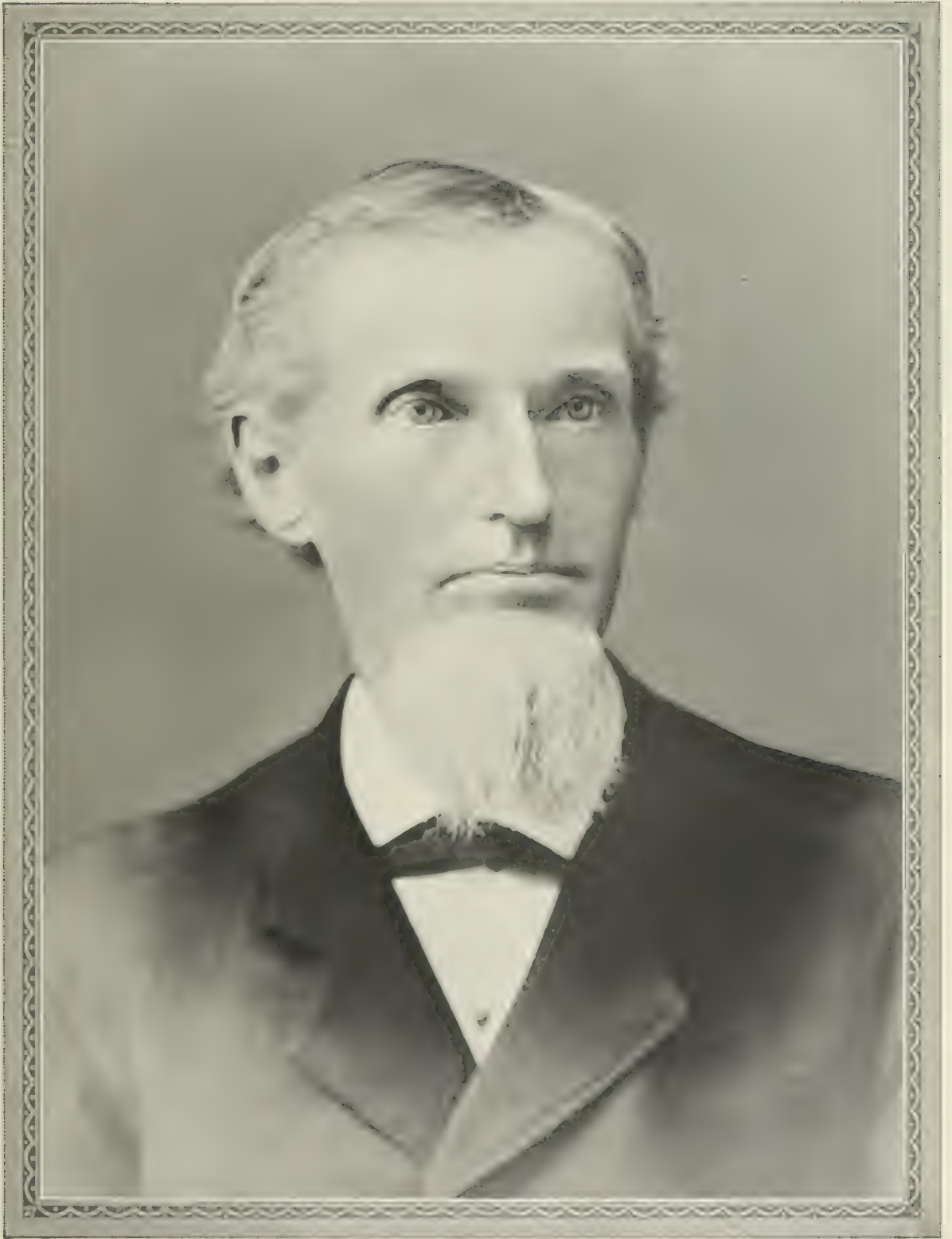
**EDWIN LEVI NICHOLS**—Engaged for many years in the dry goods business in Bennington, Vermont, Edwin Levi Nichols was a leader in the industrial affairs of this town and its environs, and did a great deal to further the building up of his community and the modernizing of its business methods. Here he purchased his own lot and built a store which thereafter took a prominent place in the life of Bennington. In his life span, which covered the period from 1828 to 1914, well nigh a century in its length and one of the most important in the history of America and the world at large, Mr. Nichols played an important part in the affairs of Bennington and the State of Vermont. Here he made friends, a host of whom were sorely grieved to hear of his passing from the scene of his worldly endeavors, so marked had been his contribution to his city and its people and so companionable an individual was he.

Mr. Nichols was born in Pownal, Vermont, January 3, 1828, son of Levi and Maria (Paddock) Nichols. His father, Levi Nichols, was born in Connecticut, and in pioneer days took up his abode in Pownal, where he farmed until 1844, the year in which he came to Bennington. Here he purchased a tract of land and carried on agricultural work until the time of his death, which occurred when he was seventy-eight years old. His wife, Maria (Paddock) Nichols, was a native of Bennington, and died at the age of fifty-four years; she was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Levi and Maria (Paddock) Nichols had five children: 1. Edwin Levi, of further mention herein. 2. Mrs. H. Hopkins Harwood, a resident of Bennington Center. 3. Martha E., who lives with her sister. And two others who have been for many years deceased.

Edwin Levi Nichols, of whom this is a record, spent the first sixteen years of his life in his native Pownal, and then came to Bennington with his parents in 1844. The education that he received was in the common schools, and afterward he remained on his father's farm

until he was twenty-two years old, when he began working by the month. He was so employed until the time of his marriage. With the capital that he had acquired through his own efforts he established a confectionery store and restaurant, having as his partner a Mr. Cady; the name of the business was Cady and Nichols. It was during the conduct of this business that Mr. Nichols set up the first soda fountain in the town of Bennington, which was carried on in connection with his restaurant business. For two years he continued in this business, although at length he sold his interest in it and established a dry goods store on a small scale. For five years he was the proprietor of that store, and at the end of that period purchased a lot and erected on it his own business block, a double store building, three stories in height, which became one of Bennington's outstanding business places and furnished Mr. Nichols with an excellent center for his activities in the business life of this town. After ten years he rented one-half of the store, but in a few years he again became the occupant of the entire building. He remained active in the conduct of this store until his death, assisted by his wife and her sister, the former of whom has continued the business since her husband's passing. He was, at the time of his demise, one of the oldest merchants in point of service in Bennington and this part of Vermont. He carried at all times a large stock of merchandise, as the store still does, and with the passing years saw his energy and efforts rewarded with an increasing business and patronage. His establishment was the first to introduce the sale of women's ready made wearing apparel in Bennington. Mr. Nichols also offered for sale and sold the first potted plants in Bennington.

Edwin Levi Nichols married, on October 19, 1869, Ada Hutchinson, born in Burlington, Vermont, daughter of William and Emily (Collins) Hutchinson. Her great-grandfather, Stephen Hopkins, was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and the first chancellor of Brown University. Her grandfather, Henry Collins, resided at Essex, Vermont, during the greater part of his life, having gone thither from Lebanon, New Hampshire; he was a farmer, and lived to an advanced age, having died October 16, 1875. He married, on March 7, 1797, Martha Aldrich, member of a family whose ancestry dates back in America to the landing of the "Mayflower" at Plymouth Rock. By this marriage there were three daughters, now deceased: 1. Mahala, who died in 1860, aged sixty-two. 2. Frances, who died March 5, 1868, aged sixty-five. 3. Emily, mother of Mrs. E. L. Nichols. The grandfather was married a second time, on December 8, 1811, to Polly Webb, and this wife died August 30, 1866, aged eighty-seven years. William Hutchinson, Mrs. Nichols' father, was born in Whitehall, New York; was a lumber merchant by occupation, and spent much of his life in Burlington, Vermont, and afterward in Winooski, Chittenden County, whither he removed, in a large house which he built there and which is now standing and occupied. There he spent his last years, his death occurring at the age of sixty-two years; and his remains now lie in Greenmount Cemetery in the lot adjacent to the burial place of Ethan Allen. It was the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Nichols whose services were sought when he was an invalid, to locate the spot where Ethan Allen was buried, that there might be no mistake in the placing of a monument to that famous hero of the Revolution. William Hutchinson's wife, Emily (Collins) Hutchinson, was born on September 13, 1805, and died July 6, 1889; and they had a family of five children, all of whom at one time attended the Convers Young Ladies' Seminary, at Burlington. The parents belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church. Eugenia Hutchinson, a sister and a teacher, retired, now resides with Mrs. Nichols.



E. L. Nichols





Mrs. Nichols, who came to Bennington in 1865, has assisted in the management of the Nichols store since it was founded, having done the buying for the different departments since 1891; and from the time of her husband's death, she has practically managed the store during a great deal of the time. She is active in town affairs, being a member of the Woman's Christian Association and the Baptist church, in which her husband was always a leader and was at the time of his death a senior deacon.

Mr. and Mrs. Nichols had a son, Lester, who went through the graded and high schools of Bennington, and then became a student at Brown University, from which he was graduated in the class of 1904. He gave up the idea of entering Cornell University for the study of medicine, and instead became associated with his father in the Nichols dry goods store. At the time of his father's death he took over the management of this institution, and is today head of the business. He is active in social and fraternal affairs, being a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he belongs to the Bennington Lodge and has obtained all the degrees up to and including the Knights Templar. He has been twice married, (first) to Emily L. Palmer, daughter of an ink manufacturer, and she died; and (second) to Virginia Crumb, of Providence, Rhode Island.

The death of Edwin Levi Nichols, which occurred on August 16, 1914, brought profound sorrow to the hearts of his many friends and acquaintances in Bennington and wherever he was known; for he was recognized as a leader in business affairs in this town and as a most substantial and desirable type of citizen. He was an early advocate of prohibition and was earnest in its promotion even against his own personal business interests. He lived to an advanced age of useful endeavor, and did much in his own quiet way to bring about a betterment of business conditions and general prosperity in his town and State; and it must be said to his credit that his thorough integrity in all his business transactions was a factor which went to attract customers and increased business, with the result that he was rewarded for his labors and will long remain in the memory of his fellowmen.

**ROBERT M. WOOD**—The automobile business in Franklin County has been developed to remarkable proportions through the activities therein of the Foundry Repair Shop, Inc., of St. Albans, of which Robert M. Wood, the organizer, is president. This is one of the largest establishments of the kind in this section of the State and bespeaks the enterprise, business acumen and valued good-will of Mr. Wood, who is one of the best-known men in the trade. The business is an asset to the St. Albans community in its commercial life, while its head is esteemed a citizen of influence who lends his strength for the promotion of civic betterment.

Robert M. Wood was born in Cheyenne, Wyoming, May 26, 1887, the son of Charles and Ida M. (Montgomery) Wood, his father, a native of England, is a retired cattle buyer, and the mother was born in Isle La Motte of this State.

Robert M. Wood received his education in the public schools, and at an early age started his career by taking employment in the automobile business in the town of Randolph. He worked in various places in the motor vehicle trade until July 13, 1921, when he organized the Foundry Repair Shop, Inc., became its first president and has held the office ever since. The purpose of this concern is to do general machine work and make repairs and to serve as agent for the Reo equipment. The business gives employment to a force of eighteen, and the house was one of the first in the State to use the re-grinding machines, now considered indispensable in every automobile plant. The company

had its original location on Federal Street, St. Albans, and in 1923 it removed to its present place of business on Main Street. It maintains a branch plant at No. 160 North Main Street also.

Mr. Wood is a member of the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce and of the Chamber of Commerce of St. Albans. He is popular in fraternal and social organizations, affiliating with Franklin Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and belongs to the Champlain Country Club. His religious preference is Universalist.

Robert M. Wood married, in 1915, Florence E. Mayo, of Bethel, and they are the parents of two children: 1. Raymond M., born March 28, 1916. 2. Ruth M., born August 4, 1918.

**JERRY E. CUMMINGS**—Printing is both an art and a business. To one who is artistic, fine composition and presswork are a positive pleasure; and to one of business talent they open avenues of very satisfactory profit.

Jerry E. Cummings, owner and director of the Cummings Press, of St. Albans, operates his printing establishment as an artist and first-rate business executive, and he has made of it a foremost enterprise, comparable with the best in Vermont. Long training preceded his independent proprietorship, and he is a master of the craft. As a citizen, his movements are of value to the city, county and State. He takes a constant interest in the general welfare.

Mr. Cummings was born at Swanton, Vermont, January 21, 1878, son of Jerry and Minnie E. (Goddard) Cummings. His father was a farmer, native of Swanton, and highly esteemed in that community. His death occurred in 1910. Minnie E. (Goddard) Cummings, native of Vergennes, Vermont, survived her husband six years, her death occurring in 1916. Both the families of Cummings and Goddard are old in the annals of this Commonwealth.

After he had completed his studies in the public schools, Mr. Cummings served his apprenticeship as a printer, in the printing office operated by one of his cousins under the name style of the Cummings Printing Company. It was over the composing stones of this cousin's shop that he formed a regard for fine typography which was to increase with the years. After the custom of those days he travelled a good deal as itinerant printer, working in shops throughout the East. The longest period which he spent with any single firm was twelve years, with the Curtis Publishing Company, great printing establishment of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, publishers of the "Saturday Evening Post," "Ladies Home Journal" and "Country Gentleman," all three of which publications are well known for their excellent printing. In 1922, Mr. Cummings went into business for himself, in St. Albans, with the name style borne at present, the Cummings Press. He carries on a general line of job and commercial printing of the best quality, and the business has grown remarkably since its inception.

Although Mr. Cummings is busily occupied with the guidance of this enterprise, he finds time for activity in general affairs. Formerly, he was a member of Company B, Vermont National Guard. During the World War he was of assistance in the patriotic drives. He is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, as member of the Franklin Lodge, and with the Knights of Pythias; and belongs to the Owl Club, St. Albans Club, and Vermont State Chamber of Commerce. A communicant of the Universalist church, he serves this denomination on a number of boards, being a liberal supporter with both work and funds.

Mr. Cummings married, in 1904, Jessie H. Chase, of St. Albans, and they have a son, Charles E., who



was born February 27, 1907, and is now a student at the University of Vermont. The family residence is at No. 118 Fairfield Street.

**LEO F. WILLSON**—Although a native of New York State, Leo F. Willson for many years has been prominently identified with the industrial and civic practices of Vermont, and more especially of St. Albans, where he now (1928) holds the office of treasurer and vice-president of the W. B. Fonda Company. Mr. Willson's connection with this company began more than a decade ago, and he since has been a most vital factor in the development of this concern, which maintains a planing mill and lumber interests in this city. Mr. Willson's fame, however, is not confined to St. Albans, for he has gained recognition throughout the entire State because of his good works as president of the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce. Other organizations, including fraternal, military units, and the like, have benefited greatly through his aid and coöperation.

Mr. Willson was born February 2, 1884, at St. Lawrence, New York, son of John B. and Augusta (Schoff) Willson, both natives of New York State. John B. Willson, a successful merchant, died in 1893, survived by his wife. After laying the foundations for his education in the public schools, Leo F. Willson matriculated at St. Lawrence University, and was graduated from that institution in 1906, having won the degree of Bachelor of Science. Soon after completing his college studies, Mr. Willson entered the employ of the Willard Manufacturing Company, as assistant to the manager of this concern. He filled the duties of this office most satisfactorily, and remained with this concern until 1917. In this year he joined Frank W. Fonda, his father-in-law in the W. B. Fonda Company. He was made treasurer in 1919 and vice-president in 1922. A man of many talents, he has from time to time assisted in the promotion of various movements planned for the benefit of commercial and civic conditions in St. Albans. Gaining prominence through his local activities, he became known throughout the entire State for his good works along these lines, and this has resulted in his elevation to the office of president of the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce. Since assuming this post, Mr. Willson has greatly extended the scope of his activities, and enjoys the confidence and respect of commercial interests from one end of the State to the other. He also has become interested in financial affairs, and is connected with the Franklin County (Vermont) Savings and Trust Company, as a director. At one time he was a member of the Vermont Volunteer Militia, and helped organize the St. Albans Rotary Club, serving this body as its first president. Mr. Willson seeks recreation through his membership in the Champlain Country Club and the Owl Club, while the church of his choice is the Episcopal.

Leo F. Willson married, in 1911, Lois Fonda, of St. Albans, daughter of Frank W. Fonda. The children of this marriage are Elizabeth Jane and John F. Mr. Willson's business address is No. 14 Stebbins Street, St. Albans, while he and his family reside at No. 205 North Main Street, this city.

**ROBERT F. PINNEY**—Operating the largest business of its kind in Middlebury, Robert F. Pinney is the owner and proprietor of one of the outstanding real estate and insurance agencies in Vermont. Mr. Pinney has been engaged in this line of endeavor since 1924 and now acts as representative for approximately thirty difference insurance concerns, while he carries on an extensive business in all kinds of realty. He is

active in the public life of this city, being especially prominent in its social and fraternal organizations, having won many signal honors in the organizations of which he is a member. In the direction of municipal government, he has always been a constructive worker and has held several important civic offices.

Mr. Pinney was born in Middlebury, January 24, 1882, son of Charles E. and Rose C. (Ross) Pinney, his mother being a direct descendant of Robert Cushman and John Alden, the latter of whom was a Pilgrim colonist and came to Massachusetts in 1620 on the "Mayflower."

Charles E. Pinney was born in Middlebury, October 3, 1847, son of Almon W. Pinney, who was born in Middlebury, 1814, and was engaged in farming until his death, 1868, and Lurana (Dewey) Pinney, who was born in Middlebury, 1822, and was a relative of Admiral Dewey, of the Spanish-American war. Charles E. Pinney was educated in the public schools of this town and later became associated with Beckwith and Company, of Middlebury, from 1865 until 1868. He then became connected with the First National Bank of Middlebury on January 1, 1869, remaining with that institution ever since, having a distinguished record of sixty years' active service (1928). In 1885, Mr. Pinney was promoted to the position of cashier of the bank, which office he held until 1915, when he was elected president of the organization, continuing as its head since that time. He is the second oldest banker in point of service in the entire State of Vermont, and in his activities during his long financial career has brought the First National Bank of Middlebury to a position of superiority in the banking life of the State. Mr. Pinney has served continuously as treasurer of Middlebury since 1879, while he has also been treasurer of Addison County for the same length of time. He was for several years a member of the board of trustees of the incorporated village of Middlebury, and served ten years as a member of the local School board. He is a trustee of the Columbus Smith Trust of Middlebury. Charles E. Pinney is a staunch Republican and has followed the principles of that party all his life. He attends the Episcopal church. His hobbies are hunting and fishing. He married, in 1869, Rose C. Ross, who was born in Troy, New York, and their children are: 1. Elizabeth. 2. Robert F., of whom further.

Robert F. Pinney was educated in the public schools of Middlebury, and after finishing high school, became associated with the First National Bank of Middlebury in 1899, remaining with this financial institution for a quarter of a century. He became a valuable factor in the operation of the bank's business and in 1908 was promoted to be assistant cashier, holding that responsible post until 1917 when he was elected cashier. In that capacity, Mr. Pinney continued until 1924, when he resigned and left the field of finance to engage in business independently. He organized his present real estate and insurance enterprise, which has grown to be a recognized leader in insurance circles. His realty business has increased tremendously and he handles all kinds of residential real estate, farms and summer properties. He is sole proprietor of the concern and has brought it to its present commanding position through his own energetic efforts, his knowledge of property values and his capable and pleasant manner in dealing with his many customers and clients.

In fraternal affairs, Mr. Pinney is a prominent member of Union Lodge, No. 2, Free and Accepted Masons; Potter Chapter, No. 2, Royal Arch Masons; Middlebury Council, No. 14, Royal and Select Masters, of which he is past thrice Illustrious Master; Mt. Calvary Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar; and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic



Shrine. In 1913, he had the honor to represent the local body at the Imperial Shrine Council held at Dallas, Texas. He is also a member of all bodies of the Scottish Rite Masons, including the Vermont Consistory, and is active in Orion Grotto, Mystic Order Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm. In club and social activities, Mr. Pinney is one of the town's most popular leaders, being a director in the local Rotary Club, in which he is also sergeant-at-arms; a member of the Chamber of Commerce; the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce; the National Association of Insurance Agents; Addison and Chittenden Counties Association of Insurance Agents, while in the field of sport, he is actively identified with the Burlington Trap Shooters' Club and the Middlebury Skeet Club. In politics, he is a staunch member of the Republican party, and has served as chairman of the board of trustees of the village of Middlebury for seven years, being also town auditor for ten years. He attends the Congregational church. His hobbies are outdoor sports, fishing and hunting, and he makes a specialty of breeding high-grade pointer and setter dogs.

Robert F. Pinney married, October 10, 1910, Edna F. Ray, who was born in Shelburne, Vermont.

**JACK B. WOOD**—In the person of Jack B. Wood, treasurer of the Central Vermont Railroad, St. Albans has as a citizen perhaps one of the best-informed authorities on railroading in this country. Identifying himself with this industry early in his career, Mr. Wood has a record that comprises experience in many sections of America, and has extended beyond the boundaries of the United States. His rise in railroading has been accomplished almost solely through his own efforts, inasmuch as he amplified his common school education by special studies after having entered his chosen field. Further achievements of Mr. Wood include his enlistment for service in the World War, and attainment of a captain's commission in the military forces of the United States.

Mr. Wood was born February 11, 1891, at Washington, District of Columbia, son of the late Richard and Mary (Trow) Wood. Richard Wood, for many years a well-known restaurateur of the National Capital, was a native of England and passed away in 1924, survived by his wife. She, too, was born in England.

Jack B. Wood received his education in the public schools and later supplemented this training through completion of extension courses with Alexander Hamilton Institute and the Young Men's Christian Association Extension Schools. Early in manhood he started his railroading career when he entered the employ of the Southern Railway at Washington. After a period in the service of this, one of the foremost transportation lines in the United States, Mr. Wood transferred his activities to the Washington Terminal Company. His next step took him to Havana, Cuba, and in that city he was engaged as ticket agent until he was called to accept a position with the Central Vermont Railroad, with which he since has been connected, although having been promoted from time to time. Ex-Governor E. C. Smith was president of the road and Mr. Wood's first post was that of private secretary to the executive. His advance thereafter was rapid, and after serving as special assistant to the comptroller of the Central Vermont Railroad, in 1921, Mr. Wood was elevated to the office of treasurer, succeeding W. H. Chaffee in this important post at the age of thirty years.

After the United States had been drawn into the European conflict, Mr. Wood enlisted and was assigned to a machine gun company at Fort Ethan Allen. Later he was promoted, attached to the 103d Battalion, and

at the close of hostilities, was honorably discharged, having been commissioned captain. He retained this rank in the Officers' Reserve Corps until 1922. He maintains his membership in the American Legion, however, and has been a vital factor in the conduct of this organization of veterans, serving his local post as commander in 1928. Aside from this, Mr. Wood belongs to many other civic, social and fraternal bodies, being a member of Harmony Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Washington, District of Columbia; Champlain Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Lafayette Commandery, Knights Templar; Société 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux; the Champlain Country Club, and St. Albans Chamber of Commerce. The honor and trust in which Mr. Wood is held is demonstrated by the fact that he has served as treasurer of almost every organization with which he is affiliated, and his name has become known throughout the entire State as one of Vermont's most substantial citizens. He is a member of the Episcopal church, and has contributed materially to the benevolences of this religious denomination. His recreation is gained mostly on the golf fields, he being an enthusiastic exponent of that sport.

Jack B. Wood married, in 1922, Alice P. Thayer, of Richford, Vermont, and their children are: 1. Mary D., born June 27, 1923. 2. Ann T., born July 18, 1925. The Wood family's home is located at No. 109 High Street, St. Albans.

**HARRY WEBBER**—Having laid the foundation for his railroading career in his native England, where he was engaged in steamboat and railway transportation work, Harry Webber of St. Albans, during the almost two decades that he has been in this country, has risen steadily in his vocation until he now holds an important official position with the Central Vermont Railroad. That he also has qualified as a good citizen of his adopted land is attested by his service in the military forces of the United States during the World War, and now (1928) is conspicuous in all works for the development and advancement of his community.

Mr. Webber was born October 8, 1891, in England, son of the late James Webber, who passed away in England in 1911, and of Jane (Snell) Webber, also a native of Great Britain, who died on May 10, 1928.

Harry Webber gained his education in the public schools of his native land, and soon thereafter entered the field of accounting and transportation, his experience therein being divided between steamships and railroads in England. Before reaching his majority, however, Mr. Webber was attracted to America by the greater opportunities prevalent in this country, and in 1910 came to the United States to join his aunt who resided in Swanton, Vermont, and he finally settled at St. Albans. His first position was with the Central Vermont Railroad, and he since has been employed by this road. Beginning as a clerk, Mr. Webber steadily advanced thereafter, until he now (1928) is filling the post of assistant comptroller with his company. He was promoted from clerk to bookkeeper, from bookkeeper to special assistant to the comptroller, and thence to his present office. The thorough devotion to duty evidenced by this man, together with the preliminary training that he gained in England, have been great factors in his advancement and undoubtedly will carry him still higher in railroading circles of America.

Mr. Webber has proven himself a valuable citizen of his country in spheres outside his business career, and displayed his loyalty during the World War by enlisting in the military forces of the United States. During that period he was attached to a machine gun company, served overseas, and was honorably discharged with a



second lieutenant's commission at the close of the war. Since resuming his peace-time pursuits, Mr. Webber has retained the war-time friendships and memories through his activities in the American Legion. In this organization of veterans he has served his local post as commander, and in the "40 and 8" department has been honored by election to the office of Grand Chef de Gare for the State of Vermont. Willing and ready to aid in the progress of his community and State, Mr. Webber is respected and admired for these qualities by his fellow-citizens, and he is quite popular in the social life of St. Albans, serving as secretary of the Champlain Country Club, and secretary of the St. Albans Hospital. At the time of the flood which swept the State of Vermont in 1927 Mr. Webber was appointed chairman of District Relief of the American Red Cross for Franklin County and had charge of the rehabilitation of Franklin County.

Harry Webber married, in 1922, Frances H. Soule, of Fairfield, Vermont, and they have a daughter, Betty S., born February 3, 1924, at St. Albans. Mr. Webber has his offices in the headquarters building of the Central Vermont Railway in St. Albans, and he and his family reside in this city.

**STEPHEN M. DRISCOLL**—Few men in the State of Vermont possess such a splendid record for achievements along civic welfare movements as does Stephen M. Driscoll, for more than sixteen years connected with the automobile business at St. Albans, and now conducting an undertaking establishment. Mr. Driscoll has been a resident of Vermont all of his life, and in St. Albans is freely credited with a large portion of that city's development in the last decade. Although in his present business for a comparatively brief period, operating this establishment under his own name, he is giving the same devotion to his funeral parlors that he has given to other interests, and among his equipment is included the only exclusive ambulance service in Franklin County. Mr. Driscoll has been exceptionally conspicuous in fraternal circles, more especially the Knights of Columbus, having labored unceasingly in this order's war activities in 1917-18.

Mr. Driscoll was born December 26, 1885, at St. Albans, son of Michael and Johanna (McCarty) Driscoll. Michael Driscoll died in 1917, and his wife survived him until 1927. He was a locomotive engineer by occupation. Stephen M. Driscoll was educated in the public schools of St. Albans, and his first employment was with the automobile industry in this city. He followed this occupation for sixteen years, being connected with the Champlain Motor Company. While with this concern he attained to considerable success, but in 1924, he fulfilled the long cherished desire for his own enterprise and established the undertaking business which he has continued to conduct. Possessed of a most tactful demeanor, he has gained the trust and confidence of those in need of his services, and naturally, this has increased the prestige of his concern in St. Albans. He has one of the most modern establishments in Vermont, with well-appointed funeral parlors, and operates the only exclusive ambulance service in Franklin County.

Although Mr. Driscoll has been successful in commercial pursuits, undoubtedly his greatest achievements have been in vocations alien to his profession. He has ever evinced the deepest concern in matters pertaining to the progress and development of his community and State, and was of great value to his government during the World War. A Democrat in politics, he is a member of the Vermont State Democratic Committee, and his abilities were recognized by his fellow-citizens when he was chosen as one of the first aldermen under the new city government, representing Ward No. 2. Not only does he wield influence in local political affairs, but his

efforts have extended to State politics. Formerly a member of Company B, Vermont National Guard, Mr. Driscoll also served in making successful the various Liberty Loan and welfare drives during the war. Civic organizations benefiting through his affiliations therewith include the Rotary Club, of which he is a charter member and was the first vice-president; and the Champlain Country Club, of which at one time he was treasurer. He now (1928) is president of the St. Albans Chamber of Commerce, and since assuming the duties of this post he has built up one of the strongest organizations of its kind in New England. He is a Catholic, a communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, and one of the foremost workers in the ranks of the Knights of Columbus. At one time he was Grand Knight of St. Albans Council; State Deputy; was chairman of the Knights of Columbus War Work for the State of Vermont; delegate to several State and National conventions of this order, and noted throughout New England for his accomplishments in the Knights of Columbus.

Stephen M. Driscoll married, July 26, 1911, and is the father of two children: 1. Joan C., born July 26, 1914. 2. Noreen A., born January 8, 1920. Mr. Driscoll's business address is No. 114 North Main Street, St. Albans, and his residence is located at No. 250 Lake Street, this city.

**H. MACLEAN DEWART**—Entering the business field when a very young man as a railroad worker, and displaying a marked aptitude for this in all of its branches, H. Maclean Dewart has experienced a steady rise through the ranks of the Central Vermont Railroad, some time ago receiving additional recognition from his superiors through his appointment to the post of purchasing agent to succeed J. W. Wardlaw. Through his unceasing endeavor to place the service rendered the public by the railroad upon a higher plane of efficiency, Mr. Dewart, early in his career, established valuable personal connection with the citizenry of his home town of St. Albans which resulted in his being sought by a committee from the Republican party of that section to accept the nomination for the mayoralty. Consenting to the use of his name by the party, Mr. Dewart's personal magnetism was one of the largest factors in his election as mayor to succeed F. A. Collins. His interest in the affairs of his home area also brought about his selection for a two-year term upon the School Board. Mr. Dewart has proven a popular member of the Masonic Order, in which he has attained high rank.

Mr. Dewart was born at St. Albans, April 17, 1893, son of Franklin H. and Stella (Clement) Dewart. Franklin H. Dewart, who passed away in 1928, was a native of the Province of Ontario, Canada, and later took up residence in Ohio, Massachusetts, and Vermont. Shortly after graduating from Harvard he was superintendent of schools in St. Albans for several years, and during this time he brought the schools of St. Albans up to such a high standard that they ranked among the best in the State. Prior to his retirement from business he was a civil engineer, and through his studies and experiences in this line became one of the foremost historians of the State. One of his great life hobbies was realized through delving into various historical episodes connected with the founding and growth of Vermont. His research work in this field and deep knowledge of spots of historical interest gained him ranking as a competent authority.

H. Maclean Dewart received his education in the public schools, graduating from high school and entering at once upon a railroad career. Prior to 1918 he served in various capacities, receiving steady promotion which culminated at that time with his appointment as purchasing agent of the Central Vermont Railroad to succeed J. W.







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Wardlaw. At the present time (1928) he is serving in this position.

Mr. Dewart's knowledge of local conditions, coupled with his personal popularity and his activity in affairs of a political nature, brought about his nomination as the Republican candidate for mayor of St. Albans. He was elected to this post in March, 1928, succeeding F. A. Collins in office. Immediately upon taking up the duties of mayor, he laid before the public a very extensive five-year improvement program, involving several miles of water main reinforcement; approximately fifteen miles of new sidewalks; and ten miles of cement concrete roads. It is recognized that the success of this construction program is largely due to Mr. Dewart's untiring efforts and zeal in the public interest. He also served two years upon the school board of that town. Mr. Dewart is an enthusiastic and popular member of the Masonic Order, being a member and Past Master of Franklin Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He also holds membership in Champlain Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Lafayette Commandery, Knights Templar; Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; and Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Aside from his Masonic affiliations, Mr. Dewart is a member of the Champlain Country Club, the St. Albans and the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce. He attends St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

H. Maclean Dewart married Elma A. Ross, of Toronto, Province of Ontario, Canada. To them one son was born, Gordon Maclean. Mr. Dewart maintains his offices in the Vermont Central Railroad headquarters at St. Albans. Mrs. Elma A. (Ross) Dewart died in 1916.

**WILLIAM BEECHER FONDA**—A man of prodigious business acumen and unusual versatility in dealing with different types of businesses—banking and retail merchandising as well as the variety of factories in which he was interested—William Beecher Fonda was also a philanthropist in the best and most intelligent sense of the word. Throughout his life he gave generously not only of his money, but of his time and personal interest as well, to numerous charities, and the constructive interest he took in the welfare of boys and girls in Vermont erected a fitting memorial to him. Perhaps no man in the State ever stood higher in the esteem of those with whom he came in contact than did Mr. Fonda.

Born at Saratoga, New York, September 29, 1846, Mr. Fonda was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Fonda. He spent his childhood at Glens Falls, New York, going to Potsdam, New York, about 1865 to engage in the lumber business. After seven years here he moved to St. Albans where, in 1872, he took over the lime business then located at Swanton Junction and owned by A. F. Cool. His business ability and judgment soon transformed what had been a precarious and rather haphazard concern into a firmly foundationed and well paying enterprise. At the same time Mr. Fonda was establishing a lumber and coal business, developing it as an individual interest until its success was assured at St. Albans, when he organized the business as a corporation in 1909 and divided the interests with the men who had helped in the establishment. With the lime and the lumber and coal concerns on the way to success, Mr. Fonda became interested in a struggling overalls factory, which his genius for organization and elimination of waste soon put upon a paying basis, the business developing into the successful manufactory known as the Willard Manufacturing Company. Before the Remington Arms Company purchased the Robin Hood Ammunition Company, Mr. Fonda had been a vice-president of the concern. With success crowning one after another of his business ventures, it was inevitable that Mr. Fonda should be accumulating wealth of his own, and his extensive financial interests and large property holdings led him naturally into the

province of banking with the result that he served as vice-president and director of the Welden National Bank and director of the Peoples Trust Company.

On July 20, 1906, Mr. Fonda married Annie B. Smith, daughter of the late Governor and Mrs. Gregory Smith, and sister to Mrs. O. C. Stevens of Boston, Massachusetts, George G. Smith of Florence, Italy, and to the former Governor of Vermont, E. C. Smith.

The death of William Beecher Fonda on February 26, 1917, deprived the State of the type of citizen it can ill-afford to lose, a man of mature judgment and ability, of rare perspective upon the varied interests of life, and of a kindly humanity that made him a friend to rich and poor alike.

**FRANK WILTON FONDA**—A man of quiet tastes, Frank Wilton Fonda nevertheless was possessed of wide appreciations and a background of varied experiences that made him a sympathetic and understanding companion and friend to many people, and he had a surprisingly extensive circle of staunch admirers about St. Albans, where he was associated with the W. B. Fonda Company, and for four years was its president.

Mr. Fonda was born April 8, 1854, at Glens Falls, New York, son of William A. and Thankful (Higby) Fonda. He was educated in the public schools and then, imbued with the spirit of adventure and unrest, he went west to Colorado where, at Colorado Springs, he acquired a large sheep ranch in association with Mathew Kennedy, and spent a number of years managing it before he returned to St. Albans to become associated with his brother, William B. Fonda (see preceding biography), in the lumber and coal business. Upon the death of his brother in 1917, Frank Wilton Fonda became president of the W. B. Fonda Company, in which capacity he continued to serve until his own death. His western life created in Mr. Fonda a taste for outdoor activities, and upon his return to the East he joined the old Ransom Guards, a crack military company of St. Albans, with which he continued to drill for many years. With a sincere interest in the people and affairs about him, Mr. Fonda played a leading part from the beginning of numerous organized efforts. He was a charter member and one of the organizers of the Owl Club, the St. Albans Chamber of Commerce, and other local organizations. He took part in the work of the Congregational church.

Mr. Fonda married, on October 22, 1884, Jane (Jennie) H. Jones, of Vermont, daughter of George F. and Sarah F. (Webster) Jones, the latter a native of Vermont and the father a native of New Hampshire. Their two children are: 1. Lois S., who married Leo F. Willson. 2. Beecher H., a graduate of Dartmouth College; he saw service with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, where he was gassed; he married Marion Parks, of New York State.

The death of Mr. Fonda, June 24, 1921, marked the passing of a "gentleman of the old school," whose type enriched an earlier civilization, a type that those who knew it and appreciated it sadly miss among the younger generations. He was a general favorite among his friends and well-loved by his family, a man whose memory will live long among those who held him dear.

**B. MELVIN HOPKINS**—For nearly three decades continuously, B. Melvin Hopkins has served St. Albans as city clerk and treasurer. He is numbered among the city's most loyal citizens, whose support of general public movements may be relied upon at all times.

Native of Enosburg, Vermont, he is the son of Henry and Alma (Powell) Hopkins. His father, long a farmer, having given his career to agriculture, was a man widely known and respected throughout this part of the county. He was a native of Enosburg Falls, and his death occurred in 1881. Alma (Powell) Hopkins was a native of



Richford. She survived her husband less than a year, her death occurring in 1882.

In public schools of East Berkshire, Mr. Hopkins received a sound elementary and secondary academic instruction, then, having graduated from high school, he began his business career as a clerk in the St. Albans post office, later became assistant postmaster, and in 1895 left the Federal service to engage in merchandising for himself, as retail grocer. At this he was successful, continuing in operation of the grocery until 1900, when he was elected city clerk and treasurer. From that year down to the present (1928) he has filled this dual office without a break in tenure, having been reelected to succeed himself at every election. His record as clerk and treasurer is one in all manners worthy.

Mr. Hopkins is a member of the Owl Club, the St. Albans Chamber of Commerce, and is a communicant of the Congregational church. During the World War he was of service in the various campaigns of patriotic appeal.

In 1913 Mr. Hopkins was united in marriage with Frances Morrison.

**ALBERT CATLIN**—A native and lifelong resident of Vermont, Mr. Catlin has been engaged in farming in his native State ever since he left school. His agricultural activities have always been carried on in Franklin County and he is one of the most widely known and most highly respected farmers of that part of Vermont. Successively owner of farms at St. Albans Town and at Sheldon, his keen interest in and his progressive attitude towards everything connected with farming, especially in respect to dairy farming, have made him an important figure in the agricultural circles of Franklin County.

Albert Catlin was born at Burlington, Chittenden County, July 22, 1867, a son of the late M. B. and Lucia B. (Phelps) Catlin, both natives of Burlington. His father, who was likewise successfully engaged in farming throughout his entire life, died in 1904, while his mother survived until 1916.

Mr. Catlin was educated in the public schools and immediately after leaving school took up farming, in which he had received a very thorough training, even prior to that time, having been reared on his father's farm. For many years he conducted with much success a large farm in St. Albans Town, Franklin County, which he eventually sold in 1919. Since then he has been half owner of a farm at Sheldon, Franklin County, covering some three hundred and fifty acres and being one of the largest farms in the county. He specializes in dairy products, and in this particular branch of farming is considered an authority. His herd of dairy cattle numbers more than seventy head. A great believer in progressive methods of farming, his farm is equipped with the most modern and efficient appliances and is considered one of the model dairy farms of that region. Mr. Catlin is also known as a very able business executive and for some three years has been president of the Coöperative Creamery at St. Albans Town, the success of which is attributable to a great extent to his capable and progressive direction. During the World War he was a member of numerous local committees, on all of which he rendered important services for the cause of the Allies. While a resident of St. Albans Town, he was for many years a very active and useful member of the local Grange, Patrons of Husbandry. During that period he also served for several years as a selectman of St. Albans Town and as a member of that community's school board. His religious affiliations are with the Congregational church.

Mr. Catlin married, in 1897, Gertrude L. Crampton of Acton, Massachusetts, a daughter of Charles A. and Martha E. (Johnson) Crampton, the former a native of Highgate, Vermont, the latter of Greens Corners, East Swanton, Vermont. Mr. and Mrs. Catlin are the par-

ents of three children: 1. Grace L., born November 17, 1898. 2. Louella C., born June 29, 1900, a graduate of the University of Vermont and of Smith College, from which latter institution she received the degree of Master of Arts. 3. R. J. Catlin, born February 26, 1903, who graduated from the University of Vermont with the degree of Doctor of Medicine; he is practicing at Middle Haddam; he was graduated as first lieutenant under the Reserve Officers' Training Corps of the University of Vermont. Since having sold his farm at St. Albans Town, Mr. Catlin has made his home at Swanton, where he resides at No. 66 Grand Avenue.

**EDMUND DESCHENES**—One of the foremost figures of St. Albans' financial and general affairs, Edmund Deschenes has made his career in this community, and throughout the extended period of his activity has contributed materially to the advancement of city and county and the interests of the people at large.

Mr. Deschenes was born in St. Albans, son of Edmund Deschenes, Sr., who long engaged as a merchant here, and Rosalie Deschenes, both of whom were natives of the province of Quebec. In the public schools of St. Albans Mr. Deschenes secured his academic education, and early formed a connection with the Central Vermont Railroad Company, with which organization he has been affiliated continuously. Starting as railroad messenger, he advanced steadily through the gradations of responsible office until, in 1913, he became the road's comptroller; and as comptroller he has continued. He succeeded W. G. Crabbe to the office. Mr. Deschenes has a diversity of financial interests, among which is numbered the vice-presidency and directorship of the Welden National Bank, of St. Albans. He is treasurer of St. Albans Hospital, and in this work has been particularly of service, always having taken an active role in all civic affairs. When the United States declared war against Spain in 1898, Mr. Deschenes enlisted. Honorably discharged, he resumed the course of his career as outlined. In the World War he was of valued service in the drives of patriotic appeal, notably in those of the Liberty Loan. He is president of the Champlain Country Club, member of the Owl Club, Transportation Club of New York, the Canada Club of Montreal, the Chambers of Commerce of St. Albans and Vermont, and is a popular figure in each of these organizations.

Mr. Deschenes married, in 1909, Helen E. Chagnon, of St. Albans, and their children are: 1. John J., a student at Amherst College. 2. Eleanor.

**GILBERT W. GROOM**, as superintendent of the Central Vermont Railroad, brings to the direction of its affairs a long experience in railroad work acquired through a period of many years. He has been connected with this road since 1908, rising to his present place solely through his own efforts and manifest ability, while the confidence of the directors in selecting him for the important post of superintendent has been more than justified by the successful and highly efficient administration which has been his. Mr. Groom is well known throughout all Vermont, and is especially active in the community life of St. Albans, where he makes his home.

Mr. Groom was born on August 26, 1872, at Ross-ville, in Vermilion County, Illinois, a son of Frederick Groom, who was born in England and died in 1918, and of Jane Gilbert, who died in 1923. The father was a farmer throughout his life.

Gilbert W. Groom attended the public schools of his birthplace, and following graduation from the local high school, undertook the course of study in the State Normal School at Dixon. He had been interested for some time in railroad work, and when he completed his education, Mr. Groom entered the employ of the Chicago and Eastern Railroad as operator and agent. After a period of







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successful service with this road, he came East, and in 1908 assumed the duties of dispatcher for the Central Vermont Railroad. A thorough student of railroad operation, Mr. Groom kept constantly informed of all recent developments in this field, and in a short time received merited advancement for his loyal and efficient service, being chosen chief dispatcher of the line. In this position he remained until 1923, when he became superintendent of the Central Vermont Railroad, succeeding Mr. J. E. Maun. Mr. Groom has continued as executive superintendent since that year, initiating and putting into effective operation many broad, progressive policies which have proved of the greatest value to the road.

As a resident of St. Albans for some years, Mr. Groom has figured largely in the various phases of community life, serving in addition to his railroad work, as director of the St. Albans Building and Loan Association. He has always supported most heartily any movement for civic growth and progress, and in spite of a busy life has maintained a constant interest in the problems of government. In politics a Republican, he is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, and is prominent in higher Masonic circles, holding membership in Franklin Lodge, Champlain Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, Lafayette Commandery of the Knights Templar, and Mt. Sinai Temple, at Montpelier, of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a member of several local clubs and associations, including the Champlain Country Club, the local Rotary Club, and the St. Albans Chamber of Commerce. During the period of the World War Mr. Groom was in charge of troop movements throughout New England, stationed at Boston, Massachusetts, and for his valuable work in this connection received a certificate of appreciation from the government. In religion, Mr. Groom, with his family, worships in the faith of the Congregational church.

In 1894 Gilbert W. Groom married Clara E. Chesnut, of Illinois, a daughter of Edward P. and Rose (Dunlop) Chesnut. Two children have been born of this marriage: 1. G. Kenneth, who married Ruth Ashmore, and they are the parents of one child. 2. Florence M., who married C. R. Taplin. Mrs. Groom has also been very active in the life of St. Albans and is well known throughout the State for her prominence in the Order of the Eastern Star, in which she has held the office of Grand Matron and other important positions. The Groom family home at St. Albans is situated at No. 7 Maiden Lane.

**HARRY C. WHITEHILL**, an important figure in the life of Vermont for many years, is well known as the owner of the "Waterbury Record," as collector of customs at St. Albans, and for his association with many of the leading enterprises of the State. He has maintained his newspaper in Waterbury at a high level of journalistic excellence during all the period of his ownership, recognizing the importance to the community of a newspaper of the finest type, while his efficient record as collector of customs has gained frequent praise.

Mr. Whitehill was born on May 9, 1875, at Groton, Vermont, a son of Moses H. Whitehill, a native of Vermont and a lumberman for many years, and of Ella Frances (Ricker) Whitehill, who was born at Groton, Vermont.

Harry C. Whitehill attended the public schools of the State, and following the completion of his education in Montpelier Seminary, began the business of life. He early became interested in newspaper work and formed the association with the "Waterbury Record," which has continued for thirty-five years. As owner, Mr. Whitehill has striven to uphold progressive policies in the best interests of the community as well as the State and Nation, and has succeeded so well in his plans, that

the weekly publication is an event of importance at Waterbury and throughout all the surrounding territory. Mr. Whitehill's sound judgment and executive ability have brought him frequently into consultation with large financial interests which highly value his opinion, and for many years he has served as vice-president of the Waterbury Savings Bank and Trust Company.

In civic and governmental affairs he has maintained the warmest interest, giving generously of his time to the public service which he has considered always no less worthy of his best attention than his own affairs. As president for some time of the village of Waterbury, he gave to the community an efficient and progressive administration, while in the Republican party, of which he is an active member, he has risen to distinguished position. Mr. Whitehill served for four years as eastern treasurer of the National Republican Committee, and is a prominent figure in its councils. In 1923 he was appointed Collector of Customs by President Harding for the District of Vermont, and subsequently, in 1927, reappointed to this position by President Coolidge, discharging all the duties of his position with the utmost efficiency. So ably has he filled this post and handled all the affairs of office, that frequent honors have come to him for his work in this capacity. Mr. Whitehill has constantly worked for the growth and progress of Vermont, and was the originator of the idea and in complete charge of the organization of the "Vermont Special," a special train of twelve cars which toured the leading cities of the United States. During the period of the World War, he was at the head of the publicity bureau for all New England, rendering services of the greatest importance to the government in this work, for which he received personal letters of appreciation from many prominent personages and high officials. Mr. Whitehill is affiliated fraternally with Waterbury Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and in this order is also a member of the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He is a member of numerous clubs and associations both in Vermont and elsewhere, while he numbers among his intimate acquaintances many prominent figures in the life of both the United States and Canada.

On January 19, 1898, Harry C. Whitehill married Mary H. Moody, who was born in Waterbury, Vermont. Both are socially prominent in the State, while they worship in the faith of the Methodist church.

**HERBERT C. COMINGS**—Engaged for many years in business in Richford, Vermont, Herbert C. Comings is one of the outstanding citizens of this community and State. He manufactures furniture, and has as his market the entire eastern part of the United States; while the firm with which he has so long been associated is one of the largest and oldest in Vermont.

Mr. Comings was born on November 17, 1863, at Berkshire, Vermont, son of William H. and Betsey (Hammond) Comings, his father a native of Berkshire, Vermont, who died in 1928, aged eighty-seven years, and his mother, of Franklin, Vermont, who is now (1928) eighty-seven years of age. The father was a farmer by occupation. As a boy, Herbert C. Comings attended the public schools, and then, upon completion of his studies, became engaged in business. For many years he was in the retail business at Richford, having been a partner of Charles A. Powell, under the firm name of Powell & Comings, dealers in hardware, merchandise and general products, and also funeral directors of prominence. In 1894 he bought an interest in the I. J. Sweat Company, and the business at that time was incorporated under the name of the Sweat-Comings Company, with Charles A. Powell as president and Mr. Comings as treasurer and manager. This original firm was established in 1880 by I. J. Sweat for the purpose of manufacturing furniture, and since that time it has had a steady growth, employ-



ing upwards of one hundred and fifty persons and occupying, in 1928, six large buildings. The company's products are widely known, and are distributed throughout the cities, towns, hamlets and country districts of all parts of eastern United States. Much of the credit for development of the company to its present proportions goes, needless to say, to Mr. Comings, who has devoted his time and energies tirelessly to its advancement and to the improvement of business conditions and general prosperity in the vicinity of Richford. In 1918 his son, Herbert B. Comings, succeeded him as treasurer of the company.

In addition to his work with this firm, Mr. Comings is connected with several other business enterprises in Richford, being president of the Richford Savings and Trust Company, and vice-president of the First National Bank of Enosburg Falls, and president of Powell & Comings Company. Keenly interested in political affairs, he has long been identified with the Democratic party, and was its candidate for Governor in 1926. At that time he received the largest vote ever given to a Democratic nominee for this office, although the State went Republican in the elections. He served as collector of customs from 1914 to 1923, and from 1923 to 1925 was Commissioner of Finance for the State of Vermont. During the period of American participation in the late World War, Mr. Comings did much valuable work for the prosecution of the part of the United States in that colossal conflict, having been chairman of the Liberty Loan drives in Richford. He is a member of several important organizations, all of which perform useful work in Richford and nearby areas of Vermont. These organizations include the Calumet Club, of which Mr. Comings was at one time president; and the Richford Board of Trade. For all his various activities, Mr. Comings is regarded—and truly so—by his fellow-citizens as one of the foremost men of his community and State, and one whom the people of Richford are glad to have as a resident of the town. Mr. Comings also takes part to a considerable extent in the religious life of Richford, being identified prominently with the Baptist church, in which he belongs to the board of trustees. It is said of Mr. Comings that, regardless of the interest to which he may at a given time be devoting himself, his work is always effectual and valuable, largely because of his great vision in business and social matters and also because of his thorough application to any task which he undertakes, whether it have to do with religion, politics, or business.

In 1885, Mr. Comings married May S. Bowen, of Berkshire, Vermont, and they have one son, Herbert B., a graduate of the University of Vermont, who is now associated with his father's business in the capacity of treasurer.

**CHARLES A. POWELL**—One of the founders of the Powell-Comings Company and president of the Sweat-Comings Company from 1894 onward, Charles A. Powell has long held an important place in the life of the community in and near Richford, Vermont. The work of this group of men associated with these companies has been an important one in Richford and throughout Vermont, and is referred to in the preceding biographical sketch of Herbert C. Comings.

Mr. Powell was born on May 16, 1843, at Richford, Vermont, son of Herman and Julia S. (White) Powell, of this State, both of whom are now deceased. His father was a native of Richford, and his mother of Sheldon. The father, Herman Powell, was a farmer by occupation.

Charles A. Powell received his early education in the public schools, and not long after that he began his business career with I. J. Sweat & Company of which

company his brother was a member. Later, Charles A. Powell bought out Mr. Sweat's interest and he and his brother conducted the business for a time, Mr. Powell then buying out his brother's interest and later taking into partnership Mr. Herbert C. Comings, thus forming the Powell-Comings Company, which dealt in hardware and general merchandise, catering to the retail trade, and also was engaged in the business of funeral direction. Then, when the Sweat-Comings Company was taken over in 1894, our subject bought out Mr. Comings and Mr. Powell became president of the Sweat-Comings Company. Mr. Comings was its treasurer. Mr. Powell is still president of this firm, which originally was founded by I. J. Sweat in 1880.

Mr. Powell, in addition to his business activities, has taken part in political and social affairs in his State. He is a staunch supporter of the Republican party and its aims and ideals, and served as a member of the Lower House of the State Legislature, to which he was elected in 1915. He also is a veteran of the American Civil War, having enlisted in the 10th Vermont Regiment, Company F, and served in it for two years. He also served in Company C of the 10th United States Regiment of Colored Troops, serving four years in the Union Army, in which he held the rank of first lieutenant. His religious affiliation is with the Baptist church, of which he is a devout member and in which he belongs to the board of trustees.

In 1867, Mr. Powell married Mornelvia L. Kingsbury, a native of Fairfax, Vermont. By this marriage he had two children: 1. Alma, now deceased. 2. Mildred (also deceased), who became the wife of Cortis H. Aiken, a record of whom appears in the following biography.

**CORTIS H. AIKEN**—Engaged in the life insurance business in Richford, Cortis H. Aiken is one of the widely known and highly esteemed citizens of this place. Here he has represented the New York Life Insurance Company for the past twenty-two years, being the first representative of that company in Richford. He belongs to a number of organizations which play important rôles in the fraternal and social life of Richford, and he is identified with all movements looking toward a betterment of conditions and an increase of prosperity among his fellowmen.

Mr. Aiken was born on May 2, 1877, at East Richford, Vermont, son of Alonzo H. and Anna S. (Wright) Aiken, the father a native of the Province of Quebec, and the mother of Vermont. His father, who died in 1925, was a farmer by occupation; while his mother passed away in 1893.

Mr. Aiken, in his boyhood days, attended the public schools and the high school at Richford, and later became a student at the Burlington Business College. Until he was twenty-one years old he remained on the farm of his father; and then, having attained his majority, went to North Troy, where he became engaged in the mercantile business with E. T. Seaver, where he remained four years, and then went to the Burlington Business College; after that he was with Powell & Comings for eleven years, and subsequently handled insurance as a means of livelihood, beginning as a representative of the New York Life Insurance Company, with which company he has continued up to the present time. He was the first man to represent that company in Richford. In his work in this connection, Mr. Aiken has been eminently successful, both his personality and his thorough knowledge of insurance matters having gone far toward bringing him success in his chosen field of endeavor.

In addition to his insurance work, Mr. Aiken is active in other business organizations, being a director of the Richford First National Bank and of the Vermont Un-



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derwriters' Association. Of the Vermont Underwriters' Association he is also treasurer. Interested at all times in political and civic affairs, he at one time rendered important service to his fellowtownsmen of Richford in the capacity of village trustee. He is a member of several fraternal and social organizations, including the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he belongs to the Missisquoi Lodge; the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and the Commandery, Knights Templar; the Knights of Pythias, in which he is a Past Chancellor; the Calumet Club; the Franklin County Fish and Game Club; the Richford Fish and Game Club; the Owl Club, at St. Albans; and the Richford Board of Trade. His religious affiliation is with the Baptist church. He is known throughout Vermont for his connection with the insurance trade.

In 1903, Cortis H. Aiken married (first) Mildred Powell, of Richford, Vermont, daughter of Charles A. and Mornelvia L. (Kingsbury) Powell. An account of her father's life will be found in the preceding biography. By this marriage there was one daughter, Lucille, born May 7, 1907. On March 19, 1919, Mrs. Aiken died, and on June 8, 1921, Mr. Aiken married (second) Cora Kent Porter, a native of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, a Red Cross District Nurse for twelve years.

**ALFRED N. DERINGER**—A business enterprise of vast importance, taking into consideration its international scope and the extensive territory from which its great volume of good-will is drawn, is the A. N. Deringer Company, Inc., of St. Albans, of which Alfred N. Deringer, the organizer, is president. Mr. Deringer as its moving spirit, has brought the status of the business to the point of the largest engaged in its lines—the importation and distribution of hay and straw—in Northern Vermont. It ramifies throughout New England and in the Southern States, and the methods of the company's operations and the high quality of the merchandise offered maintain for the concern an enviable reputation, in which Mr. Deringer and his co-executives share.

Alfred N. Deringer was born in Toledo, Ohio, September 18, 1889, the son of John B. and Anna (Neel) Deringer; the former, of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, died in 1918, after living some years as a retired merchant. From the grade and high schools the son, Alfred N., received his education which he was enabled to put to good account on his entry in the business world. The hay and grain business appealed to him as furnishing the best opportunity for the exercise of his capacity for trade relations, and this line he has made his practically all his life. He began with The Raymond P. Lipe Company in Toledo, Ohio, and a few years later opened an office for them in Montreal, Canada, and in 1915 he came to St. Albans as resident representative of the business in this State. In 1919 a reorganization of the concern was effected and the style was changed to the A. N. Deringer Company, Inc., Mr. Deringer being elected president, which office he has ever since held.

Mr. Deringer at once set about building up the business to proportions which it and its predecessor had never before known. He knows the ins and outs of the importation department thoroughly and the distribution end equally as well; and on his executive and administrative abilities the structure of the establishment depended chiefly for its growth and strength. While this be true, Mr. Deringer is not unmindful of the very important constructive contributions to the all-round success of the business made by his associates, Messrs. H. C. Schulz and John R. Hurlay.

The Deringer company furnishes employment for a force of about fifteen men. Its warehouse has a capacity of two hundred carloads of hay or grain, and contains about 35,000 square feet in floor space. Its railroad siding has berthroom for thirty-one cars at one time. The

plant is one of the most modern in equipment and operation in New England, and is the leader of the hay and grain business of the northern section of Vermont.

Mr. Deringer is a substantial citizen of St. Albans, whom its people delight to honor. He holds a commissionership in the local form of government, and is a cordial supporter of every advance movement. His leadership in business affairs has been recognized by the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce, of which he is vice-president, holding membership in the St. Albans Chamber of Commerce also. His fraternal relations are with Franklin Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Champlain Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Lafayette Commandery, Knights Templar; and Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is prominent in Rotary, being a past president of the St. Albans branch of that organization, and is also a member of the Champlain Country Club. His religious fellowship is with the Congregational church.

**SAFFORD EMERSON THORP**—Prominent in fraternal circles of Vermont, well known in banking circles, Safford Emerson Thorp has made his whole career in the city of St. Albans, and here is regarded as a valued, loyal citizen whose interests parallel those of the community toward a beneficial end.

Mr. Thorp, born in St. Albans August 10, 1881, is a son of George W. and Helen D. (Wilson) Thorp. His father was a native of St. Albans, a farmer and man of extended affairs, highly esteemed by all persons with whom he came in contact. His death occurred in 1900. Helen D. (Wilson) Thorp, who died in 1884, was a native of Fletcher, Vermont. The patronymic Thorp has been distinguished in the annals of St. Albans through several generations, now being permanently graven in the records of the community in connection with constructive enterprises.

Upon completion of his academic instruction in the schools of St. Albans, Mr. Thorp secured a place as messenger in the employ of the Franklin County Savings Bank and Trust Company. From a position requiring little responsibility he advanced steadily through others of added responsibility, until, in 1907, he was appointed assistant treasurer of the organization. He has retained this position through the more than twenty years that have followed, and is largely identified with the company's prosperity. Fraternally, he is notably of prominence in Masonry. In this order he is a member of Franklin Lodge; Champlain Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Lafayette Commandery, Knights Templar; and Cairo Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and is Past Master, Past High Priest, Past Commander, Past District Deputy Grand Master, Past District Deputy Grand High Priest and Past Grand Senior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Vermont. He belongs to several local clubs; is a communicant and supporter of the Congregational church; was for six years a member of the St. Albans School Board; and formerly a member of Company B, Vermont National Guard. During the World War he was of assistance in the several campaigns of patriotic appeal, especially in those of the Liberty Loan and War Savings Stamps.

Safford E. Thorp married Mina J. Button, of St. Albans, who is since deceased; and of this union were born children, who survive their mother: 1. John E., graduate of St. Albans High School. 2. William W. 3. Safford E., Jr. 4. Mary E. The three younger children are students in the local schools.

**FRANK A. CASSIDY**—A native of Canada, but for the greater part of his long and busy life a resident of Vermont, Mr. Cassidy has been for many years one of the most successful and most widely known farmers in Franklin County. He has made a notable success as a



dairy farmer, largely as the result of his firm belief in using nothing except high grade stock. Throughout his long residence in Enosburg he has taken a deep interest and a very active part in civic affairs and has frequently served in different positions of trust and responsibility. In his various official capacities he has invariably shown a keen appreciation of his duty to the public welfare. He is also very active in religious affairs, and in every way is considered one of the most useful and substantial members of the community.

Frank A. Cassidy was born in Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada, November 22, 1858, a son of Thomas and Sarah (Robinson) Cassidy, both now deceased. His father, who was born in Ireland, but who resided during the greater part of his life in Montreal, had the distinction of being the first milk peddler in Montreal.

Mr. Cassidy was educated in the common schools, after which he took up farming. He came to Vermont and settled at Enosburg Centre, Franklin County. During the first eight years he worked for others, but eventually he bought a farm of his own at Enosburg Centre, which he operated successfully for twenty-nine years. At the end of this period he removed to Enosburg Falls, of which town he has been since then a respected citizen. There he owns a farm of seventy acres on which he keeps a herd of some twenty-five head of graded Jerseys. He is considered one of the most successful dairy farmers in Franklin County, and operates the largest milk route in Enosburg Falls. Mr. Cassidy has always considered it his duty to give considerable attention to civic affairs. He has served at different times as selectman, justice of the peace, school director and grand juror, and in 1928 was chairman of the Enosburg Falls Water and Light Board. He is a member of the Civic Association, and of Lincoln Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. In politics he is a supporter of the Republican party. His religious affiliations are with the Protestant Episcopal church, in the work of which he takes a very active and effective part, being senior warden of the Enosburg Falls Episcopal Church.

Mr. Cassidy married, November 4, 1884, Sarah O'Meara, of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Cassidy are the parents of three children: 1. Albert Earle, associated with his father in the conduct of the farm. 2. Mary Louise. 3. Blanche.

**CHARLES STEWART SUMNER** has been city manager of St. Albans, Vermont, since 1921, performing most efficiently the various duties of this office, and giving to the community a progressive, business-like administration. An executive of high order, Mr. Sumner first attracted attention as the result of his distinguished war record, which brought him several of the rarest and most valued decorations, and the confidence reposed in him by the people has been more than justified by excellent character of his work as city manager.

Mr. Sumner was born on July 3, 1890, at St. Albans, Vermont, a son of Ira M. Sumner, a retired railroad man of Brookfield, Vermont, and of Mary A. (Flynn) Sumner, who was born in Georgia and died in 1924.

Charles Stewart Sumner attended the public and parochial schools of his birthplace and later completed his education at the Rockland Military Institute. As a young man, he began the business of life in the employ of the Central Vermont Railroad in their engineering department. Meritorious service over a period of years won him advancement in his work and he was chosen foreman of the shop in which he was employed. In 1914 Mr. Sumner went to the Mexican border as a member of Company B, National Guard, First Vermont Infantry, and the experience in soldiering which he gained here was most useful to him in the World War. During this campaign he held the rank of first lieutenant, which he retained during the early part of his service in France. As

a member of the First Vermont Infantry in the American Expeditionary Forces, Mr. Sumner took part in many of the most important engagements of the war, was wounded in action at Bussy on September 28, 1918, and finally discharged with the rank of captain on April 16, 1918. For gallantry under most hazardous conditions he received the Croix de Guerre with bronze star, and the Distinguished Service Cross of the United States, there being only a few others awarded among all the Vermont troops. Altogether, Mr. Sumner achieved one of the finest military records of the war.

Upon his return to civil life, he resumed his old position as foreman of the engineering department at St. Albans, of the Central Vermont Railroad, and here he remained until 1921, when he was chosen city manager of this place. So ably has he served the public interest that Mr. Sumner has been retained in office continuously since that time, winning widespread reputation for his fine work.

In every way he has supported movements for civic advance and the general welfare of the community, leading, himself, many enterprises for progress. He is affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Columbus and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, taking an active part in their work, while he is also a member and was third commander of the local post of the American Legion, and a charter member of the Société 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux. Mr. Sumner holds membership in several local associations and clubs, including the St. Albans Chamber of Commerce and the St. Albans Rod and Gun Club. With his family he is a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

In 1913 Charles Stewart Sumner married Lulu V. Lloyd, of Fairfax, Vermont. They are the parents of four children: 1. Charles E., born May 29, 1914. 2-3. Barbara and Bernard A., twins, who were born on August 11, 1918. 4. May Elizabeth, born May 22, 1922. The family home at St. Albans is situated at No. 40 Messenger Street.

**GEORGE R. CUTHBERT**—One of the eminently successful among the younger business men of St. Albans is George R. Cuthbert, who throughout his business career has been identified with the automobile trade. Conducting an automobile sales and service establishment on North Main Street, he is the Franklin County representative of the Dodge Brothers motor cars.

Mr. Cuthbert is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order his affiliation is with Social Lodge, of Burlington, and the Champlain Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He also belongs to the Knights of Birmingham, the American Legion, the Champlain Country Club, the Rotary Club, the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce and the St. Albans Chamber of Commerce. During the period of participation by the United States in the late World War, Mr. Cuthbert enlisted in the 26th Division, and experienced active service with the American Expeditionary Forces, from which he was discharged on May 19, 1919.

In 1923, Mr. Cuthbert married Marion C. Banks, of Virginia; and by this union there has been one son: Malcolm B.

**BRUCE R. CORLISS**—Throughout his entire business career, Bruce R. Corliss has been connected with the field of banking and finance, rising through meritorious service over a period of years to the position of cashier of the Welden National Bank at St. Albans, Vermont. This institution is one of great importance in the business life of the community, and Mr. Corliss' efforts have contributed in noteworthy degree to its efficient operation and continued success. Recently Mr. Corliss has established and is now president of the Corliss Realty, Inc., a sound and prosperous organiza-



tion for the development of the lake shore property and suburban property in the State of New York, principally around Albany.

Mr. Corliss was born on November 15, 1887, in Kansas, a son of Ozro J. Corliss, born at St. Albans, Vermont, and of Della M. (Dutton) Corliss, a native of Hyde Park. His father, who died in 1921, was a cattleman and rancher for many years. The mother is still living.

Bruce R. Corliss attended public school and at an early age began his business career with the Welden National Bank at St. Albans. By strict attention to the tasks which came to him in minor positions he won quick advancement, succeeding by obvious ability to places of confidence and trust. In 1913 he was chosen cashier of the bank, succeeding Mr. J. C. Stranahan, and this office he has retained until the present time, discharging all the duties of his position with the greatest efficiency and dispatch. Mr. Corliss, with his sound judgment in the matter of business trends and property values, has been much impressed for some time with the opportunities which the St. Albans section of Vermont offered for safe investment and development. In 1925 he was able to put into execution plans which had been forming for some time, establishing in that year Corliss Realty, Inc., of which he became president and treasurer. This company has for its main purpose the development of suburban and lake shore property, which it has undertaken with complete success. Too much credit cannot be given Mr. Corliss for the able manner in which he has financed and directed all his company's affairs, building on a sound basis toward the future development of the community which is sure to come.

In every movement for progress and the civic welfare Mr. Corliss has taken an active part, contributing liberally to the support of worthy enterprises. During the period of the World War, he was chairman of the various Liberty Loan drives, and by his untiring efforts did much to make them successful here. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he is a member of Franklin Lodge, while he is also a member of the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce, and of the St. Albans Chamber of Commerce. With his family he worships in the faith of the Congregational church.

In 1920 Bruce R. Corliss married Allene Soule, of Fairfield, and they are the parents of three children: 1. Allen B. 2. Jane A. 3. Marguerite D.

**JUDGE DANIEL WEBSTER STEELE**—Taking an active interest in the politics of both his community and State for many years, Judge Daniel Webster Steele has reaped the reward of faithful and constant service through the enviable reputation he holds among his constituents. The high regard in which he is held by the residents of his community and throughout the entire State is amply demonstrated by the many State and town offices he has held during a career which started late in the nineteenth century. Starting his business life as a lawyer he early displayed an aptitude for political and civic affairs which was later to cast him often in the rôle of a public office holder. Aside from his natural ability in solving the problems of others, Mr. Steele's brilliance as an attorney was a large factor in his election to the post of State attorney. He was also honored with the position of deputy collector in the Customs Service. Refusing to allow Mr. Steele to devote his entire time to his general practice of law in his home community of Highgate, Franklin County, his constituents sent him to the State Legislature, where he served with such distinction as a Representative that he was later nominated and elected State Senator. Following his career in the Senate, Mr. Steele had even higher honors heaped upon him when he was chosen Judge of the Probate Court, in which capacity he has served for many years.

Daniel Webster Steele was born at Highgate, Franklin County, October 14, 1862, son of John B. and Mary H. Steele. John B. Steele was a farmer and was well known in his home area at Highgate, where he passed away in 1907, being survived by his wife, who in 1928 was still residing at Highgate.

Daniel W. Steele received his education in the public schools of Highgate and after his graduation at once entered upon the study of law. His preliminary studies were made in the law offices of Austin and Fitch where he secured his foundation experience which enabled him to pass the bar examinations in October, 1890. Mr. Steele was granted admission to the bar in this year and commenced the practice of his profession that same year, opening offices of his own at Highgate. He is a member of the Vermont Bar Association and the Franklin County Bar Association.

Judge Steele's career as a citizen is marked by the many public offices which he has held. At one time he was selected as State attorney to succeed Emmett McFeeters, and held this position for four years, during which time the excellence of his work served to cast him before the eyes of the voters as a candidate worthy of further honors. For twelve years Mr. Steele acted as a collector in the Custom Service, his accomplishments in this field further enhancing his popularity. In 1917 he was elected a Representative to the State Legislature and when he had completed his term a grateful community returned him to the State Capitol for a term as State Senator. Mr. Steele gained distinction in the Senate from 1919 to 1921, and upon completion of his duties with this body he found that still higher honors awaited him when he received appointment as Judge of the Probate Court. He was placed in this office in 1921 and at the present time (1928) is still serving. During the World War Judge Steele was awarded many certificates of honor for his valuable work upon various boards and committees to which he was appointed. He is a member of Frontier Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and holds membership in the Owl Club and the International Country Club. He is also active in the affairs of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, serving as a member of the vestry.

Judge Daniel Webster Steele married, in 1890, Ella A. Dwyer of Highgate, and they have six children: 1. Gladys N., now Mrs. Corcoran. 2. Wilma S., now Mrs. Williams. 3. Hazel A., now Mrs. Ashmont. 4. Margaret, now Mrs. Griswold. 5. Irene.

Mr. Steele conducts his offices at the County Court House, St. Albans, and resides at Highgate.

**GEORGE A. CAHILL** has been closely identified with the banking business throughout his career and is counted among the far-sighted and progressive men of St. Albans in spite of his youth. He is a native St. Albanian, born here on October 6, 1901, son of James H. and Lillian Q. (Webley) Cahill; his father was also born in Vermont; his mother is English by birth and upbringing. He was educated in the local schools through the high school grade and then went immediately to work in a hardware store and later into the Franklin County Savings and Trust Company, as a clerk. He has been promoted steadily through his years at the institution and is at present holding the position of teller. The elder Mr. Cahill owned a farm, and the fact that George A. Cahill was early given a knowledge of the practical workings of a farm, has been responsible for his adult interest in the cultivation of land, for his banking activities have not interfered with his owning and managing a large farm of two hundred acres. Intensively cultivated, it yields a sufficient quantity of grain and hay for its own maintenance and has a herd of twenty-eight cattle, forty hogs and six horses. In addition to its economic efficiency it has beautiful surround-



ings in a lovely rolling country and is a distinctly up-to-date piece of property. Mr. Cahill belongs to the Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary's, and is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

George A. Cahill married, in 1927, Helen T. Hackett, also of St. Albans.

**FREDERICK HORTON FARRINGTON**—The Farrington family is one of the oldest in this State, having been established here shortly after the Revolution. It is also one of the oldest Puritan families in New England. And from the time the first family came to these shores to the present day, each generation in turn has contributed its share to the protection and upbuilding of State and Nation. When Indians were to be subdued or resisted, they shouldered their muskets; when it became necessary to throw off the yoke of tyranny and establish a free and independent nation, the Farringtons took their place in the Revolutionary army; and again, in the War of 1812 they fought to maintain the independence their forebears had fought to establish. In times of peace members of the family have been honored with public office, which they always looked upon as a public trust and in which they performed their public duties with ability and to their own credit as well as to the satisfaction of their constituents. As business men they have been constructive factors in the material development of the communities where they resided; and in their personal characters they have been exemplars of the teachings of the gospel and the high ideals of Masonry.

In England the name of Farrington goes back to the time of the Norman Conquest, where the Farringtons of Farrington, Wearden and Shaw Hall are of record in the Parish of Leyland, Lancashire. It is one of those patronymics classified as place names, and is derived from the place called Frenon, meaning Fearn Hall.

(I) Edward Farrington (sometimes written Edmund) established the family in this country. He was born in England in 1587-88 and died in Lynn, Massachusetts, January 20, 1671. He came from Olney, Bucks County, in the ship "Hopewell," and gave his age at that time as forty-seven years. His wife, Elizabeth, came with him and was then forty-nine years of age. He was a miller by trade. His name appears as a proprietor of Lynn as early as 1638. He was one of the first projectors of a colony that sailed from Lynn about May 17, 1640, in a vessel commanded by a Captain Howe to establish a settlement on Long Island. They arrived at Cow Bay, and purchased from the Indians land extending from the eastern part of Oyster Bay to Cow Bay, but they were dispossessed by the Dutch Governor Kieft. Edward Farrington and others bought Agawam from the Indians, a tract twenty miles long and six miles wide, December 13, 1640, and made a settlement that they called Southampton. A few years later he returned to Lynn, where he resided until his death. Of his children, the next in the line of descent here under consideration was

(II) Edward Farrington, Jr., son of Edward and Elizabeth Farrington, who was born about 1620. He went to Long Island with his parents and his name appears there as a magistrate in 1657. His wife's Christian name was Dorothy.

(III) John Farrington, eldest son of Edward, Jr., and Dorothy Farrington, was born about 1640. His wife Eliza, or Elizabeth, died May 2, 1666. Their children were born in Lynn.

(IV) Edward (3) Farrington, eldest child of John and Eliza, or Elizabeth, Farrington, was born July 5, 1662. He settled in Andover, Massachusetts, where he died January 3, 1747. There he married, April 9, 1690, Martha Browne, born December 22, 1667, in Newbury, daughter of James Browne. She died May 22, 1738.

(V) Edward (4) Farrington, son of Edward and Martha (Browne) Farrington, was born July 9, 1690. He

learned the carpenter's trade. Before 1726 he settled in that part of the town of Enfield that is now Somers, Connecticut, and was admitted to full communion in the church there December 19, 1742. He became a large land-owner, and his name appears frequently on the records of real estate transfers. He married in Enfield, January 26, 1728, Ruth Killam, daughter of James Killam. The latter was born in 1677, probably in Wenham, son of Lot and Hannah (Goodale) Killam. On February 4, 1728, he was baptized and admitted to full communion in the Somers church. He was also a large land owner in that town. Ruth (Killam) Farrington was admitted to communion in the Somers church March 29, 1730. She was deceased in 1761 when her father made his will.

(VI) Jacob Farrington, eldest son of Edward and Ruth (Killam) Farrington, was born July 3, 1729, in Enfield and removed to Brandon, Vermont, in 1786. His name appears in the records of various transactions in Enfield. The last date is July 29, 1764, when the birth of his daughter Abigail is recorded. Soon after this he bought a farm in White Plains which is still known as the Farrington farm, and served as captain in the First Westchester (New York) Regiment of the Revolutionary army. Family tradition says that he removed thence to Kinderhook, New York, and from there to Brandon, where he died March 13, 1808. The land—one hundred and twenty acres—which he purchased in Brandon has remained in the family to the present time. Jacob Farrington married in Somers, January 16, 1752, Abigail Sexton, born August 22, 1732, and died October 21, 1824, in Brandon. She was the daughter of Amos and Elizabeth Sexton. Amos Sexton was descended from a Salem family. He was admitted to the Somers church in January, 1742. He owned several tracts of land in that town. It is probable that he left Enfield soon after 1764, and perhaps resided for some time in New York State.

(VII) Captain Daniel Farrington, youngest child of Jacob and Abigail (Sexton) Farrington, was born May 31, 1773, probably in New York, and died October 7, 1865, on the paternal homestead in Brandon. He was thirteen years of age when his father settled in the town, and he grew up to be one of its prominent and influential citizens. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1828 and filled many other important posts of honor and responsibility in town and county. At the age of twenty-one he purchased one hundred acres of land in Cambridge and lived there for a short time; but he returned to Brandon. Before 1808 he was elected a lieutenant of the Brandon Militia, and was subsequently commissioned captain for service in the War of 1812. His commission to rank as captain from April, 1813, still preserved by his descendants, is dated February 1, 1815, and signed by James Madison, President, and James Monroe, Secretary of War. He received orders May 30, 1808, to repair to the Canadian border for the purpose of sustaining the embargo laws, and was stationed at Wind Mill Point, near Rouses Point, under command of Daniel Penniman, officer of customs, and Major Charles K. Williams. In August of that year he was placed in command of a guard of eighteen men with orders to pursue and capture a smuggling vessel called the "Black Snake." They attacked the vessel and several men were killed. Lieutenant Farrington was seriously wounded in both arms near the shoulder, and was also struck in the forehead by a glancing ball, which passed over his head and left him senseless. In this encounter, Lieutenant Farrington showed great intrepidity and coolness, and his character as a man of courage was firmly established. Throughout the War of 1812 he was active in the service, being on duty at Plattsburg and vicinity during the events that made that locality historic. He had charge of much of the work in building the barracks at Plattsburg and rebuilding them after their destruction. Returning home, he engaged successfully in agricul-



ture until his death at the advanced age of ninety-two years. Captain Farrington was a Jacksonian Democrat until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he immediately identified himself with the Union party. His first presidential vote was cast for Thomas Jefferson and his last for Abraham Lincoln. He was a charter member of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 25, Free and Accepted Masons, which charter was granted in 1852, and he served the lodge as its first treasurer. He married for his first wife, January 7, 1796, Lois Drury, born August 9, 1776, and died December 4, 1841, daughter of Ebenezer and Miriam (Goodale) Drury, of Pittsford, this State. All the children were by this marriage.

(VIII) Franklin Farrington, third son of Captain Daniel and Lois (Drury) Farrington, was born September 3, 1806, in Brandon and resided on the ancestral homestead during the eighty-seven years of his life until his death, June 30, 1892. For many years he was prominent in the affairs of the town. He served as a member of the State Legislature and was a director of the Brandon National Bank. He married (first), January 22, 1838, Adelia A. Horton, who was born in Hortonville, June 7, 1817, and died August 19, 1870, daughter of Daniel G. Horton and granddaughter of Gideon Horton. Daniel G. Horton was owner of the sawmills and woolen mills, water power and other property at Hortonville, and was prominent also in the affairs of the county. He later removed to Sheldon, Franklin County, where he died. His children were all by his first wife.

(IX) Frederick Horton Farrington, son of Franklin and Adelia A. (Horton) Farrington, was born in Brandon, December 14, 1851. He received his education in the district schools and has always lived on the homestead. The farmhouse was built in 1799 and was bought by his grandfather in 1808. Frederick H. Farrington was one of the organizers of the Brandon Investment and Guarantee Company, of which he has been president from the beginning. He has been a director of the Brandon National Bank since 1888 and of the National Bank of Vergennes since 1892; a trustee of the Proctor Trust Company since its organization in 1891 and its vice-president for a term of years. He became a trustee of the Rutland Savings Bank in January, 1894, and its vice-president in 1906. At that time he resigned the vice-presidency of the Brandon National Bank and the vice-presidency of the Proctor Trust Company, the State law not permitting the holding of more than one of these offices at the same time. He was a member of the executive council of the American Bankers Association for the term 1917 to 1920, representing the bankers of Vermont and New Hampshire. He was vice-president of the Association for the State of Vermont. Together with Hon. Fred A. Howland and Hon. Olin Merrill he was appointed by Governor Prouty as a member of the Board of Commissioners to revise the banking laws of the State. He has also been president of the Vermont State Bankers' Association. For over thirty years he has been trustee of estates having about two hundred thousand dollars for investment. He is vice-president of the Brandon Free Public Library Board; treasurer of the Brandon Cemetery Association and was president of the People's Telephone Company. Appointed by the board of directors, he is a member of the regional advisory board of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for the Western Section of Vermont. For two years he was chairman of the State Board of Cattle Commissioners, was director and secretary of the Vermont Horse Breeders' Association, and is treasurer of the Vermont State Agricultural Society. He is a member of the board of trustees of the State Fund of Middlebury College.

For many years Mr. Farrington was a prominent breeder of Merino sheep and was interested in the first shipments made from this country to Australia. He also served as director and treasurer of the Vermont Merino

Sheep Breeders' Association. In politics he is a prominent and influential Republican. He has held various town offices, represented his town in the State Legislature in 1888 and was elected State Senator in 1896.

Frederick Horton Farrington married, September 10, 1873, Ella E. Reynolds, of Brandon, a daughter of William W. and Louisa (Kibling) Reynolds. Of their five children, only Franklin R. survives. Mrs. Farrington passed away August 9, 1925. Mr. Farrington is a member of the Congregational church. He is also a member of the Lake Champlain Association and of the Brandon Country Club. He is a Past Master of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 25, Free and Accepted Masons.

(X) Franklin Reynolds Farrington, son of Frederick Horton and Ella E. (Reynolds) Farrington, was born May 31, 1875, in Brandon, and grew up on the paternal homestead. He attended the University of Vermont, for two years as a member of the class of 1897. He early became interested in the marble and granite business, and to this he has devoted most of his business life. He is director and president of Farrington, Gould and Hoagland Memorial Corporation, with offices at No. 258 Broadway, New York City, architects and builders of cemetery monuments and mausoleums. He is a director of the Memorial Crafts Institute, Incorporated, and has served as its president. Failing to pass the physical examination for the army during the World War, Mr. Farrington was active in the American Protective League, an auxiliary of the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Investigation, composed of 250,000 business men working in connection with alien enemy activities, counter espionage, etc., a volunteer secret service. He is a member of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, New York City; St. Paul's Lodge, No. 25, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, of which his father is a Past Master and his great-grandfather was a charter member; Hamilton Republican Club; Lake Champlain Association; New York Alumni Association, University of Vermont; Brandon Country Club; Vermont Society of New York; and Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. Mr. Farrington married, January 22, 1907, Lola Barton Brown, daughter of Dudley C. and Cleora (Barton) Brown of Brandon.

(X) William Reynolds Farrington, Junior, son of Frederick Horton and Ella E. (Reynolds) Farrington, was born January 1, 1881, in Brandon, and died October 10, 1912, at Big Stone City, South Dakota. His boyhood was spent in Brandon, and he was graduated from the Brandon High School. Later he was graduated with honors from Norwich University, the University of Vermont and Boston University Law School, and was admitted to the Vermont bar. He was a member of the Congregational church, Vermont Bar Association, Neshobe Grange, Dunmore Hose Company, and was secretary of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 25, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; secretary of Farmer's Chapter, No. 9, Royal Arch Masons. He was a member of Company C, Vermont National Guard, from which he was retired with the rank of lieutenant. After being admitted to the bar, he opened an office in Brandon, but was obliged to abandon his profession on account of his health. For some time he lived an outdoor life, working on his father's farm and taking active part in local affairs. He served as secretary of the Brandon Improvement Association, as justice of the peace and as town grand juror. During the last year of his life his health was restored sufficiently to enable him to take a position with Gold Brothers Securities Company of Big Stone City, South Dakota, where he went in May, 1912. He was connected with the farm mortgage loan department of the business, his duties including the inspection of properties and searching and certifying to titles, and he attained success with the firm in a legal and business way.



**PHILIP A. CAMPONO**—Widely experienced in the Vermont granite and marble industry, Philip A. Campono has established his own business at No. 179 Lake Street, St. Albans, under the firm name of the West Side Granite and Marble Company, and offers to this section a high class service in his field. Although still relatively young, Mr. Campono is a man of proved ability and thorough knowledge in his chosen occupation, and is widely regarded in St. Albans as one of the most promising of the younger business men and executives.

Mr. Campono was born on April 5, 1896, at Swanton, Vermont, a son of Anthony Campono, who was born in Switzerland, and engaged in the granite business until his death in 1915, and of Esther (Bernier) Campono, who was born at Swanton, Vermont, and is still living.

Philip A. Campono attended the public schools of his birthplace, and following the completion of his education learned the granite-cutter's trade in the employ of William Barrett at St. Albans. For fourteen years he remained in this connection, learning every detail connected with the business and winning merited advancement for his loyal services. In 1927 he decided to go into business for himself and at that time established the West Side Granite and Marble Company in St. Albans. Quickly winning the confidence of the community, he has built up a prosperous trade as his ability has become manifest and the demands for his services have increased. In his business Mr. Campono covers all of Franklin County as well as Northern New York State.

When the United States entered the World War, he immediately offered his services and was assigned to duty until the conclusion of hostilities as a member of the Medical Corps, at Potsdam, New York. He has always supported every movement for civic advance and progress, and at St. Albans is a member of the American Legion. Mr. Campono is affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Columbus and the St. Jean de Baptiste Society, while with his family he worships in the Roman Catholic faith, attending the Holy Angels' Church at St. Albans.

In 1923 Philip A. Campono married Mary Gagnon, a daughter of Peter N. and Rosanna (Dubuque) Gagnon. Of this marriage there is one child, Lucille M., born June 22, 1926. The family home is situated at No. 179 Lake Street, in St. Albans.

**CURTIS RIPLEY SMITH**, as president of the Alba Manufacturing Company at St. Albans, Vermont, heads an important Vermont industrial organization which manufactures special machinery for national distribution. Mr. Smith is one of the most successful of the younger executives of the State, and under his able management this company, and the Champlain Motor Company, of which he is also president, have steadily grown as the volume of their business has shown a constant increase.

Mr. Smith was born at St. Albans, Vermont, a member of a distinguished New England family, and son of Edward Curtis and Anna B. (James) Smith. His father was formerly Governor of Vermont and well known in the business life of the State, serving for a long period as president of the Central Vermont Railroad, and chairman of the board of directors of the Welden National Bank at St. Albans.

Curtis Ripley Smith received his early education under private tutors and later attended Fay School, Hill School and finally Yale University, from which he was graduated in 1918 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. During the time of the World War he attended the Officers' Training Camp at Plattsburg, New York, was transferred to the Air Office at Washington, District of Columbia, and following this, served in France as a member of the American Expeditionary Forces, securing his

discharge in June, 1918, with the rank of first lieutenant. Mr. Smith began his business career in the employ of the Welden National Bank at St. Albans, and then, as his ability became manifest, was called to take over the management of the Foundry Machine Manufacturing Company, whose name was changed to the Universal Folder Company, and finally assumed its present form, the Alba Manufacturing Company. This company manufactures special machinery, which is nationally known and widely used. Mr. Smith's first concern as president of both the Alba Manufacturing Company and the Champlain Motor Company is to secure an efficient organization and then to work to maintain the quality of production at the highest level of excellence. That he has succeeded is shown by the companies' records of steady, normal growth and expansion.

Active in the civic and social life of the community at St. Albans, Mr. Smith has liberally supported every worthy movement for civic advance and the welfare of the city and State. He is a member of the Psi Upsilon Fraternity, and of many clubs and associations, including the Elihu Club, the Mount Royal Club, the Yale Club of New York, and Vermont; the Champlain Country Club, the Burlington Country Club, the Lunch Club of New York, the Owl Club of St. Albans, the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce, and the St. Albans Chamber of Commerce. With his family he worships in the Congregational faith, attending the local church of this denomination and contributing to its work.

Curtis Ripley Smith married, in 1919, Ruth H. Sturtevant, of Washington, District of Columbia. Three children have been born of this marriage: 1. Anne R., born November 14, 1920. 2. Edward Curtis (2), born June 18, 1922. 3. Delight Dillon, born April 9, 1928.

**WARREN FRANK BURT**—A member of one of the oldest families of Franklin County, Mr. Burt, himself a native and lifelong resident of that section of Vermont, has been engaged there in farming throughout his entire life. Moreover, he has the distinction of still occupying the same farm that was laid out more than one hundred years ago by his great-grandfather and which since then has been handed down without interruption in the direct line from father to son for four generations. Specializing in dairy farming, Mr. Burt has one of the finest and most up-to-date dairy farms in Franklin County and is considered an authority on that branch of farming.

Warren Frank Burt was born at Sheldon, Franklin County, March 10, 1884, a son of Seth and Ruth (Bontelle) Burt. His father, who was also born at Sheldon and who died in 1919, was likewise a well-known and successful farmer. His mother, still living, is a native of Bakersfield, Franklin County.

Mr. Burt was educated in the public schools and, reared on a farm in the possession of his family for several generations, took up farming himself. His farm, covering one hundred and twelve acres, which he inherited from his father, was originally laid out in the early part of the nineteenth century by his paternal great-grandfather, Joseph Burt. From him it descended through the latter's son, Mr. Burt's grandfather, Arnold Burt, to Mr. Burt's father and eventually to himself. Much of the farm being meadow land, Mr. Burt specializes in dairy farming. He maintains a fine herd of Jersey and Holstein cattle, numbering some thirty heads. Not only by his choice of the best stock, but also by using only the most modern equipment and appliances, Mr. Burt has proven himself a firm believer in progressive farming methods and his farm today is one of the best conducted and most prosperous in that part of Vermont, with spacious barns and sheds. Naturally its dairy products are of the best quality and always com-



mand a high price and a ready market. So greatly is he devoted to the conduct of his farm, that he takes only a little part in the other activities of the community, though at all times everything tending to advance its welfare can count on his sincere support. His religious affiliations are with the Protestant Episcopal church.

**CHARLES E. SCHOFF**—Coming to Vermont about four decades ago, Charles E. Schoff holds a position that is equalled by few in the industrial and commercial spheres of the Green Mountain State. His connections are so many and so widely varied that to properly enumerate and expand upon them would require far more space than is available in a publication of this kind. These associations include several financial institutions, insurance companies, political offices and directorships in more than twenty corporations. His fraternal affiliations, too, are many, and few projects of consequence in Vermont are carried to successful conclusion without his aid or advice. Mr. Schoff's commercial career has been confined almost entirely to this State, he first coming to Vermont in 1887.

Mr. Schoff was born in St. Lawrence County, New York, son of Daniel and Catherine (Beeman) Schoff, the father a native of Maidstone, Vermont, having died in 1876. Catherine (Beeman) Schoff, born at Fairfax, Vermont, predeceased her husband, passing away in 1862. Daniel Schoff was a farmer, and also served his country valorously during the Civil War, fighting with the Union forces.

Charles E. Schoff gained his early education in the public schools, attended Eastman's Business College, graduated from Potsdam Normal School, and thence matriculated at Cornwall University. He was graduated from Cornwall in 1883, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts at that time. His talents were peculiarly adapted to accountancy and he started his career as an expert accountant. Not long thereafter, however, he became dissatisfied with this vocation and formed a partnership with Mr. Willson, for the purpose of operating a mercantile establishment under the firm name of Willson & Schoff. In 1887 Mr. Schoff came to Vermont and entered the wholesale business with Reed & Taylor, at Burlington. After three years with this well-known concern he removed to St. Albans, and in 1890 became manager of the Willard Manufacturing Company. Mr. Schoff entered upon the duties of the position well qualified, both through education and experience, and made a splendid record while managing this concern, with which he remained until 1906. His next change took him to the Robin Hood Ammunition Company, as president, and his connection with this firm was maintained until 1915. In the last named year he had become so deeply involved in financial matters that he practically abandoned his various other interests, devoting his time to banking, and this is the field in which he has attained the greatest success. Mr. Schoff is president of the Franklin Citizens' Savings & Trust Company; vice-president of the Green Mountain Mutual Fire Insurance Company; treasurer of the Albion Manufacturing Company, and is a director of about twenty other corporations. A staunch Republican he was honored by his fellow-citizens by his election to the State Senate, and there served to the entire satisfaction of his constituents.

Other more or less non-professional duties that absorb a great deal of his time are: treasurer of the Lake Champlain Bridge Commission; vice-president of the Associated Industries of Vermont, and many other projects and committees of a public nature. Attesting to Mr. Schoff's deep sympathies for the afflicted might be cited the fact that he is vice-president of the board of directors of the Vermont Tuberculosis Association, and in this office has accomplished much in the fight against the dreaded white plague. Among the several social and

fraternal societies enjoying fellowship of this prominent man is the Masonic Order, in which he is a member of Franklin Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Vermont Consistory; Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, the Owl Club and Lake Champlain Club, having helped found the last named club. Mr. Schoff attends the Congregational church.

Charles E. Schoff married (first), in 1890, Edith A. Rutherford, of St. Lawrence County, New York; she died in 1905, and he married (second) Iva A. Hayward, of St. Albans. Mr. Schoff maintains his offices in the Franklin Citizens Savings and Trust Company, St. Albans.

**HOMER C. MANZER**—Although he was identified for many years with the railroad industry, in which he was engaged in different parts of New England and New York State, Homer C. Manzer has been since 1927 proprietor and sole owner of the Northern Chevrolet Company, which has the agency for the southern part of Franklin County for the Chevrolet car. Mr. Manzer has long been prominent in fraternal and business circles, and is highly esteemed by all who know him.

Mr. Manzer was born in Franklin County, Vermont, on February 1, 1867, son of George T. and Martha C. (Carman) Manzer. His father, a native of Vermont, was a harness-maker by trade and a veteran of the Civil War, and is now deceased; while the mother, born at Highgate, Vermont, died in 1868.

Homer C. Manzer received his early education in the public schools of this county, and early in life became identified with the railroad business, working for the Boston & Lowell and the Central Vermont railroads from the time when he left school until 1927. During that long period of service, he held various positions, and when he quit that type of work, was division accountant for the company in New York City. In 1927 he started in business for himself, obtaining in that year the agency for the Chevrolet automobile in Franklin County, and since that time has continued in this capacity. His company, known as the Northern Chevrolet Company, is one of the leading automobile sales and service organizations in the vicinity; it is situated at No. 87 North Main Street, and also maintains a service department on North Main Street. Because of Mr. Manzer's characteristic care and business talents the company has experienced a steady growth since it was organized.

Mr. Manzer is also active in the social and fraternal life of St. Albans, being a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which order he belongs to the Swanton Lodge; Bristol Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; the Middlebury Commandery, Knights Templar, and Mt. Sinai Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He also is affiliated with the Owl Club. Mr. Manzer's religious connection is with the Congregational church. Both for these associations and for his many years of work in the railroad and automobile business, he is known as one of the substantial men in St. Albans. He is especially well known among railroad men, having had occasion in the course of his duties to travel all over New England.

In 1888 Mr. Manzer married Annie M. Wright.

**HERBERT J. BREAN**—Throughout almost all his business career Herbert J. Brean has been engaged in the field of insurance, carrying on this work both at Montpelier and in later years at St. Albans, Vermont, with much success. He has spared no pains to become thoroughly familiar with all the details connected with his chosen occupation, and in coming to him in his professional capacity, his clients are assured of expert advice and the highest type of insurance service.

Mr. Brean was born at St. Albans, Vermont, and in



the public schools of this place received his education. He is a son of Joseph and Rose A. (Sharkey) Brean, the father, who was born at Fairfield, Vermont, and died in 1901, being well known locally as a contractor and builder.

Herbert J. Brean early acquired the habit of reading and self-improvement, which remained with him in later life, enabling him to keep well abreast of developments in the field of knowledge, in which he is well versed. Following the completion of his academic training, he began his business career, and for a short time was variously employed in local enterprises. He soon entered insurance work, however, at Montpelier, and for a period of fifteen years devoted himself to this field in a very successful way. Coming to St. Albans at the end of that time, he established his own insurance business here in 1919, handling all forms of policies, including life insurance. Mr. Brean quickly won the confidence of the community, and solely through his own efforts built up an extensive business throughout the section as his ability became evident and the demands for his services constantly increased. He has operated at St. Albans under his own name since 1919.

In spite of a busy life Mr. Brean has maintained a constant interest in civic affairs and the general welfare of the community, supporting many worthy movements toward this end. He holds membership in the Vermont State Chamber of Commerce and in the St. Albans Chamber of Commerce, while he is affiliated fraternally with the Knights of Columbus and is active in its work. He is also a Rotarian; a member of Champlain Country Club, and worships in the Roman Catholic faith, attending St. Mary's Church at St. Albans, and giving liberally both of his time and substance to its support.

In 1909 Herbert J. Brean married Cora A. Carman. Mr. and Mrs. Brean make their home at St. Albans, and are well known socially here.

**CORLISS LUTHER HERRICK**—A native of the town of Highgate and living all his life in this section, Mr. Herrick comes of old New England stock and carries forward all the traditions of an active and public-spirited ancestry. He was born in Highgate on February 23, 1872, son of Edson D. and Mary A. (Haskins) Herrick, both also born in Highgate. His father was merchant, postmaster, insurance agent and town treasurer.

Corliss L. Herrick was educated at Dr. Sweat's School at Highgate and took a business course in Swanton. He has, to a rather unusual degree, followed in the footsteps of his father, for starting to work for him in the general store, after his school days were over, he spent twenty-five years in the family business, inheriting it when his father passed away, and during that time, acting as assistant, and then as chief postmaster, as had the elder Mr. Herrick. After five years of conducting the business alone he sold out to Mr. M. T. Twombly, on account of his ill-health and turned to the more healthful occupation of farming. He took a farm in Swanton, actively cultivated it for twenty years, and still owns a small farm which he rents out, while he and his family live in the town of Highgate. His activities in the town life are many and varied. He has acted for a great many years as agent and adjuster of this district for the Vermont Mutual Life Insurance Company; was for twelve years on the School Board of Swanton; and for two years, on that of the town of Highgate, and is on the town road commission. A director of the Highgate Savings Bank, and warden of the Episcopal church, Mr. Herrick fraternally belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a Republican by political thought, always giving his influence and vote to this party.

Mr. Herrick was married October 12, 1900, to Jen-

nie Eldred, of Sheldon, and they have three children: 1. Marion, who teaches school in Katonah, New York, and is a graduate of the State Normal School at Potsdam, New York. 2. Barbara Jane, who attends the Moody School at Northfield, Massachusetts. 3. Elma, who is a pupil of the local school at present.

**MARTIN L. HICKS**—A number of men in St. Albans are of some prominence here; but few are well known as active members of two or three communities. Martin L. Hicks, a foremost citizen of St. Albans, is equally well known to the people of Fairfax. Also, he has a great interest in Cambridge, and in his profession—that of funeral director—is known widely through Vermont, now (1928) being vice-president of the Vermont Undertakers' Association. His career is of unusual interest.

Mr. Hicks was born in Fairfax June 30, 1874, and is a son of Martin V. and Cordelia J. (Beals) Hicks, both of whom were natives of Swanton, Vermont, Cordelia J. (Beals) Hicks having died in 1881. Martin V. Hicks engaged long as a funeral director, mention of which, in connection with his son, will be touched upon directly. He survived his beloved wife many years, and died in 1921.

After he had secured a sound elementary and secondary academic education in the public schools Mr. Hicks attended Albany Business College at Albany, New York; and thus, trained in business methods, set about learning the profession in which his father had been engaged, receiving a license from the Massachusetts College of Embalming. He has been identified with funeral direction practically the whole of his career down to the present. Starting in 1896, he went to Watertown, Massachusetts, as an embalmer for George Gregg, who conducted a large mortuary establishment in that community. Then in 1900, with four years of practical experience behind him, he came to St. Albans, and here, associated with his father, conducted funeral parlors under the name style of M. V. Hicks and Son. For eight years he remained in St. Albans, then returned to Fairfax to conduct the elder partner's business there. In 1916 he purchased his father's interest in both establishments, and has since conducted them under the style of his own name, to increased service in the two communities. The third mortuary establishment in Cambridge is an important subsidiary, and Mr. Hicks finds it necessary to spend a portion of his time there in direction. The parlors in each location are extensive. Without doubt, say confreres of the profession, the show rooms in St. Albans are superior to all others in Franklin County. Two motor hearses are maintained, with an efficient staff of helpers in all departments, each so trained as to be able to relieve a fellow worker in another of the three centers at a moment's call.

At Fairfax Mr. Hicks is president of the board of trustees of Bellows Academy. In 1925, from Fairfax, he was elected to the State Legislature on the Republican ticket, and while at the State House served the constituency well indeed. During the World War he was a leader in Red Cross activities, and was of valued assistance in the campaigns of the Liberty Loan. He is affiliated fraternally with the Free and Accepted Masons, as a member of Fairfax Lodge, and with the Knights of Pythias. He is Past Commander of the Sons of Veterans, and belongs to the Champlain Country Club and Owl Club.

Mr. Hicks married, in 1918, Gladys B. Beardsley, of Vermont, daughter of Dellno B. and Bertha (Shepardson) Beardsley. They make their residence in St. Albans and Mr. Hicks' offices here are at No. 141 North Main Street.

















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